



Building Together

East Kent Province - Grand Officer

Supporting the "Building Together" Initiative

As a Grand Officer, you are charged with supporting and promoting the work of the United Grand Lodge of England. To assist you in engaging Brethren and Companions within your Lodges and Chapters, this paper provides an overview of the *Building Together* initiative.

Context

Building Together harmonises the **Members' Pathway** and **Archway** into a single membership journey, helping Brethren and Companions grow their Lodges and Chapters.

This initiative introduces several new concepts, outlined below:

1. **Joining Freemasonry, not just a Lodge** – Enquirers are reminded that they are joining the wider fraternity. Their journey comprises four ceremonies: three in a Craft Lodge and one in a Royal Arch Chapter, at times and places of their choosing.
2. **Royal Arch Mentors** – Mentors will now be introduced in the Royal Arch, supporting membership growth and member engagement.
3. **Mentorship Structure** – The Lodge Mentor and Personal Mentor are key figures in guiding a Brother on his journey into the Royal Arch.
4. **Champions of the Royal Arch** – Every Companion plays a role in promoting and supporting the Royal Arch.
5. **Five Hub Model** – Resources are grouped into five hubs, with Royal Arch content embedded throughout. The *Attract* and *Continue* hubs focus particularly on the journey from enquiry to initiation.
6. **Integration Across Hubs** – Do not assume Royal Arch material is limited to *Continue*; it is woven into all hubs.

Key Vocabulary

- **Units** – collective term for Lodges and Chapters.
- **Provinces** – collective term covering Provinces, Districts, and the Metropolitan area.
- **Provincial Building Together Membership Group (PBTMG)** – Provincial Officers supporting local delivery of *Building Together* and assisting Units.
- **Building Together Delivery Group (BTDG)** – the UGLE & SGC group managing the initiative.

Why This Matters in East Kent – The Membership Challenge

Our Province has not yet met its **Membership Challenge**: membership losses still outweigh gains. We are close, but further effort is required.

At the July Quarterly Communication, the Pro Grand Master set a clear challenge: Each Unit should aim to **initiate or exalt three candidates every year**.

Your support in carrying this message to your Lodges and Chapters is vital. By encouraging Brethren to reach out to friends and colleagues, we can introduce new members to Freemasonry and enable them to share in the friendship, engagement, and fulfilment that we all enjoy.

Closing Message

Your continued support for *Building Together* is deeply valued. By working together, we can strengthen Freemasonry in East Kent and secure its future for generations to come.

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