



# BEDFORDSHIRE FREEMASONS

Dear Brethren and Companions,

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Excellent Companion Andrew John Routledge as 3rd Provincial Grand Principal. Andy will be well known to you all as the Craft Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.



Andy has been a Craft mason for 24 years and a Royal Arch Mason for 18 years. He is a member of three Chapters, Sir William Harpur Chapter No 2343, Bedfordshire First Principals' Chapter No 7301, and the Bedfordshire Chapter of Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No 9577.

Andy will bring a wealth of experience to the role, not only from Craft and Royal Arch, but also as a Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Mark Degree (where I was his Deputy!) As a Provincial Ruler, his wisdom, experience and good common sense will be a great addition to the Team.

Unfortunately, due to a long standing family commitment, Andy is unable to attend the Provincial Grand Convocation, and so he will be Installed at Sir William Harpur Chapter on Tuesday 21st April at the Keep. I know many of you will want to be there to support him and the Provincial Team. Details will be sent out in due course. Until that time, Excellent Companion Rob Venn, who has served so superbly in the role, is kindly continuing to act as 3rd Provincial Grand Principal.

Even though Andy will not be at the Provincial Grand Convocation on Saturday 28th March, I urge you to book in, as we do have a very important visitor indeed, in the person of Excellent Companion Gareth Jones, 3rd Grand Principal, who will not only come and talk to us *en masse*, but is very keen to meet as many of you, in person, as possible. He is a lovely man.



Finally, I thank you all for your kindness to me, and my Team; your enthusiasm for our wonderful fraternity and our happy Province, and congratulate so many of you for being willing to try new ways of doing things, whilst sticking to our core values. Because of this, Bedfordshire is bubbling with enthusiasm, maintaining numbers in the Craft and showing strong growth in the Royal Arch, as more and more of our brethren come to understand the truth of One Journey, One Organisation. I could not be happier or more confident in our future.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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