



## Royal Arch Lecture within a Lodge meeting

There are occasions when Lodge Meetings are such that the agenda is lacking any matter of substance due to there being no Candidates.

All Lodges, I am sure, have met lean times and are faced with a dilemma on what to do at the Lodge meeting to maintain interest for the Members.

I have had an in-depth discussion with E.Comp. Allan Kemp, Deputy Grand Superintendent, as to the way forward in filling in these lean times and at the same time to promote the Royal Arch by giving a lecture when the Lodge is closed.

The vault cloth can be laid in the centre of the temple, the ensigns of the twelve tribes of Israel can be displayed on the side walls.

Companions wearing the regalia of Grand Officer – Provincial Officer - Companion can be situated in a suitable position in the temple so the Brethren can observe when the speaker refers to them.

A lecture currently in use "Why the Royal Arch – A Natural Progression" given by E.Comp. Ken Elmes or E.Comp. Bernard Willis answers a good many questions, and gives advice on what a Master Mason should do when he reaches that juncture in his Masonic career where advice regarding his next move should be.

This venture has the full support of the PGM and the Deputy PGM, and all APGMs are to remind all Secretaries on their visits of the availability of this service and if they contact E.Comp. Ken Elmes, details below, then arrangements can be put in hand for a visit should the Lodge so desire.

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## Format for a Chapter Lecture within a Lodge Meeting

- The Lodge is opened and the business on the summons is completed
- The W.M. then closes the Lodge
- Whilst the Brethren take a comfort stop the Lodge furniture is removed and the:-
  - a) Vault cloth is laid in the centre of the Temple.
  - b) The Ensigns of the 12 Tribes of Israel are placed on the side walls.
  - c) Principals Sceptres can be displayed, but not the Robes.
- The Brethren still wearing regalia re-enter the Lodge.
- 3 Companions wearing regalia of:-
  - a) Grand Officer
  - b) Provincial Officer
  - c) Companionare situated at a convenient position near the speaker so that easy reference can be made to them by the speaker.