Provincial Grand Mentor

Report for Provincial Grand Lodge – November 2026

As requested by the Craft Cabinet I was pleased to submit for approval condensed Job Role descriptions for Area Mentors and Lodge Mentors. It is hoped that these approved descriptions will be of assistance to Mentor officers, and any members (assigned mentors) of Lodges and Chapters generally, as a quick guide and reference. It has been very interesting working with the Provincial Membership Officer who has been likewise producing similar role descriptions. These two offices are closely linked and are vital in the important objectives of recruitment and retention for the future of freemasonry.

The development of the One Journey One Organisation from UGLE and Supreme Grand Chapter, continues to be publicised and is being applied and accepted across our Province, and other Provinces around the constitution. A lot of good work has gone into producing publications giving information and practices to all freemasons in general. These publications are available on websites and in several issues of UGLE First Rising and Provincial Second Rising emails.

The 2nd ProvGPrincipal has written some very informative views in our Royal Arch Newsletters (Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026). I recommend members should review these if you haven't already done so. The principals of Mentoring in the Royal Arch are essentially no different to those we have used to date in the Craft. But more guidance will be developed for assistance to Chapter Mentors going into 2027. Our new DeptGSupt and I are looking into this, continuing obviously on the basis of the One Journey One Organisation approach.

I have had the pleasure of interfacing with the East Lancashire Level Club (ELLC) chairman, and some Area Mentors with online meetings with Lodge Mentors. These have been very informative and thought provoking. The work by the ELLC team members and our "light blue" membership has been a great success. I am particularly impressed at the camaraderie these masons generate within their lodges and across area meetings and events. I feel on some occasions that we need to spread the good effect this has had into the other side of our membership. By this I am referring to those members who either are, or have already progressed with their masonic journey through the Masters chair. This includes those that successfully go beyond into the world of being a Provincial Officer etc.

It's just as important that these more experienced members are kept mentally and physically involved in Lodge/Chapter offices (official or social), and/or in Area and Provincial areas of work. We are coming to the end of our festival and many members have been providing great value and time to its success, but what lies beyond? It is important that we recognise these members and help them keep involved, and to continue in the enjoyment and participation of their own masonic journey. This will be vital for recruitment and retention going into 2027, and should be used as a welcomed increase of support in these future activities.

Several times during discussions on Mentoring, the subject of where and how to obtain candidates booklets has been raised, particular by new Mentor officers. If you need information on this please ask your Area Officers or just let me know. Thank you.

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