

Second Rising

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Foreword

A warm welcome to the first edition of *Second Rising* for 2025! As we begin this new year, we are brimming with anticipation for what promises to be an exciting chapter for the Province of Northumberland.

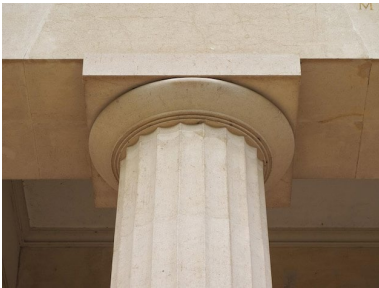
This month's edition reflects the vibrancy and unity of our Masonic fraternity, showcasing the key events and meetings that lie ahead for 2025. Most notably, we eagerly prepare for the Investiture of Kevin Peter Stannard as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent on the 6th February 2025.

This landmark occasion will be led by the Deputy Grand Master Sir Michael Snyder leading the team from United Grand Lodge of England, and is a true testament to the significance of our Province. We hope to see as many of you as possible there to share in this historic moment.

Did you know?

Dating from the early 7th century BC, the Doric order is of Greek origin and considered by many as the earliest of the noble five orders of architecture.

Considered the simplest and strongest, it is the easiest to recognise, with fluted columns, smooth and plain chapiters (or capital from Latin *caput* "head") Supporting a flat slab (abacus) which provides a large surface to receive the great weight of the lintels.



Regarded as the best preserved example of Doric architecture is that of Hephaistos erected in 5th century BC. It contains 35 outer columns and 4 inner columns, all in the Doric style.



Investiture Countdown



The waiting for what will undoubtedly be the event of 2025 in our Province, is almost over with the Investiture of Kevin Peter Stannard as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent. This momentous occasion will take place on Thursday, 6th February 2025, at Newcastle Racecourse, and promises to be a day of great celebration and unity for Freemasonry in our Province.

This is a signature milestone for the Province and an opportunity for Brethren and Companions to come together in fraternal friendship to celebrate Kevin Peter Stannards' investiture. We warmly invite all Brethren and Companions to attend and be part of this historic day.

The day will commence with Provincial Grand Chapter at 11am (Companions seated for 10:30am) where Kevin will be invested as the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent. Lunch will be served at 1pm for all those who have booked to dine. Provincial Grand Lodge will be at 3pm where Brethren will witness our new Provincial Grand Master being invested by Sir Michael Synder the Deputy Grand Master and team from United Grand Lodge of London. All formal proceedings will end at 5pm, undoubtedly the opportunity for a stirrup cup will present itself.

Book Your Place

Confirm your attendance by completing this form [here](#).

Book your meal by completing this form [here](#).

All bookings must be finalised by **midnight on Sunday, 26th January 2025**.

Next RAC Provincial Visit

On 20th February the newly invested Grand Superintendent will be leading the team to Lord Warkworth Royal Arch Chapter 1879 at Amble Masonic Hall.

Royal Arch Chapter



The only way to complete your journey is to start your Royal Arch Chapter one. If you're curious and looking for information get in touch with the Provincial Grand Mentor.

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Royal Arch Chapter

Grand Superintendent's Electrifying Farewell to Albert Edward Royal Arch Chapter



The last Provincial visit of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Ian Craigs, to Albert Edward Royal Arch Chapter No. 1557 at Hexham Masonic Hall proved to be that extra special this January. While every visit from the Grand Superintendent is significant, this one certainly was darkness visible.

A Warm Welcome and an Excellent Exaltation

The evening began in splendid fashion, as the Chapter opened and warmly welcomed the Grand Superintendent, Deputy Grand Superintendent and Provincial Officers. After a successful ballot, the Exaltation ceremony followed, which was a ritual of precision and heartfelt sincerity, providing a fitting showcase of the Chapter's excellence in the presence of the Grand Superintendent.

A Festive Board Saved from the Dark Ages

However, just as the Chapter closed and Companions began preparing for group photographs, the building decided to add some unplanned drama to the evening: A sudden power cut plunged the hall into darkness.



Albert Edward Chapters power may have flickered, but the companionship of Royal Arch Masonry burned brightly in Hexham that night.

Next Craft Provincial Visit

On 10th February our newly invested Provincial Grand Master will be leading his team on their first outing, to Epicure Lodge 9618 at Hexham Masonic Hall.

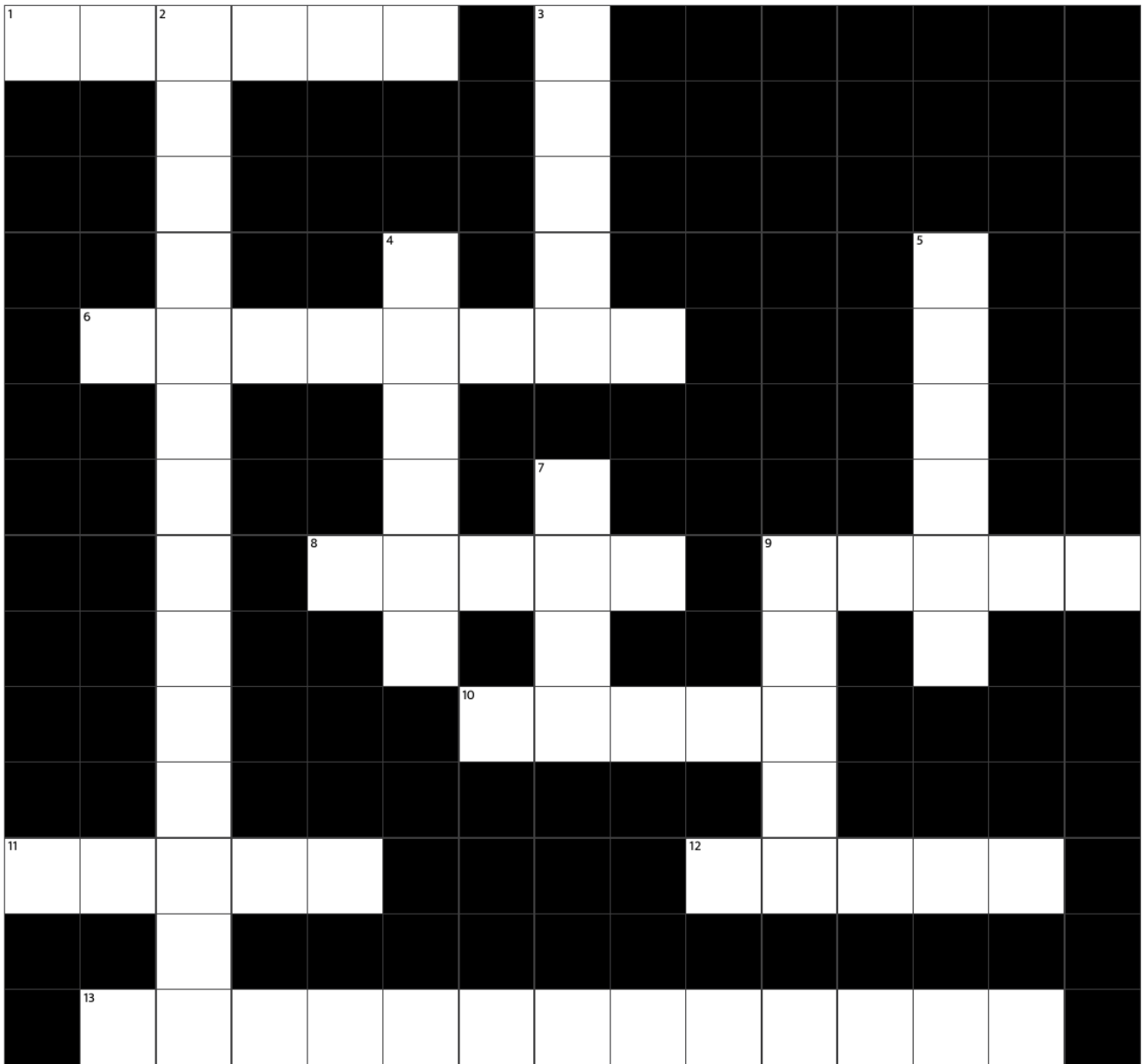
This will be the first opportunity to see the Provincial Team in action and where Provincial Grand Junior Warden John Heaton will deliver his first Lodge toast.

Team A

Date	Lodge
Monday 10th February	Epicure 9618
Friday 7th March	Gavel 8928
Wednesday 19th March	Carloli 5419
Thursday 3rd April	Belvedere 6558
Monday 12th May	Hadrian 6772
Tuesday 27th May	Croft 3310
Wednesday 11th June	King Edward VII 2892
Wednesday 25th June	Grainger 7261
Wednesday 10th September	Burdon 3188
Thursday 25th September	Duke of Connaught 3892

Team B

Date	Lodge
Thursday 13th February	Regius 8864
Tuesday 4th March	Prudhoe Castle 7065
Monday 24th March	Beaconsfield 6784
Thursday 17th April	Haven 5426
Tuesday 6th May	Athelstan 6469
Thursday 22nd May	Bedlington 6240
Friday 13th June	Heddon on the Wall 8157
Thursday 17th June	Buddle 3937
Friday 5th September	Castle Wardens 8213
Friday 12th September	Posthorn 9297



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- 1 ornamental cord or fringe, symbolising the four cardinal virtues. (6)
- 6 A virtue emphasising wisdom and careful judgement. (8)
- 8 The central meeting place for Freemasons. (5)
- 9 The symbolic number often associated with balance and harmony. (5)
- 10 Freemasons meet on this. (6)
- 11 The working tool of a Master Mason, symbolising moral rectitude. (5)
- 12 The symbolic tool used for spreading peace and unity. (5)
- 13 Stepping off with the left foot. (13)

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- 2 Perfect in all parts. (14)
- 3 A smooth circular chapter (5)
- 4 The officer who assists the Worshipful Master by carrying messages. (6)
- 5 A tool used to measure angles, symbolising moral and spiritual rectitude. (6)
- 7 The governing body of Freemasonry in England. (4)
- 9 Keeps off all intruders. (5)