



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE

MENTOR'S



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Welcome to the first edition of Mentor's Corner. It's purpose is communicate to Lodge Mentor's developments and news of Mentoring not only within the Province of Devonshire but from further afield as well. As Lodge Mentors you perform a very important role within the Lodge and it is very important that we keep you up to date with what is happening but also support both you and the Lodge in whatever way we can. Please remember that the Area mentors and myself as Provincial Grand Mentor are only a phone call or email away.

Launch of Booklets for New Brethren



W Bro Andy Vodden APGM and W Bro Chris Bird PGMen of the Education and Mentoring Committee (EdMenCom) with the new booklets for prospective and new members of the Craft.

In attracting new members into Freemasonry they need to be given sufficient information to answer their basic questions. To that end the Province have produced a booklet "Discover Freemasonry in Devonshire" to be distributed to prospective members. From this starting point the potential proposer and seconder can explain further the basic principles of Freemasonry. They can also ensure that he shares and understands our basic principles and will fit well into his chosen Lodge.

Having been initiated as he progresses through his degrees he will be given "The Initiate's, Fellow Craft's and Master Mason's Guide" which explain in further detail the structure of Freemasonry.

The guides will be distributed through the Area Mentors for the Lodges in Devonshire or available through the Provincial Office.

Engaging with the Brethren: Why it is important

As Lodge Mentor you are hopefully involved in the attraction of members into your Lodge and hence appreciate the effort that is required by all in selecting appropriate members to the Lodge. You may not realise that within Devonshire that approximately 23% of all initiates leave within 3 years. The reasons are manyfold, some are unavoidable for example moving out of the area or passing to the Grand Lodge above. Assuming that we have explained to prospective members our core values, costs, time commitments they should remain members of the craft for many years. For this to happen they need to be welcomed into the Brotherhood by all the members and helped along their journey. Please take the time to reflect if this is the same in your Lodge.

The new Freemason is presented with a huge amount of information. He will want to make sense of this and learn at his own pace and in his own way about the organisation he has joined. While a lot of written and video material is available to him, it is important that he can be guided through it by a Personal Mentor (or whoever the Lodge appoints) who understands his interests and the priorities of his Lodge.

Please remember as Lodge Mentor you cannot mentor everybody. One of your main functions is to ensure that all masons are effectively mentored and remain Engaged.

In future editions of Mentors Corner we will explain more into how to Engage the Brethren.

Should you require any help or wish to help the Province in their Mentoring activities or future topics for Mentor's Corner please contact W Bro Chris Bird mentoring@devonshirefreemasons.org.uk