

Profile for Ariconium Lodge No. 8868

Historical Name:- The Lodge name is taken from the Roman Camp which was situated at Bromsash a very small hamlet near Weston under Penyard. The Romans had a smelting furnace there which used the iron ore and timber from the Forest of Dean. Hence our motto "*they fought with iron we fight with love*".

Foundation:-Ariconium was founded in 1979 to become a daughter lodge of Vitruvian (Please note the ending which is **IUM** not **ian** as per Vitruvian). Vitruvian is a very early Lodge with the number 338.

Ariconium was founded because Ross on Wye was fast becoming a "retirement resort". Some of the first candidates came from a scholastic background. Today our installation meeting includes some workings thought to be based on Ledbury/ Gloucester workings.

Meetings:- Are held on the third Tuesday in the month. We hold six meetings each year; these are scheduled for September, October, November, January, March and April which is the Installation Meeting.

Members:- Currently we have members 33 (September 2018). The majority are experienced masons but we have several "younger" members who are progressing through the various chairs. There is therefore a great deal of help given to the younger members- no one is expected to do more than they are willing and able to do.

The main contact is:-

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Provincial. Although we are a private lodge we have the support/government in The Craft from the Province of Hereford, which comprises 15 Lodges.

We are also connected to the Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire for the Royal Arch and Mark.

Several of our members are in other "side orders" at various locations in the local area and neighbouring counties.

Social: The lodge holds 4 main social events each year where wives and partners are encouraged to attend, at 3 of these families are also welcomed.

Ladies Dinner.(Normally held in February)

Summer Social a Garden Party at a members Residence.

Christmas lunch on the first Sunday in December when Father Christmas makes an early visit !

The Annual Church Service at Hereford Cathedral- a Provincial event for families and friends.

Occasionally wives and partners are also invited to our after proceedings and join us for a meal.