

# **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A ROYAL ARCH SECRET?**

## **OUTLINE OF AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION TO CHAPTERS**

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, E.Comp. David Evans has been active recently visiting Chapters to deliver his presentation ***Do You Want To Know a Royal Arch Secret?*** This has been well received by the Companions who have found it interesting and informative as well as stimulating. It is aimed primarily at Companions who have not yet reached the Third Chair and throws some light on the ceremony and its context to help Companions understand the Royal Arch.

E. Comp. David is now able to extend his visits and is willing to make the presentation to any Chapter by invitation, subject of course to being available on the date of the meeting.

A Summary of the purpose and content is detailed below and if any Chapters do wish to consider hosting the presentation do please contact E.Comp. David, ideally by e-mail, on David Evans [[david.evans@devansca.co.uk](mailto:david.evans@devansca.co.uk)] or Tel: 01543 258812 (H).

### Purposes

- To give a better understanding of what the candidate goes through during the ceremony of exaltation, some of the history, some of the regalia and the links to the Old Testament
- To encourage “white aprons” to interact in the workshop
- To impart some interesting facts to even the most senior Companions

### Outline

The workshop starts with an outline of the origins of the Royal Arch, then takes the audience through the key parts of the ceremony (in outline), from the janitor outside the Chapter, as the first officer, to the Principals. The following officers are given speaking parts as you progress through the ceremony.

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- SE
- J
- H
- Z

and each speaks (for about a minute) about his historical role in the rebuilding of the temple. Each officer is given printed script to read, so it is better if E.Comp. David can meet with all of the Officers for about five minutes before the Chapter is opened, so that he can explain what is required.

As we progress through the ceremony, questions will be asked of certain groups of companions about what they understand about that specific part of the ceremony and why they think certain things happen.

### Timing of the workshop

The length of the workshop depends on the time available. It is better if a time allocation is given first so that the workshop can be tailored to suit. It can last up to an hour if required.

### Caveat

It is likely that E.Comp. David will not know the answers to all of the questions that might be asked by the audience and therefore he will ask the Scribe E to make a note of the question and the e-mail address of the questioner, so that he can research the answer and reply to the question. Because this is an interactive workshop presentation, it means that such questions may well be incorporated in the workshop for future use.