



[TPC/15/17]

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Metropolitan/Provincial/District Grand Master, Grand Inspector

### **TERCENTENARY BRIEFING NOTE 1**

#### **ITEMS REFERRED TO WITHIN THIS NOTE**

**TERCENTENARY BREAST JEWEL AND WM'S COLLAR ORNAMENT:  
OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2017 – ROYAL ALBERT HALL (RAH)/BATTERSEA EVOLUTION (BE) – ADDITIONAL  
PLACES:**

**BROCHURES-RAH:**

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS TO ARCHIVE:**

#### **TERCENTENARY BREAST JEWEL AND WM'S COLLAR ORNAMENT:**

I mentioned in Tercentenary Briefing Letter 8 that I was aware that several Provinces and Districts had made bulk buys of breast jewels from TKS. I now know that TKS are willing to send to Metropolitan and Provinces a quantity of Breast Jewels on a "sale or return" basis, thereby easing cash flow issues should that prove to be a difficulty. Also TKS have already agreed to attend and provide a stall at several Provincial Meetings during the Tercentenary to highlight associated products including the jewel and the ornament. Providing a stall is a support offered to all Provinces. If you wish to receive jewels on a "sale or return" basis or have a stall, please contact Nick Ellwood [nick.ellwood@toye.com](mailto:nick.ellwood@toye.com) or telephone him on 07968 555535. I have attached a flier which you might wish to use to circulate to Lodges within your area.

**You will also have heard by now, that the breast jewel may also be worn in Royal Arch meetings.**

An ornament for the Worshipful Master's collar has been endorsed by the Board of General Purposes which can be ordered now with delivery after 1<sup>st</sup> May. This ornament should not be worn until the Tercentenary anniversary, 24<sup>th</sup> June. This should be stitched to the area above the button on the centre-front of the collar, as per the photograph attached. It is suggested that the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jewel is removed.

I attach a "flier" which can be circulated to all Lodges to make them aware of the jewel and ornament

Already over 30,000 jewels have been purchased which has proved beneficial to UGLE as a result of the positive arrangement with TKS. Although I am sure you have circulated the suggestion for wearing the jewel we are still receiving enquiries, so I repeat it here.

*"The Grand Master has approved a special jewel to mark the Tercentenary of the United Grand Lodge of England, which will be available from the start of the three-hundredth year on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The jewel will be a permanent jewel and may therefore be worn by qualified Brethren of the English Constitution for the rest of their lives.*

*The jewel may be worn only by Master Masons (and above), but any Brother who will at any time between 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 have been a member of a Lodge under UGLE will qualify for it. (Those who are only EAs or FCs will be entitled to wear the jewel as soon as they have been raised). The Pro Grand Master hopes that Grand Officers – who normally wear no breast jewels other than the Royal Arch jewel – will wear it throughout the period, and will not feel obliged to stop wearing it after the end of 2017.*

*The modern practice is for the jewel of the Royal Arch to be worn on the left breast, (nearest to the centre of the body if other breast jewels are worn). The Book of Constitutions does not prescribe this, but it would accord with that practice for the Tercentenary Jewel to be worn to the left of the Royal Arch Jewel (if a Brother is entitled to wear it).*

### **OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 – ROYAL ALBERT HALL /BATTERSEA EVOLUTION:**

I have been asked to give timings for the event at RAH and the dinner at BE. Work is still proceeding on the exact nature of the event, but I am able to give approximate times which I hope will not vary by more than 15 minutes.

12.30 – Opening of external doors of RAH giving access to bars and restaurants. Doors to boxes and arena will still be locked.

14.00 – Doors to boxes and arena will be opened. Bars and restaurants remain open.

14.30 – Viewing on large screen of celebrations during the year, charitable events and MCF.

15.20 – All to be seated.

15.30 – Processions and welcomes.

15.50 – Theatrical element.

16.35 – Third part.

17.00 – Recession.

17.15 – Finale, phased exit to Battersea Evolution – coaches provided.

17.45 – Opening of doors at Battersea Evolution for reception.

18.45 – Banquet

21.15 – Departure of Grand Master

21.30 – Coaches to hotels for UGLE Official Guests and to transport hubs.

23.00 – Banquet event ends

I circulated a list on 11<sup>th</sup> July, (TPC 38/16), of the number of places which would be made available to members of Metropolitan, Provincial and District Grand Lodges at RAH and BE.

I have been approached by several Provinces/Districts who require extra places but I was not able to respond previously, as until the middle of last week I was still awaiting replies from two large Provinces and several Districts.

I am now able to offer extra places at both RAH and BE. Please see the attached form to be used for this purpose. Do not use the original form sent to you last July. To ensure there is a proportionate response to those asking for more places, I am unable to stipulate a ceiling number, but suggest you list in order of preference and we will do our best to confirm places for all, or as many as possible at both/either RAH and BE.

### **Lunch and dinner at Royal Albert Hall**

I have also been asked about lunch and dinner facilities at Royal Albert Hall. Provinces and Districts or individual Brethren who wish to take advantage of the range of catering facilities in RAH can use the following link

<http://www.royalalberthall.com/your-visit/food-and-drink/dining/>

and make arrangements to suit times and numbers.

### **Dinner at Grand Connaught Rooms**

The streaming of the RAH event in to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, will, for technical reasons, have a delay of 45 minutes from the live showing. This will enable any in Royal Albert Hall

who would like to dine in the Grand Connaught Rooms (champagne reception, four course meal with wines - £80.00) to do so. Coaches will take those wishing to go to GCR from RAH. The delayed steaming will result in those at RAH arriving at the start of the champagne reception.

The streaming 45 minutes after the live event will also fit better with plans for viewing in Provinces which is associated with dining arrangements.

For dining at Grand Connaught Rooms please use Bookitbee

<https://event.bookitbee.com/e/za7ct>

**CELEBRATORY BROCHURES – ROYAL ALBERT HALL:**

I circulate again a form which can be used to order Brochures for the RAH event. So far I have only heard from two Provinces, and the quantity I ask to be printed will depend on numbers required. The souvenir brochure will be produced in A4 format, on high specification paper, with glossy photographs, and be of at least 72 pages with 10 authors writing articles relevant to the Tercentenary and the Duke of Kent's 50 years as Grand Master. Each section will include at least two photographs, sometimes many more, and there will be a selection of meaningful and interesting bubbles celebrating 300 years. It will also contain details of the programme for the Royal Albert Hall. The brochures will be useful for use at your own Met/Prov/Dist events. Brochures cost £10.00 each but will be delivered to your Provincial Office, free of charge.

**MET/PROV/DIST 2017 REPRESENTATIVES:**

A copy of this letter will be sent to your 2017 Provincial Representative and to your Grand Secretary. It is evident from feedback we have received that many Brethren are not aware of events planned to celebrate the Tercentenary and I can confirm that the information contained in this letter and previous ones is not confidential and may be shared with your Brethren.

Several Tercentenary events have already taken place. Please may I again ask for brochures, menus, and items published within Provinces and Districts to be sent to me so that they can be archived and recorded in the report I am asked to write in 2018.

I would be pleased to receive from you any other concerns, queries or suggestions that you would wish the TPC to consider [kgilbert.tpc@ugle.org.uk](mailto:kgilbert.tpc@ugle.org.uk)

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Keith Gilbert  
Coordinator of Tercentenary Planning

**Attachments:**

Flier referring to breast jewel and WM's Collar ornament  
Order form for Tercentenary brochures