



TAYLOR'S RITUAL ASSOCIATION

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## **Chairman's Report and General Statement 2012-13**

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I am pleased to submit this report on the activities of the Taylor's Ritual Association for 2012.

First and of most importance I wish to thank those Brethren who have volunteered their time and expertise to assist the Association by becoming Executive Members. Without their efforts no progress would have been made towards our stated goals.

On behalf of the Association I would also like to congratulate those Executive Members who have recently received appointments and/or promotions in Metropolitan, Provincial, and Grand Lodge.

We now have 20 active Executive Members and would encourage anyone with the interest, skills and time to join us by filling in the appropriate form. Our existing Executive Members will also play a role in recruitment by identifying and approaching those Taylor's Freemasons who appear to be suitable candidates.

The Association is now almost exclusively web-based; utilising our website as the best method of communicating our functions, actions and objectives. The website is continually developing and being added to with new features such as the Lodge Directory and Events pages. I hope these will encourage visiting and new members at Taylor's Lodges, as well as facilitating the farming-out of degree work from busy Taylor's Lodges to those who have less degree work in the pipeline.

I believe that since our last AGM that we have started to achieve the results which we desire; that Taylor's Freemasons have become more engaged with the Association, the ritual and with each other through easy and frequent distribution of relevant information but there is still much to do!

If the Association is to remain relevant to Freemasonry it is up to us all to make it so. Above all there is a great need to inform the many Taylor's Lodges and their members about the Association and our activities. I have found that knowledge of the TRA is not widespread, even being poor at Masonic Centres where our Associate Lodges of Instruction are meeting.

I therefore exhort all to take the time, whenever possible, to promote the TRA, give details of the website and suggest that Lodges working Taylor's ritual avail themselves of the online Lodge Directory.

The programme of ceasing running our regular, central Lodges of Improvement and opting instead to certify and accredit a number of private Lodges of Instruction to teach on behalf of the TRA is coming to fruition.



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By creating the Associate Lodges of Instruction and advertising them on the website we are seeing very tangible results with new visitors to those LOIs and subsequently to Lodges. But again, too few Brethren are aware of this opportunity and we must work to increase awareness of this facility.

Finally, after many years of being involved with the committee, latterly as Chairman, I believe the time is approaching for someone else to take on the lead role. If so elected, I would be delighted to continue as Chairman and Preceptor-in-Chief in 2013 but would wish that to be my final year in the position. I would therefore request that any of our members who may be interested in joining the committee at any level, but particularly Chairman and Preceptor-in-Chief, to make their interest known now so we can ensure a smooth transition.

My thanks again to all those who have assisted in promoting the Taylor's Ritual Association in the last year and driven forward our new approach to working. I look forward to further activity and achievements throughout the next year.

Keith Alexander  
Chairman and Preceptor-in-Chief