

## **Provincial Grand Orator's Report, 2016-17**

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, I have much pleasure in presenting to you the Provincial Grand Orator's Report for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The highlight for me was perhaps the Montgomerie Lodge No. 1741 'Open Day' when I was invited to present my illustrated talk, 'The Origins and Development of the Masonic Apron' to the Brethren, their Ladies and other non-masonic and masonic Guests. For this special occasion, I arranged to have a colour booklet of the presentation printed which was sold in aid of the Lodge charity.

During the course of the year I have delivered, more frequently than other talks, what I believe to be a 'thought-provoking' presentation, 'The Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry'. Again, I have had the full paper professionally printed and sold as decided by the Worshipful Master.

More recently, I was invited to present my talk on 'The Masonic Festive Board' (with recorded songs). This was originally printed in 1992 and therefore needs updating as, at this moment in time, it does not include some of the very special traditions experienced in Norfolk lodges!

My list of Craft talks include:

- 'The Origin and Development of the Masonic Apron' (PowerPoint presentation)
- 'The Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry'
- 'The Origin and Development of Lodge Tracing Boards'
- 'Mathematics in Freemasonry'
- 'The Masonic Festive Board' (With recorded songs)
- 'English Craft Certificates'
- 'The Lodge Banner'

Royal Arch talks:

- 'Mathematics in Freemasonry – Progression to The Holy Royal Arch'
- 'The Royal Arch and the Astrological Symbols'

I would remind Lodge Secretaries that it is a requirement of Grand Lodge that all talks and presentations to Lodges must be reviewed and approved by the Provincial Office in good time prior to the meeting. If an individual or group is planning to deliver a talk or presentation to a Lodge, please ensure that your material is submitted via the Provincial Office with sufficient time to enable this review to take place.

I must take this opportunity to thank the Norfolk Lodges I have been privileged to visit for the warmth of their welcome, their generous hospitality, together with the breadth and depth of questions and debate following the talks.

We are all aware that we are now celebrating the tercentenary of Grand Lodge. The exciting events organised for this very special year will naturally provide many opportunities for Brethren to 'make a daily advancement in masonic knowledge'.

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***Provincial Grand Orator***