



The RA Cabinet's Mission is: *to develop the Royal Arch as a high quality experience of freemasonry with emphasis on enjoyment and understanding*

Chapters are therefore encouraged to explore their practices against four broad headings:-

Attracting new members:

- Chapter Mentors work closely with their Group RA Leads to identify new members
- Non-RA 'members to dine/friendship evenings' are organised
- Working with the Group RA Lead/Local AtoPrGP, 'Talking Heads' presentations are planned.
- The Group RA Lead or Local AtoPrGP is invited to provide RA talks in Craft Lodges that are linked/associated with the Chapter
- Liaison with RA Lodge Contacts re newly Raised MMs is undertaken

Ceremonies and the retention of members:

- Sharing the work is undertaken at every opportunity
- As far as is practically possible, the Ritual is learnt and not read
- 'Enhancing' the Exaltation ceremony to promote greater understanding for all taking part is a key aim
- New Companions always receive a welcome pack from the Group
- New members are appointed a personal mentor from the Chapter
- The business element of Chapter Meetings is swift and efficient
- When there are no ceremonies to perform Companions' understanding of the RA is promoted via talks, lectures, Q&A sessions, etc. – pure business meetings are rare!
- Non-attendees are contacted after missing a couple of meetings irrespective of whether they have tendered their apologies

Festive Boards and Social Events:

- As with the business element of Chapter Meetings, festive boards are also run efficiently as well as concisely
- Menus are adapted for the occasion and time of year
- Brief 'educational' elements are introduced at the festive board
- Informal social events are arranged thereby bringing members and their partners together – these often include non-RA masons

Planning for the future:

- A simple development plan with ideas for the future is formulated via discussions with all the Companions of the Chapter
- If and when necessary Mergers or Amalgamations are considered in liaison with Group Officials, the aim being to ensure that the Companions continue to enjoy and develop their Royal Arch Masonry

