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*Occasionally, it may be necessary for a Brother or Companion to change their membership to a different Unit and Province. There can be a wide range of reasons, many of which are highlighted below. **The hope is that should a Brother or Companion need to change their Unit Membership, the Unit Mentor, Secretary / Scribe E, will provide them support and assistance, assured that whilst they may be losing them as members of that Unit, they stand to keep them as engaged Freemasons.***

- **Spotting potential losses**

- Often, the Craft and Royal Arch lose members for work or family reasons when they relocate. In many cases, these members might appreciate support in finding a new Unit near their new home.
- Clues that a member is considering moving away from the area could include them talking about:
 - Coming to the end of a course of study, at a university or as an apprentice.
 - Impending retirement.
 - A new grandchild and plans to spend more time with them.
 - Painting the house to make it suitable for sale or rent.
 - Relocation with a job, such as the Armed Forces.
- In any of these cases, it might be kind to enquire about their intentions gently. This may be a false alarm, as the above things can happen. A person might still stay relatively local; it may be that they intend to keep links with the area and maintain membership, or it may be that they will not be able to come back frequently, in which case they may appreciate support in finding a new Unit near their new home.

- **Supporting members during relocations**

- Remember it is a positive thing for both the individual and your Unit that the member concerned wishes to remain a Freemason following relocation. It shows that their experience in their current Unit has been positive. It is therefore incumbent on members to be supportive during the relocation process, including offering to join them on their first visit to a potential new Unit.
- It would be a nice gesture if they do resign on joining a Unit in their new area, for the previous Unit to continue to invite them as a 'Permanently Invited Guest' or even consider them for Honorary Membership.

- **Resources for transitioning members**

- UGLE has developed a process to support members who are seeking a new Lodge and/or Chapter on relocation.

The Mentor, Secretary, Scribe-E or the member themselves can flag that they are looking to migrate and request assistance using this UGLE form <https://www.ugle.org.uk/migration>