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DepPGM's Foreword



Brethren, the RW PGM's treatment is progressing well and he thanks you for the letters, cards and emails he has received since his diagnosis; they have provided a great lift for him and his family.

On 2nd March in the Grand Temple in London the RW PGM Consecrated the Essex Cornerstone Lodge No. 9968, the first 'young masons lodge' in the English Constitution. The RW AsstGM, Sir David Hugh Wootton, was present and commented that he had never seen so many Master Masons leave a meeting when I asked them to retire before I Installed W.Bro Elliott Chevin as Primus Master.

At the PGL meeting in March the brethren voted to replace the existing Essex Provincial Charity Fund with a modern EPCF charity and to set-up two new charities; the Essex Provincial Almoner's Fund and the Essex Freemasons' Community Fund. Articles by the ProvGChStwd and ProvGAlm in this issue of the magazine explain how they will enable the PGM to deliver his strategy for charitable giving in Essex.

In June Essex hosted the MCF Annual Ball, which was a sell-out, in London, with the RW PGM acting as President for the evening. The MCF Chairman, HHJ Richard Hone QC and many senior members of the charity were present and were astounded by the generosity of the brethren on the night, which enabled the RW PGM to present him with a cheque for £25,000!

In July I had the privilege of deputising for the RW PGM and Consecrating the Lodge of Daily Advancement No. 9979, a new research & demonstration lodge, at Saxon Hall. My thanks go to the Consecrating Party and the ProvGDC, W.Bro Geoff Turpin, and his well-drilled team of Founders for making it such an enjoyable occasion. W.Bro Peter Hollingsworth, as Installing Master, had the great pleasure of Installing W.Bro Alan Everard as Primus Master and I was delighted to be able to give W.Bro Lawrie Morrisson a well-earned field promotion to PPJGW for his tireless work over several years to bring the Consecration about.

On a personal note I was greatly honoured to be named as Master Elect of Essex Masters' Lodge for 2019-2020 and look forward to being Installed as Master of the largest masonic lodge in the English Constitution on 31st October and hope to see many of you there on the day. We currently have 910 subscribing members, wouldn't it be great to break 1,000?

Paul G. Reeves, DepPGM

Dear Readers,

Welcome to Issue 86 of Essex Mason, the Official Magazine for the Province of Essex.

This issue features a report on the historic Consecration of Cornerstone Lodge No 9968 in the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall witnessed by more than 700 Freemasons following several years of planning, an update from the Provincial Almoner on the new Provincial Almoners Charity and the excellent work that is carried out supporting Essex Masons and their families and lots of other interesting articles and news from our Province.

We are delighted with the number of articles that we are receiving for publication, but please keep them coming in, this is your magazine and we welcome feedback and comments from you on what you would like to see featured and how the magazine can be improved.

Thank you for the continued support and patronage of Essex Mason and please consider purchasing all of your Masonic Regalia from us as all profit is donated to Essex Charities via the Essex Mason Charitable Trust.

Please submit articles for consideration for publication in the next edition of the magazine to magazine@essexmason.co.uk with the deadline for receipt of copy the 31st December 2019.

We would like to thank W.Bro Roger Wacy for his support and dedication to Essex Mason Magazine over the years and to acknowledge the sterling work he produced during this time. However, Roger is no longer associated with production of the Essex Mason Magazine so articles sent to Roger will not get published, please can you send your articles or advertisements to magazine@essexmason.co.uk.

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STISTED SUMMER FETE

The Association of Friends of Duke of Kent Court may have had a few worries about the weather as Sunday 14th July approached. But the annual summer fete this year faced more challenges than just a shower of rain. The event was the same day as the Wimbledon Men's Final AND the cricket World Cup Final (with England playing) AND the British Grand Prix...



But the team of volunteers, led by Association of Friends trustee Dennis May, who had put in so much hard work to prepare everything, needn't have worried: the crowds still came and the day proved a great success, raising almost £9,000 to support the work of the Friends in providing an amenity fund of more than £1,300 a month to provide entertainment, concerts and days out, as well as parties and gifts for the residents at Christmas and Easter, and on anniversaries and birthdays.



A breathtaking collection of classic cars welcomed the visitors coming to Stisted for the fete, which was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Rodney Lister Bass, OBE. Well, strictly speaking, as it was the 20th such event since the formation of the Association of Friends, the PGM invited Sir Neil Thorne, who as PGM himself had opened the home, to perform the official ceremony, accompanied by Clive Dunnico, chairman of the association, and its president, Alan Garner.

There were stalls and support from Lodges from all over the Province, including Southend, Upminster, Chelmsford, Braintree and Witham; 18 commercial stalls sold a wide range of products; stalls from the Essex Welfare Trust, Provincial Museum, Provincial Almoner, the Holy Royal Arch and Mark Masons.

A packed programme of entertainment included the Bocking Brass Band, song and dance from the Frederick Douglas Academy, dancing and acrobatics from White Court Dance Unlimited and singing from John Ellson. Thanks also to Essex Care Ltd, Roundwoods Garden Centre for running the BBQ, a large contingent from the Widows Sons, the inflatable rugby challenge from the Lodge of XV and sterling work from the Provincial Stewards of the year.



Provincial Grand Stewards who played a big part on the day



Provincial Almoners Stall



The PGM RW Bro Rodney Bass OBE drawing the raffle for Lodge of XV at Stisted

'Mentoring Our Masons'

John D Davies, PSGD, PAPGM, DSEM

On the 28th March 2019, in recognition of his 52 years of dedicated and valued service to Freemasonry and the wider community the Provincial Grand Master on 28 March 2019 awarded John the 'Essex DSEM' (Distinguished Service to Essex Freemasonry). Initiated in 1967, from 1978 when appointed as a Provincial Grand Steward until retiring 41 years later as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, after eleven years in that Office, John had held five Provincial Grand Ranks in Craft and two in Royal Arch.



Believing it is far more pleasurable to invest in people rather than in things, John takes every opportunity he can to assist new and existing brethren enjoy Freemasonry better through acquiring more understanding and knowledge leading to a greater pride in their membership of the Craft. When Grand Lodge approved the new office of Lodge Mentor in 2012 John was already the Lodge Mentor in two lodges and subsequently held the office of Lodge Mentor in five other lodges as well as being Provincial Grand Mentor from 2011 to 2017.

Although the title 'Mentor' cannot be given to a lodge, John will do everything possible as Senior Warden of the newly consecrated Lodge Of Daily Advancement to help the members share his belief in helping others and continue the good work of 'Mentoring our Masons' for the benefit of all lodges and their members in the Province of Essex.

By W Bro Tony Hales TD

Hornchurch Lodge Celebrate 80 Years



On Saturday 13th April 2019, Hornchurch Lodge, No. 5790, celebrated their 80th Anniversary with the Installation, at 27 years, of their youngest Master W. Bro. James Knight.

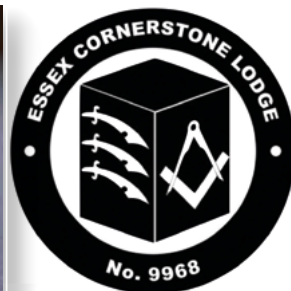
James is the third member of the Knight family to be Installed in the Lodge, with his father Keith and uncle Peter going before him.

Not only were dad and uncle present but they also played active roles in the ceremony. The evening was made especially significant with the presence of our Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW. Bro Paul Reeves. It is the tradition of the Hornchurch Lodge to make a donation to the Essex Provincial Charity on their Installation evening and on this special occasion they presented a cheque to the charity for £1,000. Additionally VW. Bro. Paul presented the Lodge with a Vice Patron Certificate for donations made thus far to the Essex Festival 2022. An excellent Festive Board followed and was enjoyed by all to complete a very rewarding day.

Essex Cornerstone Lodge No 9968

Historical Consecration

OVER 700 FREEMASONS PACKED THE MAGNIFICENT GRAND TEMPLE AT FREEMASONS' HALL TO WITNESS A WORLD FIRST CREATION OF A NEW LODGE FOR YOUNG FREEMASONS – ESSEX CORNERSTONE LODGE NO. 9968



Picture by W.Bro Brian Mackett



A number of years ago, the Essex Cornerstone Club committee started to think about the formation of a new lodge, specifically for young Freemasons. They had a dream of what its purpose would be and what it might achieve. There followed a long period of planning and preparation and as time went by and progress was made, the realisation dawned that the lodge really would become a reality.

From then on, the excitement and anticipation built and reached their peak on Saturday 2nd March 2019 – the day Essex Cornerstone Lodge was Consecrated. The Grand Temple was the stage for this special occasion with over 700 Freemasons from across the English Constitution travelling to witness the ceremony.

The sponsoring lodge, Essex Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No. 8665, started the proceedings by opening the meeting. UGLE's Assistant Grand Master, Sir David Wootton, and the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Rodney Bass OBE, were then welcomed into the Grand Temple to rapturous applause.

The main event, the Consecration ceremony, was beautifully and memorably delivered by Rodney Bass, who commented: 'This new lodge will encourage and support young Freemasons in their journey, providing a gathering place for young masons to increase their masonic knowledge and experience, and enabling Cornerstone Club Members to maintain strong relationships.'

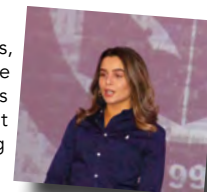
The Founders of the lodge were presented to the Provincial Grand Master and reminded of their obligation to support and nurture their new lodge and uphold the values of Freemasonry for future generations.

Following this, those below the rank of Installed Master retired from the Temple which amounted to over 300 members. That included many from over 15 new and young masons' clubs across England, who came to show their support and demonstrate the very essence of new and young Freemasons.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Paul Reeves, then installed the Primus Master, Elliott Chevin, who went on to invest his officers. The Address to members was delivered by Sir David Wootton.

The Essex Cornerstone Lodge then presented a cheque for £2,022 to the Essex Festival 2022, making them Vice Patrons of the Festival.

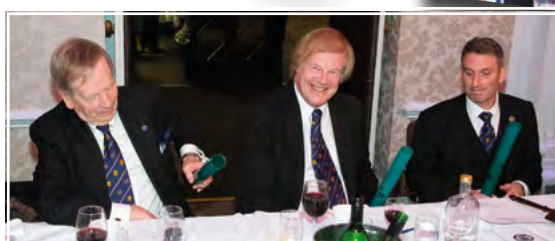
The Provincial Grand Master then presented the lodge with a set of gavels, commissioned from an acacia tree from his own grounds. Following the meeting, a spectacular Festive Board was held for nearly 600 Freemasons where they experienced a musical treat including trumpeters, a string quartet playing modern music, and a unique performance of the Masters' Song performed by a female singer acapella.



The members were also able to interact with a live photo mosaic display by uploading photos from the day and evening. The photos came alive culminating in a large mosaic of the Cornerstone Lodge crest, which provided a magnificent background to the banquet capturing memories of the historic event.

Perhaps the most unexpected part of the evening was when the waiters pouring coffee began to bang on the tables, then their coffee pots and they miraculously turned into a most impressive drumming act. Not only that, all 600 diners were given their own drum kit and in unison, joined together and delighted in a memorable and incredibly fun act.

If you wish to find out more about the Essex Cornerstone Lodge or to arrange a visit, please contact the Secretary Dr Jack Gilliland, on jackg@essexcornerstone.com



THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

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Solomon, 'the man of sunset and shadows', King of Israel, whose wisdom is celebrated in both the Bible and in legend and it was during the middle of his reign that he received a notable visit from the Queen of Sheba, who came from the 'ends of the earth' to hear his wisdom.

According to the Bible, the Queen bombarded him with questions and enigmas and all her questions, riddles and conundrums were so cleverly answered she finally exclaimed congratulatory words: 'happy are thy men, thy servants, which stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom'.

Solomon the On-Line learning resource has been designed to support personal enquiry to help all those who want to learn more about their Masonry. Modern Speculative Freemasonry, is as we know, a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols; with the allegory of the building of the Temple of Solomon central to the ritual along with the symbolism and which can be found throughout, especially in the Working Tools.

Member surveys have highlighted learning as a major, un-met need and a potential reason why members leave and that most members seek a greater understanding of the ritual, symbolism, history and traditions of Freemasonry.

A greater understanding, it is believed, will go a long way to meet member's expectations and wishes, to enhance their enjoyment and create a greater interest, improve understanding and performance of the ritual, improve attendance and ultimately help with membership retention.

With the fostering of curiosity, the development of an understanding and assistance in the Masonic journey of learning and development, the Solomon Online Database, which is accessible through a variety of platforms, also compliments the Members Pathway.

Echoing the words in the FMT magazine, 'Solomon provides interesting and accessible material, if well-chosen and well delivered, will compliment or even replace a ceremony and it is designed to be popular, boosting attendance and interest' and ideally, as the article in that December issue stated; 'learning activities will become an appreciated and regular feature of Lodge and Chapter meetings.'

The material in question; can either be a five to ten minute Talk, or a 'nugget' as it is referred to in the Solomon Project, or a longer Paper designed for further private research, but still suitable for delivery in Lodge or Chapter and both methods are designed to stimulate the minds of the audience.

These 'nuggets' the five to ten minute Talks, on a relevant subject, are ideal for the newer member to take from Solomon and deliver it in Lodge on a routine basis, so that it forms a part of the usual Lodge business.

These can also be used after a ceremony, where the Work of that Degree can be questioned in a little more depth and its; meaning, history or symbolic significance can be discussed, which will encourage a debate within the Lodge.

The Lodge of Instruction is also an ideal opportunity for the members, whether they are 'younger' members or not, for them to select a topic from one of the 'nuggets' of their choice, read about it, one week, for it to be discussed on the following week.

There are so many subjects contained within the 'nuggets' on Solomon, that the many questions that the 'younger' Mason want answers to, can be found there and there is more than enough 'food for thought.'

A 'nugget' or a longer and more in depth Paper, which is also on Solomon, can be presented at a Meeting where there may be no ceremony, which could stimulate discussion and give an added dimension to the Meeting.

There is ample scope for the 'younger' Mason to be encouraged in his quest for answers and an understanding of what we do and how we do it, to conduct and to private research and Present the results to a Meeting.

The object of this exercise is to give each and every member a greater understanding of the ritual, its symbolism, history and the traditions of Freemasonry and the confidence to answer questions from prospective candidates, which will encourage the growth of Freemasonry.



Pierre Waddoups
 Provincial Education Officer

In re-imagining the quote in the opening paragraph about the Biblical King Solomon, the Solomon Database, that Masonic Teacher, becomes 'the database of perpetual sunrise and vanquisher of shadows', whose wisdom will be celebrated as an Online resource, and making that 'Daily Advancement' a reality in both the Craft and the Royal Arch.

With the potential of the Members' Pathway and the Solomon Database, we can finally exclaim those congratulatory words: 'happy are thy men, thy servants, who stand continually before thee and hear thy wisdom'!

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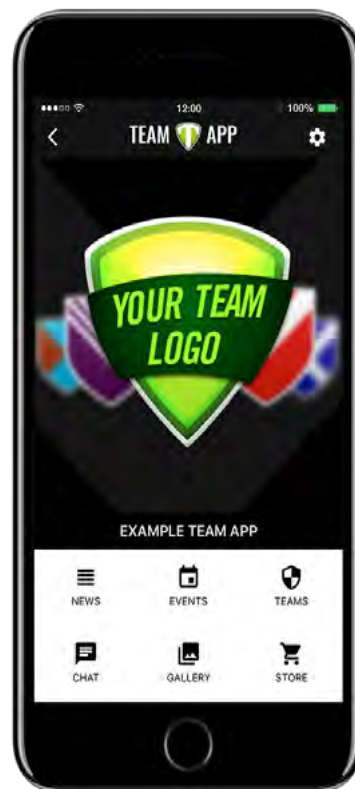
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Essex Members Pathway Training Day - Over 100 Brethren in attendance at Saxon Hall.

RW.Bro Rodney Lister Bass Official Patron for TLC Appeal



The PGM, RW.Bro Rodney Lister Bass is now the official Patron of the Teddies for Loving Care appeal (TLC) in Essex. His appointment is the latest chapter in an ongoing success story for a charity which has become a Global phenomenon since its launch in the Province in 2001.

Originally devised to provide teddies free of charge to traumatised children attending A&E units across Essex, the concept was swiftly adopted by other Provinces before spreading across the world as far as New Zealand.

Such has been its success that at the time of writing more than two and a half million teddies have been given away and the charity is now officially recognised by Grand Lodge, where it is administered by the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) under the Patronage of the Pro Grand Master, MW.Bro Peter Geoffrey Lowndes.

TLC still has its roots firmly established in Essex and now, reinforced locally by the appointment of the PGM as Patron, will continue its good work across the Province, supplying teddies to all of our hospital units across the county.

"I am extremely honoured to be Patron of this wonderful charity, a concept which has gripped the imagination of Freemasons across the world and which has done so much good in helping young children at times when they are feeling most vulnerable," said the PGM.

"Its success has been made possible by the continued financial support of Essex Masons who have consistently funded TLC. I hope and I am sure they will do so in the future because sadly children across our Province are being injured every day – and that is the real heart of TLC."



Essex United Service Lodge 3804 Lewis to Share Masonic Journey with Father

Essex United Service Lodge No. 3804 welcomes 20-Year-old Lewis to Essex Freemasonry.

Bro Brett Hammond welcomed his son into the Lodge in true and ancient form. Bro Brett Hammond, also an Entered Apprentice joined the Lodge in 2018 and has quickly progressed to the Stewards bench.

On the evening the Worshipful Master, W.Bro Colin Kendrick assisted by his Wardens W.Bro David Rout (SW) and Bro Steven Lever (JW) and Deacons W. Bro John Simpson (SD), W.Bro Paul Gale (JD) delivered an excellent Initiation ceremony. Bro Brett Hammond also assisted in the ceremony with an exceptional delivery of the 1st degree working tools.

Both father and son now intend to share their Masonic journey together with a double Passing ceremony.



Ixion Lodge 2501 125th Anniversary

W.Bro Malcolm Hill PPJGW Lodge Secretary



On Thursday 11th July 2019 Ixion Lodge 2501 held their 125th Anniversary Meeting at Harlow Masonic Hall.

The Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Rodney Lister Bass OBE was present together with his Deputy VW Bro Paul Reeves together with W.Bro.Geoff Turpin Prov.DC and the Provincial Sword Bearer and Standard Bearers.



Also in attendance were Present and Past APM's in the names of Nick Franklin, Martin Howse, Lee Taylor, Laurie Justice and John Helliard. A delightful meeting was held with a First Degree Ceremony performed with Lee Taylor being the Junior Deacon taking round his old Police work colleague Michael Duncan much to his surprise.

A cheque for the sum of £1500 pound was presented and gratefully received by the PGM for the 2022 Appeal which was swiftly passed over the Colin Felton who was in attendance.

Two Gifts from the Lodge were presented by W.Bro Mike Robinson PAGDC to the PGM and DepPGM to mark their attendance at this very special meeting which was very well received.

Afterwards over 70 Guests dined together with Lodge Members in a very convivial manner at the Festive Board overseen by the Worshipful Master W.Bro Mike Saunders and his two Wardens.

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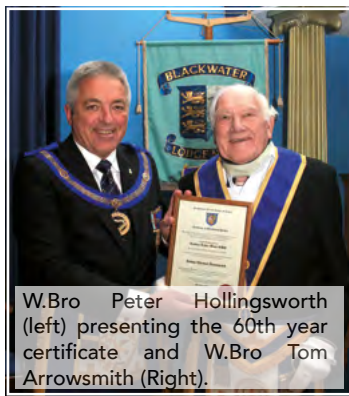
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Blackwater Lodge 1977 Burns Night



W.Bro Peter Hollingsworth (left) presenting the 60th year certificate and W.Bro Tom Arrowsmith (Right).

On a relatively mild January evening Blackwater Lodge No. 1977 held its annual "Guest Burns Night" with WM John Simpson presiding. With over 80 attendees including many visitors and a further 7 from the Royal Chelsea Hospital, as well as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, great fun was enjoyed by all!

Before the meeting ended, W.Bro Peter Hollingsworth APGM presented W.Bro Tom Arrowsmith with his 60 year certificate following an excellent speech concerning Tom's life and Masonic career. He gave Tom a letter from the PGM and a 60 year lapel badge. W.Bro Paul Humphrey also said a few words and handed Tom some photos of his past. Tom then thanked the APGM and brethren for their best wishes.

If you are interested in attending our next burns night, or any other of our meetings, why not check out our website at www.blackwaterlodge.org and make contact? We would love to hear from you!



The 7 visiting Brothers from the Royal Chelsea Hospital with WM John Simpson (centre).

Friday 22nd of February was a special day for the Rayner family and Ilford Castle Lodge No 7144. Despite this being a very small meeting we were blessed to have a plethora of visitors which, whilst the few numbers, made for a special day for our new Worshipful Master James Anthony Rayner.



W.Bro Geoff Ellwood did an excellent job taking the ritual from the start of the meeting up to the Inner Workings. I then took over and had the pleasure of Installing my youngest son James into the chair of King Solomon. I have to say I was word perfect, just not the words in the book.

Then I handed over to my eldest son, Christopher who completed the work acting as Installing Master. I have to say how proud I am of both sons. Firstly for the way they have conducted themselves in the lodge but also for their lives outside, Chris is in the MET and just taking his Skippers exams and James is a Paralegal Assistant for the Crown Prosecution Service. Christopher was Master 2 years ago and at 27 was the youngest serving master in Essex at the time and the youngest ever. However, his Brother James has beaten that record and may even be one of the youngest masters ever next to Rudyard Kipling.

At just 19 days after his 20th Birthday, James agreed to progress to the chair. Is this a record?, who cares, what is shown is young men can be dedicated to Freemasonry and strive to be the best they can. So I can say, both Chris and I are proud to have been part of James special journey. I would like to thank all the Brethren who turned up to support us and help out in many of the Offices.

Ilford Castle Lodge 7144 "Youngest Installed Master"?

By Shaun Rayner



W.Bro's Chris, James and Shaun Rayner

Thundersley Lodge 5225 Brother delivers Obligation to his twin Initiate



Picture taken by Bro Stephen Hodder of Thundersley Lodge and should be credited to his screen-name Stephen Hawke.

The photograph attached, shows Bro Robert Huntley in the centre of the front line, with his twin Brother W.Bro David to his left and the R.W. PGM for West Kent to his right. The WM is in the back row, with the SW W.Bro Chris Dorling to his left and the JW W.Bro Walter Goodman to his right.

Thundersley Lodge No. 5225 held a unique Initiation ceremony on Thursday 24th January 2019 at Saxon Hall. W.Bro. David Huntley PGStB from West Kent delivered the Obligation to his twin Brother initiate Robert James Huntley. There were 9 Freemasons who came over from West Kent, as private guests, to see Robert Huntley being initiated, including their Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Mark Estaugh who gave the Charge after Initiation in an exemplary fashion. The working tools of an Entered Apprentice Freemason were presented by Bro Steve Joslin, the Lodge Junior Deacon, in sincere manner.

A most enjoyable Festive Board that followed saw two Initiates seated at the Top Table, the newly made Brother and Bro Joseph Hodder who was initiated at a previous meeting that was a White Table evening.

The Lodge Charity Steward, W.Bro Larry Hocking also presented the Vice Patron Certificate for Festival 2022 to the Worshipful Master, W.Bro Ian MacGregor.

Wanstead Park Lodge 6718 70 Years at Upminster

On Saturday May 11th, Wanstead Park Lodge 6718 having been consecrated on the 18th November 1948 completed the dedication of their first Lodge Banner in celebration of its 70th year at Upminster Masonic Hall with APGM W.Bro Neil Beverley and ProvGSec W.Bro Philip Lovelock in attendance with the Prov G Chaplain W.Bro Mick Scotchmer and ProvDepGDC W.Bro Dave Hawtin who conducted an excellent dedication ceremony. Praise goes to the banner party for putting in the rehearsals which made the ceremony enjoyable by the members and many visitors to mark this auspicious occasion.

The meeting was packed with more items on the agenda, they included a ballot for joining member, Bro Steve Cole, who joins the Lodge from Bysnian Lodge 7500. Bro Stephen Hunt received his Grand Lodge Certificate from APGM W.Bro Neil Beverley. Neil then presented a certificate to the Lodge for becoming a Patron from Vice Patron to the Essex Festival 2022 Appeal after which the Lodge presented Neil with a cheque for £1,000 towards the festival. The meeting was finished with declaring a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, W.Bro. Ron Proctor will be installed at their next meeting in September meaning the end of his year is nearly upon their Worshipful Master, W.Bro Steve Readings.





100 The Lodge of Hope 433 Happy 100th Birthday Dermot

In April the Lodge of Hope No.433 celebrated the 100th birthday of W.Bro Dermot Livingstone a Past Master of the Lodge, with nearly 60 years of service, was presented with flowers a card and framed scroll in recognition of his 100th Birthday.

Initiated on the 30th May 1960 W.Bro Dermot held the Masters Office in 1984. The current Master W.Bro Keith Page congratulated Dermot on this very significant birthday and wished him well from all members of the Lodge of Hope 433



50 Icen Lodge No 6066 W.Bro Jim Field 50 Years

The Icen Lodge No 6066 held its 295th regular meeting on 9th May 2019 at Chingford Masonic Hall. This was a very special celebration to honour W.Bro James John (Jim) Field, a member of the Lodge for 50 years, having been initiated as a Lewis on the 8th May 1969. As our Worshipful Master W.Bro Jim had the pleasure of Initiating another Lewis, Bro Alexander Burmicz-Woznicki, whose father, Bro Alexander Burmicz, was present and is our Senior Deacon.

The meeting was attended by Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Rodney Lister Bass OBE who took pleasure in presenting W.Bro Jim with a framed Certificate in recognition of Outstanding Service to Freemasonry along with a fifty-year lapel badge. The RW PGM was accompanied by RW PPGM John Webb, the PAPGM John Davies and the Provincial DC W.Bro Geoff Turpin. Also in attendance was the APM W.Bro Lee Taylor who presented a Vice Patronage Certificate of the Essex Festival 2022 to the Icen Lodge Charity steward, W.Bro Steve Hammond.

This was memorable day for the Icen Lodge No 6066 having had so many distinguished Brethren present, but most of all to honour and recognise W.Bro James John Field, 50 Years a Freemason.

50 Comrades Lodge 2976 Bro. Russell Collinson 50 Years

50 Epping Forest Lodge 4263 W.Bro James Fretwell 50 Years

On 21st January, W.Bro. Peter Hollingsworth, APGM attended Comrades Lodge No. 2976 in Colchester to present a 50th year in Freemasonry certificate to Bro. Russell Collinson.

Recollections of moments in Russell's working and Masonic life were recounted by the APGM before the certificate was presented. The W.M. W.Bro. Dean Horton afterwards presented a gift on behalf of Comrades Lodge.

Image: W.Bro. Peter Hollingsworth, APGM Bro. Russell Collinson



W.Bro Kenneth Montgomery PSGD, APGM, made his last Official visit to Epping Forest Lodge on Saturday 9th February 2019 before his retirement in March 2019, to carry out a most pleasant duty of presenting W.Bro James Ernest Fretwell PAGDC with his 50 Year in Freemasonry Certificate.



50 Colcestria Lodge 7123 W.Bro David John Clayton 50 Years - and a New Beginning

Colcestria Lodge 7123 were honoured and delighted to receive W.Bro Tony White Assistant Provincial Grand Master to their meeting on 23rd February 2019.

The APGM had a very busy but enjoyable evening when he presented W.Bro David Clayton (front centre) with a 50 Year Certificate. David was initiated into Colcestria Lodge on 22nd February 1969 becoming Master of the Lodge in 1984. He was also a founder member of Meridies Colcestriae Lodge 9715 and was WM of that Lodge in 2011 and 2012. A plaque was also presented to David to commemorate his 50 Years in Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master W.Bro Eric Miller (rear centre).

The APGM also presented the Lodge with a certificate marking the award to it of Vice Patron status for the Festival 2022, explained and presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro Alfie Brown and witnessed the initiation of Bro Naseem Ahmed (front right).



Fellowship & Unity Lodge, 8680 W.Bro Monty Moss 50 Years

On the 16th of April the members of Fellowship & Unity Lodge, No 8680 were honoured with an official visit by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. The Rev. Martin Howse, PSGD escorted by W.Bro. Neil March, ProvDepGDC.

At this meeting the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, presented W.Bro. Monty Moss with his 50 year Certificate celebrating the anniversary of his initiation on the 27th of March 1969. W.Bro. Monty was a member of Hackney Manor Lodge, followed by Haringey and most recently The Lodge of Fellowship & Unity, No8680. He was always an enthusiastic and hard-working member of his Lodge and in particular a great supporter of the Lodge of Instruction.



Dagenham Lodge No 4699 W.Bro Bill Whiter 50 Years

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The year 2018 was a memorable year and double celebration for Worshipful Brother Bill Whiter PAGStB. On 15th December 2018, Worshipful Brother Bill was presented with a certificate marking his 50 years in Essex Freemasonry by Worshipful Brother John Davies PSGD at a meeting of Dagenham Lodge No 4699 at Upminster Masonic Hall.

Bill followed his father into Dagenham Lodge, albeit his father did not propose or second him, as his father did not want to be accused of nepotism at that time. Aged 22 years, he was initiated into masonry on the 21st December 1968 and was pleasantly surprised to see the Lodge Secretary was his former school headmaster, W.Bro. Gus Daniels.

The presentation of his 50 year certificate came a month after he installed his successor to round off a memorable year.

Lodge of St. Peter 1024 W.Bro David Hylands 50 Years

"I have enjoyed every minute of my time in the craft and don't know where the 50 years have gone"



W.Bro David Hylands received his 50 year certificate from Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. John Davies in March at the meeting the Lodge of St. Peter in Maldon.

As a member of the Eastbourne angling club David crewed for an old gentleman, and skippered his boat as he was almost blind. David kept his deathbed promise to the old man (himself a mason) by being initiated into the Lodge of Light (No 2721) in London. David has remained a member of this Lodge ever since and was Worshipful Master in 1977/78 and again in 2001/2. David joined Isthmian Lodge (No. 4566) and was its Master four times. Unfortunately, Isthmian Lodge lost its warrant due to falling numbers and David found a welcome home in the Lodge of St. Peter (London being too far to travel on a regular basis). David has been in office since being raised and continues to contribute. His latest role being that of Chaplin in the Lodge of St. Peter.

On receiving the certificate David said "I have enjoyed every minute of my time in the craft and don't know where the 50 years have gone".

Valence Lodge 5388 W.Bro Frank Leavis 50 Years

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Temple Lodge 5279 W.Bro Steve Sapsford

On Saturday 30th March 2019 at The Square, Upminster Valence Lodge 5388 were delighted to welcome W.Bro Graham Dickerson APMG on his first official visit as the Lodges new APMG less than 48 Hours after being appointed

The visit was to honour W.Bro Frank Leavis for reaching his 50th year in Freemasonry and to present him with his certificate and lapel pin. W.Bro Frank has recently been appointed an honorary member of Valence Lodge so this was a double celebration for a very special Mason and member of Valence Lodge 5388, well done Frank.

It was also Valences installation meeting where W.Bro Tom Hart was installed into the chair of King Solomon in a wonderful ceremony, this was followed by a fantastic festive board with the masters song being sung by our new masters Dad, Bro Barry Hart



On the 21st February the APMG W.Bro. Chas Elliott visited Temple Lodge 5279 to present a 50 year Certificate to W.Bro. Steve Sapsford.

Because of "insider" information the APMG was able to give a very complete potted history of Steve's life, both inside and outside of Freemasonry, which was well

received by all those present as well as W.Bro. Steve, who was amazed that APMG knew so much about him. He also presented to the Lodge a FEST2022 Vice Patrons certificate.

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Deo Confidimus 6253 W.Bro Leslie Garnham 50 Years



W.Bro Stanley Lewis DSEM



At the Deo Confidimus Lodge No 6253 meeting at Harlow Masonic Hall at which APMG Tony White was in attendance, he presented a certificate recording 50 years in Freemasonry to W.Bro Leslie Garnham who was initiated into Freemasonry on the 2nd September 1967.



W.Bro Stanley Lewis PPSGW DSEM has served the Brethren of Deo Confidimus Lodge 6253 as Almoner for 35 years.

At the age of 93, he is still active and gave a full report of his visits and contacts at their meeting on 6th April, at which he was presented with a special Certificate from the PGM honouring his outstanding contribution by W Bro David Branch ProvJGW.

W.Bro's Brian Hubbard and Brian Barrow 110 Years in Freemasonry.

On 20th December 2018, W.Bro The Reverend Martin Howse APGM, on his first official visit to Audley Lodge, presented W.Bro Brian Hubbard with his 50 year Certificate and congratulated W.Bro Brian Barrow on his achieving 60 years in Freemasonry.

W.Bro Brian Hubbard was initiated into Cranbourne Lodge No 1580 on 24th September 1968 by his Father-in-law W.Bro Sandy Gerrie with his father Bro John Hubbard as JD. He became WM on 30th May 1968 having had family involvement at all the intervening ceremonies. His career at Cranbourne included Charity Steward and Tyler and he received PPDepGReg honours.

In 1969, W.Bro Sandy Gerrie moved to Saffron Walden and joined Audley Lodge, inviting Brian as a guest. Between Jan 1984 and April 2000, they missed only seven meetings out of 112 making Brian the longest permanently invited guest in Audley's history.

Since joining Audley in 1999 he has covered several offices, WM in 2004 and 2018, Almoner from 2007-2018. Awarded Essex PPAGDC and currently PPGDepSwdB. In 2010 he initiated his Grandson, Bro Sam Gerrie, into Audley and hopes to place him into the Chair of King Solomon in April 2019, continuing the family tradition.

Brian has Tyled for Metropolitan Lodge of Craftsman 6268, is a member of Walden Chapter 1280, where his contribution was recognised by his award of PPAGDC (RA) in 2015.

W.Bro Brian Barrow Joined Audley in October 2008, the year he was elected an Honorary member of His Mother Lodge, Theodore White Temperance Lodge No 3795 in Berkshire. Brian, for many years a commercial pilot, was initiated there on 8th December 1958, became WM in October 1974, served as Chaplain and was rewarded by PPJGW in 2000. Since joining Audley he has been WM twice in 2011 and 2014, awarded Essex PPJGD, he has been a valuable, knowledgeable addition to our ceremonies and is currently Chaplain and Secretary of LOI. Brian is also a member of Walden Chapter 1280 where he is currently Asst Scribe E.

Although Brian received his award from his Mother Lodge, the APGM was honoured to recognise the long and continuing contribution Brian has made to Freemasonry.



Engayne Lodge Celebrates its 70th Birthday with Cake

On Saturday 13th April, the members of Engayne Lodge celebrated the 70th Birthday of the Lodge at The Square Upminster. To mark the occasion, a special meal was prepared by The Square's Chef, Gary Mitchel and his staff, followed by a Birthday Cake and a glass or two of Port!!!!.



Theydon Lodge No. 6012, W.Bro. Peter Rank, OBE



At the April meeting of Theydon Lodge No. 6012, W.Bro. Peter Rank, OBE, PAGPurs celebrated his 70th year in Craft Masonry. W.Bro. Tony White, PSGD, Provincial Assistant Grand Master, was delighted to attend the meeting to present his first 70th certificate to W.Bro. Peter, together with a letter from the Provincial Grand Master, RW. Bro. Rodney Bass OBE and a special 70 years lapel badge.

W.Bro. Tony sat down with Peter during the presentation to give a summary of Peter's Masonic and personal achievements which proved to be a fascinating story to tell. Peter was initiated into Kensington Lodge No. 1767 on 19th March 1949. He became WM in 1960 before taking up post as Treasurer for 29 years, during which time he achieved Grand Rank and later joined Theydon Lodge. He was exalted into the Royal Arch in 1951 before joining Herongate Chapter No. 4960 where he went through the Principal's chairs, acted as Treasurer for 16 years and promoted to PPGSN.

He joined the Territorial Army in 1938 before going to an Annual Camp for 2 weeks in 1939. It turned out to be the longest fortnight of his life as he didn't return until 1947! During that time he was selected for the Indian Army and served in many operational engagements including Famine Relief in Bengal (during which he received a Viceroy's Commendation), Commando operations in the Naga Hills, riots in Bombay and Calcutta and patrol duties in the Khyber Pass prior to Indian Independence in 1947 after which he resigned his commission in the rank of Major.

Peter then joined the London Electric Wire Company as an accountant, rising to Director when it was taken over by The General Electric Company. He became Chairman of the Trade Council for the Wire & Cable Industry before becoming the founding Chairman of a European Council for the industry prior to the UK entering the Common Market. It was for his work in this area that he was awarded the OBE for Services to Industry. There is a lot more to W.Bro. Peter's life than can be put into a few short paragraphs and you can always be assured of an interesting chat over the festive board!

Stansted Mountfitchet No 6230 W.Bro Bart Robinson 60 Years



Stansted Mountfitchet Lodge No 6230, were delighted to entertain APGM W.Bro Charles Elliott to their February meeting, to celebrate W.Bro Bart Robinson's 60 years of Masonry.

W.Bro Bart joined 6230 in February 1959, and has occupied many offices during his membership of his mother Lodge, as well as gaining a fine reputation locally with his building and funeral directors companies.

Despite recent poor health, Bart was pleased to be able to receive his certificate and lapel pin badge, together with a personal letter from the Provincial Grand Master"

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The Chapter of Stedfast Unity 9128 Festival 2022 Grand Patron Certificate



On Saturday 21st May E.Comp Elliott Chevin (APGP) attended The Chapter of Stedfast Unity 9128 to present the well achieved Grand Patron certificate for Festival 2022.

Chapter of Stedfast Unity has a strong and healthy membership with new Exaltees in the pipeline, but on the day of the meeting, a perfect storm resulted in a large number of members unable to attend due to a Companions wedding, but in true Masonic fashion the guests supported the Chapter and took office. Including E.Comp Bob Baldwin stood in as H, and E.Comp Colin Frazer as J.

E.Comp Jeff Bennett delivered a paper entitled, The Holy Royal Arch-Why Holy, Why Royal and Why Arch, which was very well delivered and well received by all who attended.



<http://www.essexroyalarch.org>

Weald Chapter Like Two London Buses

At the 203rd Convocation of Weald Chapter No. 2707, held at Hutton Masonic Hall on 9th May 2019, and after a long time waiting for a new candidate, just like London buses, two turned up at the same time!

This gave the MEZ E.Comp Paul Woods the great opportunity to perform a double exaltation. This being a first for the Chapter and with the assistance of the Chapter officers, all while in the presence of APGP E.Comp Arthur Lucas, they exalted Bro Jason Fernée of Buttsbury Loyal Citizens Lodge No. 9609 and Bro Mark Humberstone of Thurrock Lodge No. 4757 Into the Holy Royal Arch.



Our newly-exalted Companions have been members of the Craft for a number of years and both hold Offices in their respective Lodges. They thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and are delighted to have now made the step into Royal Arch. After the convocation was complete, a bumper festive board took place with a Chapter record thirty-six companions present, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.



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Pictured, to the left of the VSL, E Comp Tony Mansfield, PGStdB 2ndDistGPr receiving the Brooke Chapter VSL from their MEZ E Comp Terry Armsby (right of the VSL) together with 2nd & 3rd Principals David Askew and David Lee, E Comp Ian Simpson APGP and other members of the Chapter.

Brooke Chapter 2005 Will Live On



It was a day of sadness in early June 2019 for Brooke Chapter No 2005 and its' Companions when they surrendered the Charter some 130 years after consecration. But it was also a day of reflection and happiness not only when they remembered old friends, events and past successes, but that their name will live on - on the other side of the globe.

E Comp Ian Simpson APGP guided the companions through their final convocations and had mentioned that a Masonic friend from New Zealand, E Comp Tony Mansfield, was in the process of assisting the brethren in Port Vila, Vanuatu, a group of islands in the South Pacific in forming a new Royal Arch Chapter under the English Constitution to complement the only lodge on the Vanuatu Islands, the Lodge of Discovery No 8737.

On hearing this and that being on an island, they had no Royal Arch equipment whatsoever, the companions of Brooke Chapter voted unanimously that all of their equipment would be better put to use in the proposed "Chapter of Discovery No 8737".

By chance, E Comp Tony, who is also 2nd District Grand Principal of the District of North Island New Zealand and who will be the first MEZ of the new Chapter, happened to be in London on the day of the final Convocation of Brooke Chapter and was delighted to receive the equipment and personally thank the Companions, and promised that the name of Brooke Chapter No 2005 would live on, with those intrepid new Royal Arch Masons on the other side of the world.

If you are at a loose end in March 2020, the Companions in Vanuatu would be delighted to see you for the consecration - it is only a minimum of 31 hours flying time!

Malcom Hill

Hainault Chapter 4367

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On 3rd May at Hainault Chapter Convocation, held at the Chingford Centre, E.Comp Cliff Thoms (Deputy Grand Superintendent) Presented a 50 Year Certificate to E.Comp Malcom Hill

Bill Gunary

Ingrebourne Chapter 3345

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50 Year Certificate Presentation

On Saturday 27th April at the Ingrebourne Chapter No 3345.

E Comp Clifford Thoms (Deputy Grand Superintendent) presented a 50 year certificate to E Comp Bill Gunary.

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Provincial Royal Arch Membership Team Stisted Garden Fête



The Royal Arch was invited to enter a stand at this year's Stisted Garden Fete. The stand, which displayed banners and leaflets to raise Royal Arch awareness, was manned by RA Rep Co-ordinators Andrew Johnson and Les Long, who were on hand to answer any questions and enquiries relating to the Royal Arch as well as adjudicating the 'Bulls-eye' and 'Buzz Wire' Challenge.

The successful competitors had their names entered into a prize draw later in the afternoon.

A fun time was had by all as well as contributing £89 to the overall total raised to enrich the lives of the residents of Stisted Hall



The Directors of Essex Mason were out in force at Stisted on the 14th July, pictured here in front of their new 'stand' on the main field, left to right; Graeme Lockwood - Michael Flynn - Peter Hollingsworth - Jeff Cripps and David Boylan

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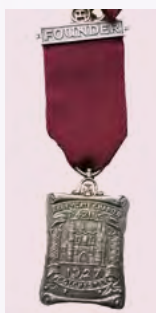
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Grey Friars Chapter E.Comp Tommy Smith 50 Years



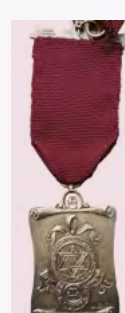
On Monday 29th April, Grey Friars Chapter E.Comp Tommy Smith received his 50 year certificate from E.Comp Clive Rees 2nd Provincial Grand Principal accompanied by E.Comp Ian Simpson Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals and E.Comp Joe Shearer ProvDepGDC

Abbeygate Chapter



Discovered some time ago in a box full of "tat" as described by Abbeygate Daylight Chapter Scribe E, Ex. Comp. Arthur Cooke were two founders jewels for the Chapter. Their ADC Ex. Comp. David Betts was fortunate to find a third one for sale on eBay.

All three jewels were lovingly restored by Graeme Lockwood from Essex Mason and attached to ribbon, and were given to the Principles and worn with pride at their meeting in January.



Lodge of XV A Fine Effort



Anyone who has been lucky enough to visit a Lodge of XV 'fixture' over the past two years will know that whilst the work inside the Temple is typical of the majority of Lodges, the Festive Board, on the other hand, is a different matter altogether.

As the Rugby Lodge of Essex, the Brethren have adopted many of the customs and practices usually enjoyed at your local Rugby Club on a Saturday afternoon with a little more singing than usual – though not to Suffolk standards – and the levying of fines for a series of misdemeanours all expertly handed down by the Lodge ADC and Fines Master, Chris Lee.

"We have standard fines for things like which tie you wear – it has to match the style adopted by the Master (i.e. Provincial, Black, Rugby Club or International) – and as a Lodge Member you are awarded a Cap which you must wear at Festive Board and you have to be careful not to wear it during Grace or any other prayer or remove it at an inappropriate moment. Mistakes in the Temple can result in a fine and social media, especially Facebook, provide a fairly steady stream of income as photos of meals and inane or ancient humour can incur a penalty. You also have to remember that 'ratting' is allowed so if we are short of a source of fines a couple of Members will always remind me of something I've forgotten. Visitors come away relatively unscathed, unless of course, they are silly enough to infringe by say leaving their mobile on in the Temple or dropping a sweet down a flight of stairs which rolls to the middle of the carpet during open Lodge! The average fine per head at each meeting is approx. £3 and the reports I have heard of fines as high as £50 are completely inaccurate. What I would say, however, is that no-one is safe; visiting APGMs, Grand Officers and the PGM when he next visits will be subject to the same rules and be expected to join the party!"



Since it's Consecration in July 2017 the Lodge has raised over £2000 in fines across its 12 meetings. Every penny raised is ploughed back into rugby development with donations being sanctioned by the Worshipful Master at the suggestion of the Brethren or in response to a minor crisis.

Lodge Secretary Mike Hall explains "Whilst we try and give kit and equipment to the Youth and Female sections of Essex clubs who might not have the same level of sponsorship as the main sections of the clubs, we do respond if a club suffers misfortune or is in need of urgent funds. Chelmsford RFC suffered a clubhouse fire which destroyed a large amount of matchday kit so we quickly despatched a cheque to assist the club to buy replacements and keep functioning."

So far donations have been made to Westcliff Youth, Braintree Youth, Basildon Girls & Ladies, Bancroft Youth, Chelmsford RFC and donations have been agreed to Westcliff Girls & Ladies and Ongar Youth and will be with them in time for the new rugby season. Additionally cheques totalling in excess of £3000 have been passed to Jason Leonard's Atlas Foundation, The Wooden Spoon Charity and the My Name's Doddie Foundation with funds raised by raffles and a very successful Ladies Night.



If you are interested in visiting Lodge of XV or, better still, have an interest in Rugby and would like to join please contact Mike Hall – lodgexv@gmail.com



A Stisted Huzzah!

Team XV! Lodge of XV at Stisted this year. Well done everybody, sterling effort from all concerned and tons of money raised.

Another successful day all round and congratulations to Dennis May, Steve Yates and all the other organisers and willing slaves. Nice to see The Boss out and about!



Great to see the Widows Sons at Stisted this year. Thanks for your support for the XV Rugby Challenge.



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From Strength to Strength at Redbridge Lodge



Redbridge Lodge 7145

At the meeting held on 22nd March at Redbridge Lodge 7145 at Upminster, we had an official visit from W.Bro Neil Beverley Assistant Provincial Grand Master. It was an unusual meeting as the work was a double initiation to start with; then after a call off and return the Worshipful Master W.Bro Laurie Bourne was proclaimed Worshipful Master for another year in office. The APGM kindly gave the address to the Brethren. The double initiation was the 3rd in a row for the Lodge and

as the picture shows there were many EAF's there including 2 EA guests from a Southend Centre Lodge that were invited by our Fellowcraft Member Bro Keith Frazer, who incidentally explained the working tools to the 2 initiates Bro's Lee Taylor and Michael Phillips.

It was a Long meeting and I'm not sure if the APGM Neil Beverley and his ADC Adrian Dedman got home in the same day they left! It might be of interest that this Lodge was on the verge of closing 2 years ago, but with hard work from the Members and their friends from other Lodges it's becoming a healthy and flourishing Lodge.



Springfield Lodge 3183

Bro Samuel Crowley (L) initiated on 28th May 2019 and Bro Tom France (R) initiated on the 26th March 2019 with W.Bro Graeme Smith (Centre) who took the Chair of the May meeting at very short notice due to the indisposition of the current Master W.Bro Clive Evans.

Wanstead Park 6718

Bro. Robert MacQueen, our newest Brother with (L-R) Senior Deacon Bro. David Peace, his proposer & Uncle and Worshipful Master W.Bro Steve Readings, initiated March 2nd 2019



Bro. Stephen (Stu) Hunt with (L-R), Director of Ceremonies W.Bro Stephen May, his proposer, Worshipful Master W.Bro Victor David and Senior Deacon, Bro Roger Nelson, his second, initiated March 3rd 2018



Lodge of St. Peter-1024



Lodge of St Peter No. 1024, show off their 3 new initiates



Netteswell Cross Lodge 2980

Bro Sam Dunkley Initiated on 1st February 2019



Pyfleet Lodge 8913

Flavian Padmore
Staff Nurse Initiated 7/03/19



Angel Lodge 51

Nicolas Howlett
Training to be a Solicitor
Initiated 26/03/10



Lewis at Clayhall Lodge

On 5th March a Lewis was initiated at Clayhall Lodge for the first time in its history. The Initiate was Bro. Joseph Lester, the son of the DC W.Bro. Howard Lester.

Eton Manor Lodge 8438 Recruitment Programme Success



At an Emergency Meeting at Harlow Masonic Hall on Friday 3rd May 2019, the Lodge continued with its recruitment program with another two double Initiation ceremonies involving two Fathers and Sons.

Once again the ritual was delivered in an excellent manner by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Hare and his team of officers. The Lodge intend to host another two double Initiation ceremonies in September making a total of twelve new Members since April 2019. Pictured with W.Bro. Chris Hare, centre, are from left to right, Bros. Harry and Ed Hawkeswood and Bros. Tony and Matt Hayes. (see page 21)

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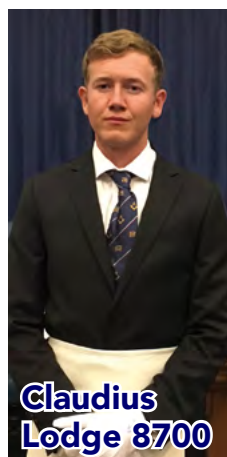
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Bro Liam Bradey Initiated on 2nd November 2018



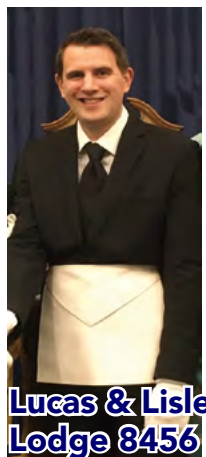
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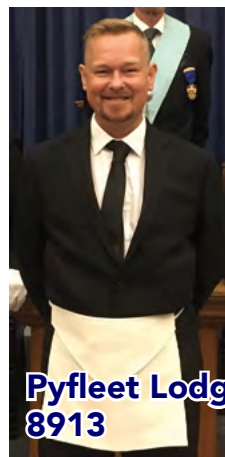
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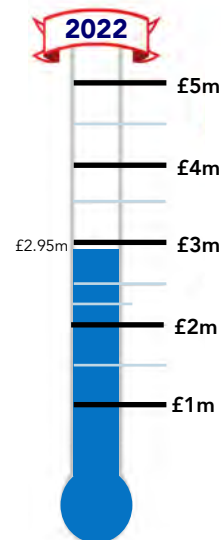
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Festival 2022 Update

Let's hit that £6 million target

By W.Bro Colin Felton ProvChStwd



We are just over half way through the Festival and at the time of writing we have banked around £2.9 million towards our revised target of £6 million – so thank you to everyone who has supported us so far, but as you can see – we still have a long way to go.

To achieve that target we need an average £682 from every Essex Freemason, a figure that has just been achieved by our neighbours in Hertfordshire, so £6 million, hopefully more should be more than doable from a Province like ours, renowned for its generosity.

If you have not done so already please take out a regular payment promise. You can still spread the cost of £8.50 a month plus Gift Aid over five years and the full amount that you pay will still count towards our overall Festival total – and you will receive a Festival Jewel.

Gift Aid

On my travels around the Province I can still see that many Lodges and Chapters are not using Gift Aid envelopes and there is no reason or excuse for not doing this. It is your tax that we are claiming back, your money that can be used for good causes or simply kept by the Government – your decision.

I hear excuses that people do not want the tax-man to know what they doing – well I have news for you, they already know and they are more than happy to give your cash back to charities. Whatever you are told or think you have heard – there is absolutely no reason why your Lodge or Chapter should not be using Gift Aid envelopes and claiming that extra 25%.

I or any member of my Charity Committee would be pleased to visit your Lodge and explain how this works and of course tell you more about the Festival and what we hope to achieve.

As you should be aware Essex is raising money for the Masonic Charitable Foundation which in turn is supporting the Province of Essex to the tune of £1 million a year with grants to local charities and of course to Freemasons and their families in distress – what's raised in Essex stays in Essex.

This money continues to flow in even when we are not in Festival which is why the MCF need our help and need it now. Do not wait until the end of the Festival, anything you donate now will attract 2% interest – helping to swell your Lodge and Chapter totals.

So thank you again for everything you have done so far – you are an incredible group of people who are helping to make a difference right across Essex – now let's hit that £6 million.



The North Essex & Suffolk Masonic Fellowship The Tom Bowdidge Foundation

The NE&SMF recently held its Spring Luncheon at the Frinton Golf Club. Pictured is W.Bro. Russell Howe, Chairman of the Fellowship presenting a cheque for £500 to Bro. Richard Bowdidge Chairman of The Tom Bowdidge Foundation one of the local charities supported by the Fellowship.

The Fellowship was given a very interesting insight into the work of the Foundation which provides support and facilities not otherwise available to young people & teenagers with cancer. The NE&SMF is focussed on supporting local charities and has over recent times supported the Acorn Village, EACH Tree House, the Scouts, Invicta Foundation, Magic Moments, Marie Curie, Horse Rescue, TLC, Holland on Sea Stroke Club, Suffolk Punch Horse Trust and the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

The Fellowship holds a number of social events throughout the year and membership is open to all Masons (regardless of rank) and their wives/partners & widows of past members who become Honorary Members. If you are interested in becoming a member (£5 per year) or would like to attend one of our events please contact David Poppleton on 01206 570725.

West Essex Round Table Lodge 9310

Life Changing Cheque Could Lead to New Records in Charitable Giving



An amazing £703,000 from West Essex Round Table Lodge 9310.

The donation, the result of a generous bequest from W.Bro Alan Helps, who joined WERTL in 1989 and who passed to the Grand Lodge Above in 2015.

Such is the size of the cheque that the PGM RW. Bro Rodney Lister Bass OBE wanted to attend the meeting to acknowledge such a charitable donation.

Receiving the money at a meeting of WERTL at the Chingford Centre on Tuesday May 7th, the PGM paid particular tribute to W.Bro Helps, who was Master of the Lodge in 1998, by taking the unprecedented step of posthumously awarding him the Distinguished Service to Essex Masonry award (DSEM) – a very rare accolade in recognition of his generosity in support of charities both during and after his lifetime.

W.Bro Helps, who never married, left all of his Estate to charity with specific mention of the individual Masonic Charities that existed separately before being taken under the wing of the MCF.

His close friend W.Bro Bob Osborn, executor, supported by W.Bro Mike Jeffries of what proved to be a very complicated will, then realised that he could best deliver Alan's wishes by donating the money to the MCF, through his adopted Mother Lodge – some three years later history was made.

More than 90 masons were at the meeting to see W.Bro Bob Osborn hand over the cheque to the PGM who had previously processed into the Lodge accompanied by four APGMs, the Provincial Chaplain, the Provincial Sword Bearer together with two Deacons and Two Standard Bearers to represent the historic nature and importance of the donation and the occasion.

W.Bro Alan Helps was an Essex Mason for more than 30 years and was well known for his work in the community, particularly helping to raise money for charities and later via his support for his mother, a local councillor in Rainham. Alan was initiated into Epping Oak Lodge 7346 in 1985 which sadly handed in its warrant in 2011. He joined West Essex Round table in 1989 which then became his adopted Mother Lodge and was its Master in 1998.

Alan left an Estate in excess of £2 million and as well as his generous donation of nearly £703,000 to the MCF, he made further bequests to Hospices and charities such as the RNLI. At the time of his passing, aged 72, he was a PPGSwdB and can now add the DSEM following the posthumous award by the PGM.

New Essex Charities Set to Provide Funds for Projects Across the Province

A major shake-up in the way that Essex Freemasons support community projects and good causes in every part of the Province will be completed by September with the launch of two new charities and a major overhaul of an existing fund.

The move, part of an ambitious new initiative by the RW PGM, Rodney Lister Bass, OBE, will release sufficient funds to allow potential grants and the opportunity for Province to work directly with Lodges and Chapters to match fund selected projects.

At the time of writing Trustees are still working on how the grant making process will operate and members will be advised later this year but we anticipate numerous applications from Lodges & Chapters for match-funding and while we will make every effort to make funding available to support as many projects as possible, not every application will succeed.

Funding has to work in tandem with existing resources and income which means that every new application will be considered on its merits and the contribution it makes to the wider Essex community.

The two new charities are the "Essex Provincial Almoners Fund" which is covered elsewhere in this magazine by the Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro Nick Clarke, and the "Essex Freemasons Community Fund." The "Essex Provincial Charity Fund," which was established in the 1930's, has been completely overhauled. All three charities have also been formed into CIO's (Charitable Incorporated Organisations) which will enable us to have greater flexibility when awarding grants.

So how will it all work? It's estimated that the Almoners Fund will need around £50,000 a year to continue its good work with local Masons and their families and this will be provided directly from the Provincial Charity Fund as explained by Nick Clarke. This is in addition to the nearly half a million of funding which comes to Essex each year via the MCF to support Masonic families.

Flagship Charity

The "Essex Freemasons Community Fund" is our new flagship charity formed at the request of the RW PGM. It has been made possible by making economies at the Provincial Office and has a remit to support a wide range of good causes – even those that are not registered charities.

Longer term the bigger plan for the Community Fund is an aspiration to identify one large project each year, which we may also look to the MCF to match fund with us. This would work alongside smaller, but equally significant projects in each of the five major population centres of the Province - Colchester, Chelmsford, Harlow, Basildon and Southend.

We are still looking at different ideas but these projects might be themed for greater impact and publicity potential. These could include for example, charitable causes to alleviate loneliness in one particular year and in the next we might consider supporting paediatric care charities. In all such cases we would still try to get support from the MCF with these, particularly if our strategy matched theirs for that particular grant making period.

It is also the PGM's request that this charity looks closely at "match funding" by supporting Lodges and Chapters make more of their own donations by doubling the amount available, but as explained earlier it will be impossible to support every application so members are encouraged to only submit requests where they can demonstrate a significant benefit to their local community.

These smaller match-funded grants will help lodges make a bigger impact with their own contributions, but as funds would be finite we may have to set agreed amounts as to what lodge donations we would consider supporting each year.

Freeing Up Reserves

Equally as exciting is the Essex Provincial Charity Fund which has been in existence since 1932 and has amassed reserves in excess of £900,000. The PGM has made it clear that the money will do more good in the wider Essex Community.

It will only be able to support registered charities but with its new CIO status once again it will be possible to make match-funded grants or direct donations as needed and all grants from this fund will be considered on merit.

So these are exciting times for the Province in terms of making Charity work in every part of the County, but like all charities there will come a time when we also will need to raise money if the work is to be continued.

Once the Festival is over we hope that once a year every Lodge and Chapter will be able to donate the proceeds of at least one Alms collection or preferably a raffle to either the Community or Charity Fund. If we had a choice we would hope that this could come from an installation meeting.

Monies for the Community Fund will continue to come each year from surpluses accrued in the Provincial accounts by prudent management but like all charities there will never be enough to support demand so we hope that longer term support really will be a two-way partnership between Lodges and the Provincial charities.

Further announcements will be made soon and I look forward to working with you.

W.Bro Colin Felton
ProvGChStwd

Danehurst Lodge 4541 Support Willingale Junior School

When the members of Danehurst Lodge 4541 learnt that Willingale Junior School in Loughton were struggling to establish much needed after School clubs, they stepped in and made a grant which was sufficient to allow the school to purchase all the equipment they needed. School Governor, Mr Lee Cromwell, is now pleased to report that the after-school clubs are now up and running and proving of great benefit to parents of children at the school.

W.Bro Peter Clark, Charity Steward of Danehurst Lodge comments "the Members of Danehurst Lodge believe they can make more of a difference in supporting small local community causes than in supporting national charities who already have much greater resources available to them. We were delighted to support this local appeal for funds therefore which is already clearly proving of wide benefit in the community."





3000 Mile Road Trip will help 700 children every year across Essex

Essex Freemasons have joined with charity Lifelites in an epic 3,000 mile journey across Britain - part of a nationwide fund raising challenge to ensure that 700 terminally ill and disabled children living in the county, receive the specialist care they need.



The charity, supported by local Masons for more than 20 years, works with all of the four children's hospices operating in Essex – Little Havens, Thundersley; Haven House Children's Hospice, Woodford Green; The J's Hospice, Witham and Saint Francis Young Adults Group in Romford - supplying specialist computers and software.

In Essex, this means that the charity empowers 700 children and young people every year with life-limiting, life-threatening illnesses and disabling conditions by providing them with opportunities to be creative – and more importantly to communicate and to take control of their lives – in many cases right up to the moment of passing.

Local Freemasons have traditionally funded much of the £25,000 needed each year to ensure that Lifelites can continue its good work in Essex and were pleased to support the latest initiative – a 3,000 mile road trip by Charity chief executive Simone Enefer-Doy, linking up 47 different Masonic counties, with the added twist that in each area, all transport had to be a little unusual.

Colleagues in Kent chose to transport Simone via the Tilbury Ferry, where she was greeted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex, Paul Reeves, driving a genuine Bangkok Tuk Tuk. Then on to Tilbury Fort for quick photocall and finally to Cheshunt to meet Masons from Hertfordshire.

"Although we support hundreds of different charities across Essex Lifelites has always had a special place in the hearts of local Masons," said Paul Reeves, "because of the fantastic work they do in the county."

"Meeting Simone at Tilbury was another opportunity to thank her for all that she and Lifelites do for our children via local hospices – and of course we could not let her go away empty handed and was delighted to present another donation of £2,500 to help ensure that work can continue."

"Essex Freemasons are dedicated supporters of Lifelites, and we're so grateful that they volunteered their time and vehicles to help us complete this challenge – the Tuk Tuk was also a little bit special helping to make my visit even more memorable," said Simone.

"We have been absolutely blown away by the response we've had from volunteers all over the country and can't thank people enough. The money they've helped us to raise will be life-changing for the life-limited and disabled children that we support in each area."

Lifelites is a small, but very hard working charity and are determined to do all that we can to impact the lives of children who don't have the same opportunities that we do due to the confines of their condition. Every moment is precious for these children and their families, and Lifelites want to make sure they can make the most of every second.

Stifford Heath Lodge 8327

Stifford Heath Lodge No. 8327 welcomed a visit from the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Chas Elliott who presented the Lodge with their certificate of achievement as Patrons of the Essex 2022 Festival. The picture shows the certificate being presented to W.Bro. John Keens who had been Installed as Master during the meeting.

To add to the occasion W.Bro. Chas Elliott was surprised when he was presented with a cheque for £4000, making a total of £13000 which would qualify the Lodge as Grand Patrons of the Essex 2022 festival, by the Charity Steward W.Bro. Richard Bowyer. Afterwards the Lodge enjoyed a lively Festive Board, where W.Bro. Chas eventually got his voice back.



Shoeburyness Lodge 6665

The Lodge was delighted when Mrs Barbara Oliver the wife of the late Tony Oliver, the Lodges IPM and Almoner came to Saxon Hall, together with the Lodge Charity Steward Ian Hunt and Lodge DC Roy Bryant, to present a cheque for £2500 to Kayley Fletcher of the Southend Hospital Chemotherapy Unit.

The cheque represented W.Bro Tony Olivers Masters List and was for the unit in which Tony had been receiving treatment for the last 3 years. In a testament to this ladys strength of character she is continuing to assist the Lodges stand in Almoner with looking after the Lodge widows. Barbara also abseiled down the Tower of Southend Hospital on Saturday 18th May to raise more money for the Hospitals Chemo Unit, what a Lady!!!

Henry de Gray Raise £1000 for



On Saturday 2nd February W.Bro Steve Hall – Charity Steward of Henry De Gray 6627 presented a cheque for £1000 to Gurjit Thandi, the local representative of the Sands Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Charity.

Gurjit was delighted to accept the cheque which helps to raise money for Sands in memory of all the babies that are born asleep. This donation will help to provide a Cold Cot for Whipps Hospital in East London



Provincial Grand Charity Steward
W.Bro Colin Felton PADGC colin.felton@essexpjl.org

Eton Manor Lodge 8438

On April 18th 2019 at Harlow Masonic Hall, Eton Manor Lodge No: 8438, welcomed a visitor from Province, W.Bro. David Branch PJGW accompanied by W.Bro. David Barrett Provincial Grand Steward, who witnessed a very special occasion, two double initiation ceremonies.

The ritual was delivered in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Chris Hare W.M. with great support from his team of officers. The Lodge will continue with it's recruitment program on 3rd May 2019 with another two double initiation ceremonies involving two fathers and sons. The sum of £1170 was raised the following Saturday at this years Ladies Festival.

The money will be donated to The Playbarn Project, a charity which works towards creating sterile play centres for children with cancers to socialise and play safely.



Old Esthameians Lodge 7693

Worshipful Master Neil Duggan of the Old Esthameians Lodge 7693 - The reason why we raised money for Saint Francis Hospice and Richard House Children's Hospice.

"I chose the latter because it was a children's charity and chose St Francis as I have visited there several times with my partner Georgie who used to work weekends there as a volunteer on reception."

W.Bro. Neil also attended a Dementia Friends seminar there, and was greatly impressed with the staff and the great work they do there.

There were two fund raising events and a Ladies' Festival weekend, which marks the end the end of a successful year as Worshipful Master of Old Esthameians.



We had a Lunch for Brethren, friends and family at Raphaels Restaurant and Grill in Gidea Park. That event raised £158.25 each for Saint Francis Hospice & Richard House Children's Hospice respectively. The second event was an evening with Andy McConnell which raised £337.50 each for the two hospices. The final event, The Ladies Event at Oxford, included a Gala Banquet on the Saturday evening, where a raffle and auction raised the fabulous sum of £685 for each charity.

The Craft Went Underground



The Craft went underground in early May when two teams of active Provincial Grand Stewards took on teams of Stewards from Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk in a race around the London underground.



With the challenge to visit as many stations as possible in 3 hours being jointly organised by W.Bro. Bill Dotesio-Eyers of Suffolk and W.Bro. Rob. Lancashire of Essex, this brought lots of smiles from fellow passengers as they watched Brethren dart off and on tube trains before the doors closed. The race had bonus points for a visit to Mornington Crescent with all team members baring their knee which brought great bemusement to the poor traveller asked to take the picture.

The Essex teams raised nearly £2,000 for FEST2022 from kind donations by Brethren in the Craft, Chapter, Mark and Rose Croix however they did not prevail in the race losing out to Suffolk by just one station. A lot of fun was had and the Members of the different Provinces got a great opportunity to socialise with over pie and mash at the Freemasons Arms afterwards. With plans to make this an annual event the Essex Brethren are already planning how to win next year!

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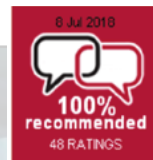
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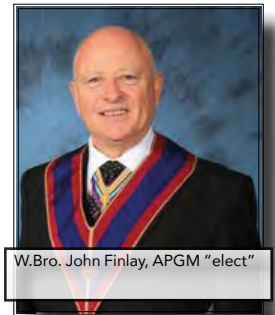


Mark Provincial Grand Lodge Felstead Annual Meeting

Thursday the 30th of May saw the 2019 Essex Mark Provincial Grand Lodge take place, once again, at the picturesque setting of Felstead School. On what was, as before, a fine day, over 350 Mark Masons from Essex and across the Country gathered together to attend the meeting and enjoy the festive board afterwards.

Of note, again, was the significant support in the number of displays and information stalls of other Orders meeting in Essex, not just those under the auspices of Mark Grand Lodge, but from Essex Craft and Royal Arch and all those that have an Essex footprint. By supporting and encouraging membership of other Orders we all ensure that Essex Freemasonry will flourish.

Many took the time to speak to the representatives of the Orders, ask questions and, in many cases, take away joining forms.



W.Bro. John Finlay, APGM "elect"



Craft Provincial Executive at the Mark Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting - John Davis, Graham Dickerson, Chas Elliott and Lee Taylor

Our own Regalia Store was also there with a significant amount of pre-loved regalia sold to members not only saving them a significant amount but also raising a significant amount for the Essex Mark Welfare Fund.

With Provincial Lodge opened, the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Terence D. Sheern, formally welcomed our guests who numbered over 40 from other Provinces and Heads of other Essex Masonic Orders- a splendid attendance and a measure of the success of our Province. We were also introduced to the "father" of the Province, W.Bro. Clarence "Dick" Caldwell (a sprightly 96 years young) as well as the newest member, "fresh from the quarries", Bro. Tony Hicks who was Advanced into the Beriffe Lodge just two weeks ago.

One surprise to us all was the announcement of the retirement of V.W. Bro. Anthony Latham, APGM and that he was to be replaced by our current Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. John Finlay, AGDC. He will be invested at the meeting of the Essex Installed Mark Masters Lodge on Thursday, 12th September, to which all Mark Masons are welcomed.

Essex Mark Combined Stewards Lodge 1628 Double Advancement

The Essex Combined Stewards Lodge, No. 1628 which meets at Orsett Masonic Hall, saw two more Craft Stewards Advanced into Mark Masonry in an excellent meeting a few days ago which also had the DPGM, VWBro. Richard Bowyer, an APGM, WBro. Mark Reeve and the ProvGSW, WBro. Bill Fraser present.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Paul Thurgood, with some fine assistance from his Officers and several willing volunteers in the persons of Roger Wacey, PastAPGM as the Senior Deacon as well as Derek Oliver and Charles White, conducted the meeting in a superb manner.

The Overseers were, apparently, led by a particularly officious Master Overseer in the person of Bob Potts, PastAPGM with Roy Kaye and Len Abrahams in the Senior and Junior Chairs. Credit was also due to the Director of Ceremonies, John Finlay, for the organisation and direction of everyone concerned and for ensuring it all ran smoothly. The Lodge was also honoured by the presence of several visitors from other Stewards Lodges in neighbouring Provinces.

Finally, the WM was also pleased to accept a Grand Patron Gold Award MBF Collarette to mark the several thousands of pounds that have been donated to the MBF by the Lodge in total which was presented by the DPGM, VWBro. Richard Bowyer.

Combined Stewards is "special" Mark Lodge which is growing fast. It is open to anyone to be Advanced into (or join) who holds or has held Office as a Provincial/District or Grand Steward (or equivalent) in any Masonic Order. If that's you, then mayhap you ought to join them! Whilst membership is restricted to Stewards, all Mark Masons are welcome to attend as guests.



Bro. Sean Fitzgerald, a Craft PProvGSwd of the Valence Lodge, No. 5388
Bro. Stuart McMillan, a Craft PProvGSwd of the Roding Lodge, No. 3090

On behalf of the Essex Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund W.Bro Paul Snod was pleased and delighted to present a donation of £100.00 to Ms Syrie Cox CEO of Southend YMCA in support of the Sleep on the Pitch campaign, which was held on Saturday 18th May 2019, at Southend United FCs, Roots Hall Stadium, where teams had been camping out on the pitch over night, and were involved in activities during the course of the event, all in awareness of youth homelessness in Southend and the surrounding areas.

If you, or your Lodge would be interested in learning more about the work and the fund raising activities the Southend YMCA does in the local community then please, contact Ms Sacha Edwards, sachaedwards@southendymca.org.uk or by telephone 01702 431676, where Sacha will be pleased to assist, with your enquiry.



Brentwood 377 W.Bro Jack Saunders

witnessed by the PGM

No Pressure !!

Brentwood Mark recently held its Installation meeting where Jack Saunders was Installed Master. Jack will be known to many as one of the communications team and largely

responsible for our "social media" output. A keen, committed and young(er!) Mark Mason, Jack said "Just home from Brentwood Mark No. 377 where I was installed into the chair of Adoniram. What a nerve wrecking evening, but thoroughly enjoyable! I am looking forward to Advancing a candidate into our wonderful Order. I thank all the officers, members and the many guests who attended also"

The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Terence Sheern, in recognition of Jack's commitment to Mark Masonry, made an unofficial visit and was very pleased to receive a cheque for the Essex Mark Welfare Fund from the new Master.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners 205 Centenary Meeting

It seemed like one hundred years in the planning, but, after a genuine 100 years of existence, the Beaconsfield Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 205 celebrated its Centenary Meeting at Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea, Essex.



The meeting was held in the presence of our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern, escorted by his ProvGDC, W.Bro. John Finlay and accompanied by a significant number of Provincial Officers which included both of the Provincial Wardens. Additionally, we were honoured with the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, escorted by the DepGDC, W.Bro. Matthew Hampson and accompanied by the Asst to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Paul Merryfellow. There were also a large number of guests, not least our Past PGM, RW Bro Michael Spencer and a Past APGM, W.Bro. Bob Potts as well as many others, not only from our "sister". Southend Lodges, but from all around the Province too.

The meeting started and, subsequently with our PGM entered, took the Commanders Chair and addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting, a little of the history of Beaconsfield and some historical facts. The AsstGM then entered, took the chair from the PGM and addressed us further before asking the Asst to the GSec to read both the original and the Centenary Warrant. Members of the Lodge then lined up to receive their Centenary Jewels which were presented to them.

The Lodge Commander, W.Bro. David Garston then went on to Install the Commander Elect, Bro. Martyn Pinkney, with W.Bros. Baum, Caldwell and Jacobs assisting meaning that the four longest serving Brethren were, once again, taking an active part in the Lodge's history. Brother Martyn was Installed in a faultless Ceremony from W.Bro. David. Finally, with all his officers appointed and invested, the Lodge was delighted that the PGM delivered the Address to the Commander. We also had two Grand Lodge Certificates to be presented, which the AsstGM graciously agreed to do to the delight of our two newest Brethren, Brothers Ronnie Schwartz and Mike Pearsons.

As a final, unexpected, act, Beaconsfield Lodge were pleased to confirm Honorary Member status on the Asst GM, Stephen Davison; our Provincial Grand Master, Terry Sheern and, as a testament to his previous service, the Past PGM, Michael Spencer.

With the Lodge business finally closed, everyone retired to a fine festive in the Jubilee Suite. Below are a selection of photographs taken on the night. Prints are available if required.

Just as a slight "daily advancement", if you are planning a Centenary, some sage advice: start two years earlier than you planned, save twice as much money as you think you need and, finally, find a good Asst Scribe who will research the history for you!



Essex Mark Master Masons Trip to España

A fine body of Essex Mark Master Masons once more made the journey to warmer climes and attended the District Meeting of Spain, held once more in the world famous resort of Benidorm.

Without the Provincial Grand Master this year who was committed elsewhere, this salubrious bunch consisting of some old faithfuls and one or two new faces had pleasure in representing our Province at the District meeting which was, as ever, a wholly enjoyable event.

The more eagle eyed will notice that Jimmy Quinn, now wearing his WM's apron is still smiling we can only assume that his higher status kept him a bit further from the bar this time?

The next meeting will be held in the First Saturday in February 2020 and, no doubt, some will be attending again so diary the date now if you want to take part next year.

Mark of Industry 1413 Double Advancement

The Mark of Industry Live Up To Their Name with a Double Advancement!

The Mark of Industry Lodge held their regular meeting of the RAM and Mark Lodges on Saturday 15th of June at the Upminster Masonic Centre. They were honoured to receive V.W.Bro. Anthony Latham, APGM on an official visit who was, on this occasion, escorted by the ProvGDC, W.Bro. John Finlay.



W.Bro. Anthony Latham (APGM), Bro. Andrew Crawford, Bro. James Joyce and WM W.Bro Richard Hollier



(Left to Right) V. Ill. Bro. Brian Foulkes, 33°, Inspector General for the District of North Essex, Ill. Bro. Steve McConnell, Most Wise Sovereign of Ilford St. Mary Chapter and V. Ill. Bro. Michael D. Withams, 33°, Past Inspector General for the District of North Essex.

St. Mary Chapter 743 Rose Croix

On Tuesday 18 June 2019 Ilford St. Mary Chapter No. 743, which meets at Harlow Masonic Hall, held its regular meeting, but on that occasion, regrettably did not have a candidate for Perfection.

However, the Brethren attending were treated to a Demonstration of the Intermediate Degrees, which was given by V. Ill. Bro. Brian Foulkes, 33°, Inspector General for the District of North Essex. As each Intermediate Degree was conferred, V. Ill. Bro. Michael D. Withams, 33°, Past Inspector General for the District of North Essex, delivered a detailed explanation of the Degree and its meaning and symbolism.

The 21 Brethren attending found the explanations, which were based on the writings of The Late Most Puissant Bro. Reverend Canon Richard Tydeman, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, extremely interesting and most informative.

Such was the enthusiasm of the Brethren that V. Ill. Bro. Michael Withams has offered to deliver explanations of other parts of the Perfection Ceremony at Ilford St. Mary's Meeting on Tuesday 1st October 2019. Visiting Brethren will be most welcome



Essex Provincial Almoner



It is so good to be writing to you with such positive stories about the work of Essex Almoners Workshops were held in April around the Province and they were supported by 180 lodge/chapter almoners and their deputies who participated in looking at the role of the lodge almoner, deputy and the reports that are needed in the lodge, Excellent hospitality was given to us in Upminster, Kirby Cross and Harlow and my thanks to them and to all who participated.

2020 Almoners Conference

Almoners Conference 2020 will be on the 4th April 2020 at Saxon Hall, Southend, please make a note of the date and we hope to see all the lodge/chapter almoners or their deputies present. We are now planning the key note speakers and it will be a great event.

Light Pen's

The pens with a light on are going to be available again this autumn and winter, we had a sell out last year and we are always being asked for more. My thanks for your support and all the profit goes into the EPAF to help Essex Masons Invites to visit lodges and chapters are always welcomed, and if invited to speak we will give either a short update on all our work in less than 10mins. or if preferred more formal papers can be delivered which usually last between 30mins and 40mins.

Loneliness and Social Isolation

Loneliness and social isolation is public enemy number one, and it does not just affect older people, social media was blamed by 22% of younger people for making them feel lonely and isolated and just look at the consequences of all people who are lonely - Low self-esteem (30%), Depression (27%), Anxiety (26%), Confusion (10%), Eating disorders (8%), poor eating (28%), Sleep issues (24%)



We often only realise that people are lonely when they tell us, but there are plenty of lonely people who never say a word. Loneliness can feel like a dirty secret sometimes, like acknowledging that you're somehow deficient and defective. It's as though you didn't get invited to the party or picked for the team, like everyone is playing the game while you just watch from the side lines.

For many it feels shameful to say the words out loud - I'm lonely - so we mostly don't. It hurts to admit that you feel unwanted and invisible. The constant questions that are underneath the pain and the shame of being lonely are, do I matter? and does anyone see me?



Be Generous

So, one of the most generous gifts we can give people is ourselves, our time, our attention and our willingness to care about them. When we show up for people in this way, we answer people's deepest questions - you matter and I see you. This is what we call pastoral care.

There are many groups who may be lonely and it is not just the elderly, people whose partner works long hours, people who are grieving all kinds of losses, young people who think they have no friends, teenagers who are left in the cold because they are not as adventurous as their peers, school children left alone in the playground, students who prefer to study and not socialise, a party goer with no body to speak to and business folk of all ages who don't get included in a meeting, don't get asked for their point of view or who are not recognised with a smile by their leader.

So, let us ask ourselves what can we do to make a life better, can we make a phone call, write a letter, visit somebody, look at somebody and ask for their opinion or just smile at them, or can we sign post these people to get help? Whatever we can do will make a difference to that person.

We exist to relieve distress and we are trying to encourage lodges to develop widows/widowers' lunches, tea clubs, games activities, theatre trips etc. to get people out and about. But first we have to identify people who are lonely and that is why I am asking for Lodge Almoners to promote this work in their lodge/chapter and to seek the help of all members.

Hamilton Court Update

Since our last article we have had some major changes at Hamilton Court. Following several meetings with the Masonic Housing Association and great support from His Honour Ian Alexander QC, we have been given the finances to replace all the kitchens at Hamilton Court. The programme started on the 1st April 2019 and is due to finish at the end of June 2020. As of today 8 are complete and, the residents are delighted. Hopefully this will be followed by redecorating the corridors and stairwells.



A Great BBQ held in June with 25 + residents. Thanks to W.Bro Chris Gun, master chef and all the ladies who helped on the day. The enjoyment carried on till late in the evening with glasses of Baileys and wine.

We have arranged a trip to the Houses of Parliament which will be sponsored by James Cleverly M.P. who will personally escort us on the tour. We have also arranged for Mark Smith to attend in October to give us his famous talk on the V.C

We will start a monthly Sunday Coffee Morning for any Mason who is interested to visit us and see the facility we are fortunate to have in Essex.



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Essex Provincial Almoners Fund EPAF



Introduction

The charity was officially launched on the 30th March 2019 and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity's Commission, Number 1177292

This new almoner's charity exists so that there is greater transparency for donors to see where their money is going to in the Province. All money given to this charity is used for almoner work in Essex and the other two Provincial Charities give the money they receive to charities and good causes, mainly in Essex but not exclusively to Essex.

What is the Purpose of the Fund?

To ensure that eligible Essex Masons, their qualifying dependents and unattached widows have access to immediate funds through the Essex Almoners Team in times of great need, be it financially or medically

How is the Money Used?

Our aim is to use this money very quickly, often within 24 hours to give immediate relief from suffering connected to either or both, financial or health matters.

The fund is also used to provide support to our masonic widows who have become unattached from their own lodges.

Typical examples of how the money is spent

Emergency food shopping, buying clothes for children, paying rent, electricity, gas and rate arrears, minor repairs to a house, mending a car, buying toys for children, help with legal costs, clearing pests and rubbish, small financial awards to help until benefit arrives, commissioning occupational therapy reports, purchasing types of mobility aids, helping with funeral costs, emergency optical and dental costs, travel costs to and from hospitals and repairs to stair lifts. Supporting widows without a lodge at Christmas with a gift. The list seems endless.

How is the Fund Managed?

A board of trustees manages the affairs of the charity under the Chairmanship of W. Bro Nick Clarke, the Provincial Grand Almoner. He and the charity's finance officer, Gary Hostler look after the day to day matters that the charity is asked to deal with and are held to account financially and practically by the trustees

What Makes Up the Fund?

The fund only operates with a current account and which is examined each year and presented to the Trustees. All monies spent are first agreed by both the Chairman and the Finance Officer. Typically, the fund does not spend more than £50K pa.

Who is Eligible for Help?

All Essex masons and their eligible dependents who meet the criteria for help. Details of such criteria is available from the Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro Nick Clarke on 07768 067817 or from any of the Provincial Almoners Team.

All of the money given to the EPAF is used for supporting Essex Masons and their eligible dependents who are connected with an Essex Lodge or Chapter

Where Does the Money Come From and where should it be sent to?

Contributions come from Lodge, Chapter and individual donations, especially at Christmas when support is wanted to be given for the unattached widows. More donations however are required through the year to support our ongoing work which takes place every day of the year. All donations are acknowledged immediately, they are hugely appreciated, grateful received and faithfully applied to those in need. They should be sent to Nick Clarke, 7 Les Bois, Layer de lay Haye, Colchester CO2 0EX

Cheques should be made payable to the 'EPAF'.

If at the end of the year more money is needed to support the almoners work then the EPCF will provide additional funding.

Nick Clarke
Provincial Grand Almoner

Freemasons Mark 75th Anniversary of D-Day

Essex Freemasons turned out in force on 6th June to commemorate the sacrifice given by many at the anniversary of Operation Overlord on 6th May. This operation was a pivotal moment in the Second World War, taking the offensive to the Germans to push them back out of occupied countries. It wasn't easy but hard fought, taking another year to complete the overthrow of the Nazis and to restore peace to Western Europe.

To mark that day, national commemoration events took place in both Portsmouth and in Normandy, but the garrison town of Colchester held its own event at the War Memorial in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Jennifer Tollhurst, and many dignitaries from around the region. The focus was on airborne forces who today make Colchester their home, centred around the unveiling of a new garden feature depicting "Pegasus", the emblem of British Airborne Forces, and a display in the Castle Museum.

A solemn service followed after which V.W.Bro., Paul G. Reeves, DPGM laid a wreath on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master with the respect of all Essex Freemasons. Further wreaths were laid down by W.Bro. Paul Masters on behalf of Colchester Masons and W.Bro. Paul Fell on behalf of Ostrea Lodge, Wivenhoe.

Photo Credit: Linda Fell (1) & Mike Barrett (2)



Provincial Grand Almoner
W.Bro Nick Clarke PADGC nick@nickclarke.f9.co.uk

A Masonic wedding making history worldwide for one Billericay couple At Saxon Hall



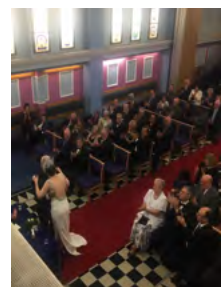
It has probably never happened before – anywhere in world - and may never happen again. It is the story about a Billericay couple and the members of a Masonic Lodge in Southend that made their dreams come true with a very special wedding and a night they will always remember.

For the bride, Elena Torrealba it was also the opportunity to fulfil her deepest wish to honour the memory of her late grandfather, a highly respected Freemason, by getting married in a Masonic Temple.

When her now husband Amador, also a Freemason, asked members of his Lodge Southend-on-Sea which meets at Saxon Hall if it was possible, it started a chain of events that finally led to a glittering ceremony and celebration that combined a traditional Lodge meeting, with a wedding and a spectacular meal afterwards on the evening of March 6th.

Even though Freemasonry is hundreds of years old it is believed that such an event has never happened before. Traditional Lodge meetings are usually followed by a meal and sometimes wives and partners join in – but there has never been a recorded moment when a wedding followed a Lodge meeting.

"I know my grandfather Michael would have been so happy," said Elena. "This is what I really wanted, to get married in a Masonic Temple and as I have no family here in the UK the Masons at Southend have made it really special for me. Someone told me that I have been married with 45 brothers and their families wishing me well – it's true and it has been a wonderful evening which I will always remember."



MASONIC DINING CLUB

A very brief AGM of the Colchester Masonic Dining Club was held at the St Giles Masonic Center when Mike Rumsey having been Chairman for nearly three years handed the reins over to W.Bro Robert Needham.

A well attended dinner was enjoyed by all. Following the dinner our guest speaker Les Hamble, gave us an insight as to the dedication of our sub mariners on patrol in the Artic Oceans, playing cat and mouse with any intruders. The training of the crew was such that any member could perform any function in the operation of the submarine should any emergency arise.

A vote of thanks was given by Bob and business cards were handed out to members to provide contact information should anyone wish to join.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 3rd of April 2020.

Skreens Park In Action

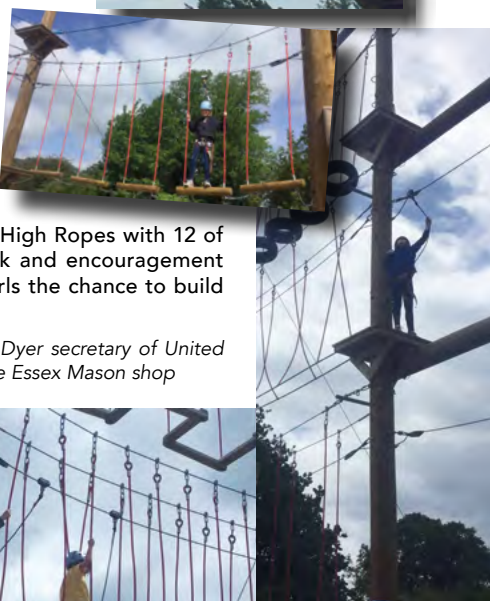


Great Horkesley Guides & Brownies

Great Horkesley Guides and Brownies from Colchester enjoyed their stay at Skreens Park during the May half term. From the smallest Brownie to the oldest

Guide, they all completed the first level of the High Ropes with 12 of them going on to complete level 2, team work and encouragement from the two excellent instructors, gave the girls the chance to build confidence and character.

The Guides are led by Ann Dyer wife of W.Bro Bill Dyer secretary of United Lodge No 697 and a member of the sales team at the Essex Mason shop



Thames Mouth Lodge and The Music Man



At a regular meeting of Thames Mouth Lodge 6994, which was held at Saxon Hall on Saturday 12th January, saw a talk given by David Stanley. David is not a Freemason but was invited into the Lodge after it was called off.

David founded The Music Man Project UK which is an award-winning, world record-breaking music education service specifically for children and adults with learning disabilities. David Stanley left his job, as a deputy head teacher, to find The Music Man Project UK to meet a growing demand from parents for regular and accessible musical opportunities for their children. The Music Man Project nurtures their innate musicality, delivering education, enjoyment and performances through the teaching of original music at special schools, colleges,

care homes, weekly music schools and daily adult classes in the community.

The Music Man Project offers the same opportunities enjoyed by aspiring mainstream musicians by providing the best tuition, instruments, musical repertoire and performance platforms available. It currently operates in Essex, Suffolk, Sussex, Kent, Hampshire, Bristol, Lincolnshire, Scotland, South Africa and India. It supports schools, the Salvation Army, local Mencap societies, Music Education Hubs and individuals in fulfilment of its objective to establish a specialist music service in every county in England, in every country in the UK and in every continent in the world.

David delivered an interesting talk about the project, going into its origins and their accomplishments to date. He had an aspiration to bring The Music Man Project to the Royal Albert Hall and now, after a sell-out date at the London Palladium, this is soon to become a reality. The date has been set for Monday 15th April 2019 and would be great to have a sold-out audience.

The Master of Thames Mouth Lodge, W.Bro David Dann, took great pleasure with presenting a cheque to David after the talk and the lodge looks forward to supporting this charity in the future.

For any more information for the Music Man Project please visit their website:
<https://themusicmanproject.com>

Thurrock Lodge 4757 Its been 30 Years'



W.Bro Jeff Cave and Bro. Barry Davison celebrated 30 years in the Thurrock Lodge. Both were initiated on the same day; Saturday 14th January 1989. Congratulations to both.

Villerica Golf Day



The Villerica Lodge No 4053 Golf day was held at Langdon Hills Golf Club on Friday 5th July, with the help of glorious sunshine Worshipful Master Bill Moon along with 78 golfers and over 100 evening guests raised on the day over £8,300.00 for the Essex Festival 2022 & Prostate Cancer



Provincial Grand Stewards Snookered?

Essex Provincial Grand Stewards Ball chalks up a huge success for a birthday boy

Apart from the evening of the Ball on 16th February being a great success and one to remember, the Charity Auction provided an opportunity for W.Bro Ian Watson to purchase two tickets to the Snooker Final on 6th May, knowing that his son's Birthday was on the 9th.

With huge thanks to John and Dil Singh, who pulled out all the stops to ensure full VIP and best seats, Sam Watson and his friend were treated to hospitality beyond the call of duty and a memorable Snooker Final. Culminating with a meeting with Dennis Taylor, Sam had a birthday to remember.

Sincere thanks to John and Dil and their contacts at Betfred, for making a young lad a very happy 'Birthday Boy'.



Gunfleet Lodge Support St Helena Hospice

Following a successful Ladies Festival the Master of Gunfleet Lodge Archie Turnbull (centre) is pictured with his Lady Angela Barker presenting a cheque for £600 to the community fundraiser of St Helena Hospice, Zach Whitter.

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St Osyth's Priory Lodge 2063 Welcomes Battlefield Lodge 714 Ontario, Canada

At the meeting of St Osyth's Priory Lodge No: 2063 at the Colvin Memorial Temple, Clacton on Sea in April 2019, we were delighted to receive as a visitor W.Bro Rod Mills from Battlefield Lodge No: 714 Ontario, Canada. Rod's Great Grandfather was our Worshipful Master Edward Mills in 1901. In this year Queen Victoria died and Edward VII became King.

W.Bro. Edward Mills was Senior Warden in 1900 and Junior Warden in 1899. The same year Coronation Chapter No: 2063 was proposed and three years later Consecrated. He was a Steward in 1896 which is twelve years after St. Osyth's Priory Lodge was consecrated in 1884.

During the meeting, the Worshipful Master presented Rod with a facsimile of the original minutes of his ancestor's Installation (which had been read in open Lodge that night) along with a copy of the summonses from his Initiation, Installation and his first meeting as Worshipful Master.

He was also presented with the history of the Temple and Clacton on Sea in the early 1900s, an Essex Provincial tie, a collar, an Essex Jewel from the 1800s and lapel badges for our Lodge No: 2063.

W.Bro Rod Mills replied, thanking all the Brethren for the magnificent welcome he had received not only for himself but also for his wife who had been taken for a meal by our Ladies. He then presented to the Lodge a Jewel that had belonged a past Director of Ceremonies of our Lodge, which had been in his Great Grandfathers possession. Rod also gave some Brethren a Canadian Maple Leaf Lapel badge No: 714.

The Worshipful Master Mike Perkins recorded his thanks to W.Bro. Peter Harris, Bro. Doug Carpenter, the Secretary Bro. Stephen Hutchins, Bro. John Richardson and W.Bro. Ian Bartlett for all the work they had carried out to put together such a wonderful package for our Brother from Canada to take home with him.

A brief Masonic history of the Mills family: On the 19th April 1982, W.Bro. Ted Mills (Edward Mills son) assumed the Chair of King Solomon for the Initiation of his son Rod at Battlefield Lodge No. 714, Stoney Creek, Canada. The lodge celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2015.



Association of Friends Prince Edward Duke of Kent Court Stisted Hall Golf Classic 3rd June 2019

This eagerly awaited annual event was supported by stalwarts and new players alike with some 13 teams competing and resulting in the closest competition ever. It was a lovely day all round and much laughter and nervous banter could be heard on the 1st and 10th tees when play commenced and stiff bodies coerced into action again.

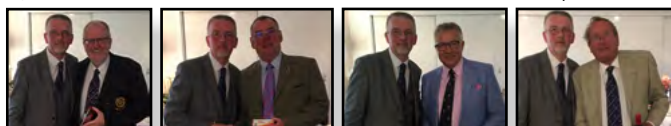
"The course was in excellent condition with recent rain and sunshine making the grass fresh and lush yet the rough not too exacting so really there were no excuses!"

The format of a single round Stapleford competition enabled a leisurely start with bacon baps and coffee at registration and a noon tee off time enabling a mid afternoon finish and an early supper so it was a really pleasant relaxing day.

We are as always indebted to Jeff Cripps and Nigel Oldacre for their organisation in putting on the event for another year and remember this in 1 of only 2 major fund raising events for the Association of Friends during the year and the support by players, organisers and Braintree Golf Club is much appreciated. If you ever have a chance to visit Stisted Hall (rather than looking for lost balls in the grounds) you should do so, you will be well impressed and residents often are up for a chat and a cup of tea.

This year our guest Tony White APGM representing the Provincial Grand Master Rodney L Bass. Tony is a great supporter of the Friends and a sponsor too, and addressed the diners after supper thanking them as ever for a very fine day and presented well earned prizes.

Straightest Drive: Eddie Smith - Nearest the Pin: Steve Britt - Nearest the pin in 2 Paul Clark.



Winning Team



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Essex Mason Receives Bulgarian Honorary Diploma

Many Essex Masons will know W.Bro. Colin Whitehead of Ostrea Lodge No.8209 through his attendance at Lodges and Chapters though out the Province, having served his Mother Lodge as Secretary for some 10 years, and the work he undertakes on behalf of the Province, be it Orange Aid representative where he climbed Ben Nevis to raise £6000, The Essex Tercentenary Committee and Dinner celebrations or as a member of the Essex Provincial Charity Stewards Committee where he acts as the North Essex Centres Charity Representative focusing on the 2022 festival which here he encourages all to support .

But what many may not know is that he has for the past twelve years been developing connections with Freemasons in Bulgaria. After purchasing a holiday home in Bulgaria he began visiting Bulgarian Lodges as well as attending meetings regularly held in the UK, one of which held on the 6/4/2011 and hosted by the Earl Strafford Lodge No. 3550 in Hertfordshire included the Assistant Grand Master of Bulgaria Brother L. Parmakov of Hiram Lodge No. 037.

W Bro. Colin Whitehead in recognition of his extraordinary merits for the development of fraternal relations and sustained interest in Bulgarian Freemasonry in some troubled times within that region, the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria has awarded him a Honorary Diploma and gold medallion linked to his promotion as an Honorary Bulgarian Grand Officer. The presentation was made by W.Bro. Todor Todorov Worshipful Master of Krund Lodge No.079 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria on the 16/4/2019. He will of course when you next see him in regalia be wearing his Essex Provincial Apron displaying his PPJGW badge with continued pride.

Essex Masonic Bowls Open 2019 Thorpe Bay Bowling Club

Sunday 21st July 2019

In 2018 the reconstituted Essex Masonic Bowls Association held the first Inter-Lodge Bowls Competition for about 8 years, which was very successful (and significantly oversubscribed).

This year W.Bro. Tony Goater and W.Bro. Richard Goodwin, on behalf of the Association, organised another competition, this time at Thorpe Bay Bowls Club, overlooking the Thames, and changed the format from triples to teams of 4 to allow more players to take part. On 21st July 2019 twelve lodges took part, a total of 48 bowlers, but there were still several lodges on a reserve list.

They all enjoyed glorious sunshine but benefited from a welcome breeze coming off the river, and all attending had a very enjoyable time with the day attracting many others who just came to watch or dine with the players afterwards.



The eventual winners were St. Margaret's Lodge No. 5168 hailing from Rochford with Eastwoodbury Lodge No. 7922, also from Rochford, missing out by only 1 point to be the Runners-up.



The photos show the winners and runners up with W.Bro Paul Reeves presenting the Trophies, together with a group photo with all 48 players.

Building on the obvious appetite in the Province for such competitions the third annual event will be hosted by Corinthian Centenary Lodge No. 8488 at the Burnham-on-Crouch Bowling Club in June or July 2020. Early application is recommended to avoid disappointment.

At the dinner W.Bro Richard floated the idea of the Association resuming involvement in the Inter-Provincial competitions that are already taking place but which Essex has not taken part in for some years. The suggestion was met with very positive acclaim.

Further information regarding that will be distributed as soon as it is available and anyone who would like to join the Association and be considered for that team or to pre-book a place for next year's Inter-Lodge event (subject to date availability) should email W.Bro. Tony Goater (Association Secretary) at rkd19820@aol.co.uk



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Events

Masonic Charitable Foundation Ball £25,000 in One Evening!

Every year since 1973, with the exception of 2017, the Masonic Charities, through the Friends of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, have held a Charity Ball as a fund raiser for the "Good Neighbour Fund" as well as to raise the profile of the Charities.

In those 45 years around £850,000 had been raised. With the consolidation of the charities into the Masonic Charitable Foundation in 2014 the name was changed to the Friends of the MCF and a tradition was started to have a Provincial Grand Master as the President. In 2014 it was RW.Bro. Ian Yeldham for Suffolk and in 2019 it was our own Provincial Grand Master RW.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass, OBE.

The venue this year was the impressive Grange St Paul Hotel in London on Saturday 15th June. Around 230 sat down to a sumptuous dinner and fantastic entertainment. This included Jasmine Elcock, BTG Finalist and Swing Central. R W Bro Rodney Lister Bass welcomed all who attended and emphasised the importance of the MCF, the Festival 2022 and the support of Essex Freemasons. W Bro Dr John Reuther responded with thanks from the Friends.

A cheque for £10,000 donated by Essex Mason was then presented to the MCF from the Province of Essex. There followed a magnificent set of fund-raising events, including a Raffle, Table Bing, Auction and Silent Auction. All these together raised another £15,000 making a wonderful £25,000 on the night, a record for the MCF Charity Ball.



Good luck to Sussex for next year!



The Lombardian Inter-Lodge Golf Challenge

The Lombardian Inter-Lodge team event proved to be very close this year with 3 teams finishing with 43 points. The eventual winners on count back were Darren Ridgwell & Rob Alabaster (Castle Point Lodge) from Paul Halley (Rochford Daylight) & Phil Thomas (Old Southendian Lodge) with Dennis Lockhart & Darren Lee (Lodge of Fraternity) coming 3rd.

The raffle raised £230 which was very well supported considering there were only 21 attending. Many thanks to those who donated prizes especially Lloyd from Nore Lodge. A total of £430 was raised on the day with 50% going to the charity chosen by the winners and the other 50% go into SMGS charity account. The winners chose two charities: The Danny Green Fund and Epilepsy Action, the attached photo shows the winners being presented with the Trophy by this years Captain of SMGS Geoff Newman.



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Dear Reader,

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I would urge all of you over 70 to check whether you have been screened, and, if you haven't, to do so as soon as you are able.

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Competition Winner

In the last edition we asked "Which APGM dressed up as a Panda at the Lord Mayors Show"

The correct answer;
Peter Hollingsworth

Congratulations

W.Bro. Mike Saunders of
Ixion Lodge 2501 who meet in Harlow

Mike will receive a Provincial goody bag with some wonderful items included





Lodge of Daily Advancement

A 'First for Essex'

Authored by W.Bro Tony Hales

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF DAILY ADVANCEMENT No 9979

On Tuesday 16th July 2019 the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Bro Paul Reeves stood in for the Provincial Grand Master as the Consecrating Officer for the Lodge of Daily Advancement No 9979 at Saxon Hall, Southend. On the same day 50 years ago the Apollo 11 mission was launched with Bro Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin becoming the first Freemason to walk on the moon.



The Provincial Grand Stewards team provided first class support throughout the meeting which was opened in the Three Degrees by the Worshipful Master of St Laurence Lodge No 5511 the sponsoring lodge. The meeting was called to order and the Consecrating Officer VW.Bro Paul Reeves entered with the Provincial Consecration Team. After the opening hymn and salutations he addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting.



The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Geoff Turpin, called the Petitioners to order around the Lodge Board (the Tracing Board of the Third Degree) and Phil Lovelock the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Warrant of the Lodge and the Consecrating Officer enquired of the Petitioners if they approved of the Officers to preside over them which they confirmed.

The Consecrating Officer then called on the Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain, Rev Michael Bradley, to deliver an Oration which he did by pointing out that some people see Freemasons as "apart" from society but we are very much "a part" of society practicing Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and also said that 16th July was an appropriate day to "Launch" a new lodge.

After the Consecration the Consecrating Officer relinquished the Chair to the Senior Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Peter Hollingsworth who installed the Primus Master Alan Everard PSGD into the Chair of King Solomon. David West PPJGW was invested as the Immediate Past Master, John Davies PSGD as Senior Warden and Ian Simpson PAGPurs as Junior Warden.

The Provincial Senior Grand Warden, John Bold, gave the address to the Worshipful Master. The Provincial Junior Grand Warden, David Branch, gave the address to the Wardens and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the new Lodge, Charles Elliott, gave the address to the Brethren. The normal business of the Lodge was conducted during which a proposition for the first joining member, Cliff Phillips PPJGD, was received. VW.Bro Paul Reeves presented the Primus Master Alan Everard with three hand carved gavels as a gift to the new Lodge from its sponsor St Laurence Lodge No 5511.

The day ended with VW.Bro Paul Reeves informing everyone that although the Provincial Grand Master had spent most of the day receiving treatment in hospital, he was delighted to learn the Consecration meeting had been so successful. To everyone's surprise the PGM had directed VW.Bro Paul to promote the Secretary of the new Lodge, W.Bro Lawrie Morrisson, and invest him as a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. From the applause given followed by a standing ovation it was evident all wholeheartedly agreed with the Provincial Grand Master's choice and everyone signed a souvenir card to wish RW.Bro Rodney Bass a speedy recovery.

Particular credit should go to VW.Bro Paul Reeves DepPGM, W.Bro Peter Hollingsworth Senior APM and W.Bro Charles Elliott APM who all stood in at short notice to do their roles along with W.Bro Phil Lovelock as ProvGSec for his work behind the scenes and W.Bro Geoff Turpin who demonstrated to all throughout the rehearsals and during the Consecration that he is an accomplished Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.



Pictured, centre W.Bro John Hornsby-Bates, WM of Undine handing the collars to W.Bro Alan Everard Primus Master designate of Lodge of Daily Advancement (LODA), together with (left of WM), W.Bro John Davies, SW Designate of LODA, (far right) W.Bro Dave Elliott, Secretary of Undine and (far left) W.Bro Ian Parker, Treasurer of Undine and a Founder of LODA.

Undine Lodge No 3394 Closes but Will Live On in the New Lodge of Daily Advancement No 9979. It was a day of sadness on 10th July 2019 for Undine Lodge No 3394 and its Brethren when they surrendered the Warrant almost 110 years after consecration.

It was also a day of reflection and happiness not only when they remembered old friends, events and past successes, but knowing that their name will live on with the Lodge of Daily Advancement No 9979 which was consecrated only 6 days later.

W.Bro Alan Everard, a Past Master of Undine Lodge is also the Primus Master designate of the new Lodge of Daily Advancement and suggested to Undine that much of their equipment would be better put to use in the proposed new lodge, which the members of Undine readily supported.

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Maldon Masonic Hall Association Cluster Meeting



Monday 11th March saw the inaugural Maldon Masonic Hall Association Cluster Meeting for the five lodges of fellowship who meet at the Masonic Hall in Maldon.

The Cluster Meeting was attended by representatives from Wheel of Fellowship Lodge No. 9016, Lodge of St. Peter No. 1024, Frederick Leistikow Lodge No. 9143, Beeleigh Abbey Lodge No. 7017 and Dean Ingas Lodge No. 7951.

We also had the honour of being joined at the meeting by RW PGM W.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass OBE and our APM W.Bro. the Reverend Martin Howse.

The evening included an interesting presentation by W.Bro Peter Hill PPJGW on a history of the Wheel of Fellowship Lodge and a great informative overview of Frequently asked questions (including the answers) regarding Free Masonry by W.Bro Ken Cownden PPJGW.



There then followed a sumptuous festive board of prawn cocktail, roast lamb, apple and blackberry crumble and cheese and biscuits rounded off with the raffle which raised £420 for the MMHA. One of the prizes was a very special cake, made specifically for the occasion.

The evening also saw a Cheque for £4,500 presented by the Wheel of Fellowship Lodge for the 2022 Essex Festival Relief Chest which was followed by a presentation from PGM W.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass OBE to W.Bro. Paul King the Worshipful Master of the Wheel of fellowship lodge with their Grand Patron Certificate for the 2022 Essex Festival.

The Wheel of fellowship lodge are the first Lodge in the Maldon Masonic Hall to receive this high award.

Entered apprentices who attended the evening with our honoured guests from left to right

RW PGM W.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass OBE – Bro. Simon Bourne (Lodge of St. Peter) – Bro. Mark Pickering (Lodge of St. Peter) – Bro. Daran Tilby (Wheel of Fellowship Lodge) and our APM W.Bro. the Reverend Martin Howse.

The Cluster meetings will be held every year, with each Lodge at the centre taking turns in being the host , this year this fell to Wheel of Fellowship Lodge No. 9016 and next year it will be the turn of Lodge of St. Peter No. 1024 with the remaining lodges following on each each after that.

Ronald Frederick Marsh Lambourne Lodge no 3945



It was on the 17th of July 1957 that Mr. Ronald Frederick Marsh, entered Loughton Masonic Hall, unaware of what would happen next, was met by his father John as IG, and was initiated him into freemasonry, so that when he left Loughton Temple, he was a Brother to all other freemasons worldwide, but particularly Lambourne Lodge no 3945!

He was only 21 years plus 2 months old, which meant he had a head start regarding longevity in Masonry, but he filled those early years by progressing through to WM in 1970. He took on ADC and then DC for 8 years followed by 5 years as Chaplain. He had started work as a pupil civil engineer with Rush and Tomkins, was awarded a state scholarship to read Civil Engineering at Kings college, London, receiving a BSc , and then moving to Ove Arup for the rest of his outstanding and satisfying career.

He had attended Kings College which entitles him to append AKC after his name, but his earlier school was William D'Aeth in Dartford, and eventually was the Founding Master of the Dartford school lodge.

He was honoured with active provincial grand rank of Senior Grand deacon, and thence PPSGD, eventually on to PPJGW. Unusually he also attained PPJGW in West Kent (Dartford).

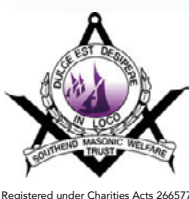
He was a constant attender at the L of I., being preceptor for many years, when the L. of I. was weekly, and the excellent ritual that was typical of Lambourne Lodge was no doubt due a great deal to Bro. Ron's efforts.

He has been resident in France for several years, but still attended as often as possible, but recently had suffered with back problems which saw him being bed-bound during 2016/17. However, as part of his rehabilitation he is trying to become more mobile, and to remain upright. Because of hospital appointments he was able to attend Dartford but could not make Lambourne, his Mother lodge who meet in October.

It was therefore agreed to present him with his Certificate to recognise the 60th anniversary of his Initiation, at the William D'aeth Lodge, after observing the protocols of both Essex and West Kent GL, where the R.W.Bro. Col. Sir Neil Thorne PPGM., presented Bro. Ron with his certificate, with genuine sincerity , especially when Sir Neil, sat with Bro Ron as he was unable to rise comfortably.

This was followed by a presentation by W.Bro Doug. Lee, Lambourne's master of a capo damonte model perhaps modelled on Bro. Ron himself. At the festive board the host Lodge also presented Bro. Ron with a tankard as their tribute to his contribution to them. A summons suitably signed by all present was also handed to Bro, as a memento.

Finally, all who know him see him as a big man, both Masonically, and in normal life, with a beard that is as old as his Masonic career.



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On Monday 11th March, and for the second year in a row, myself and three other intrepid Undine Lodge Brethren ventured North to the province of Suffolk in order to meet with an old friend and Undine Lodge Brother, W Bro Bill Molloy, now Secretary of Lowestoft-based St Margaret's Lodge No.1452.

On the evening of the same day we were pleased to be part of a regular, well attended meeting which took place in The Masonic Hall, Lowestoft. At 6.15pm the W Master and his Wardens Opened the Lodge promptly, greeting Members and Visitors warmly and in grand style.

The busy and business-like Agenda included an excellent Third Degree ceremony, which I am reliably informed was almost word perfect, elections of various Lodge Officers, and to receive the Audited Accounts for year ending 31st December 2018.

The Festive Board proved, as before, a most enjoyable affair. Good, wholesome, well presented food, good wine and good company were in abundance, and at the finish we were delighted to have witnessed a rather pleasant closing tune sung by the Brethren of St Margaret's Lodge.

Needless to say, this early Spring event will now become a permanent fixture in our diaries, and would strongly suggest that all Brethren should take every opportunity to make such visits to other Provinces as and when they may arise.

photo shows : Front Row, Left to Right - W.Bro's Colin Keeping, Barry-John Smith (Welsh Mason Visitor in area on business), Terry Mirams, David Elliott and Clive Snell. Back Row - Left to Right. W.Bro Colin Browne SW, W.Bro Stephen King WM, Brother Andrew Besant JW, W.Bro Bill Bowman Provincial Rep. and Brother Darren Mann IG (Candidate - Third Degree).



As part of our passing in the second degree we learn that freemasonry is universally spread across the earth, meaning freemasonry is bigger than just The United Kingdom. So as masons always searching out new wisdoms the question is why would we not want to search out masonry in other countries and learn and understand their ways.

Well that is exactly what we did at the Lodge of Faith 6830 Brightlingsea. Before becoming a freemason I was in a Round table in Essex and we were twinned with a Round table in Zwolle in the Netherlands and had many happy years twinning making great friends there and it typified what brotherly love is all about. So after a couple of years being a mason I suggested the possibility of twinning to our General Purposes committee and cutting a long story short after seeking the appropriate permissions we were twinned with Fides Mutua Lodge No 33 in The Netherlands.

We now have reciprocal visits each year to each others towns. Last summer we had a healthy contingent of about 15 Dutch brothers visit us and they put on a demonstration of a Dutch first degree in English which was excellent, so naturally we had to return the gesture, so at the end of March myself and 10 brothers from the Lodge of Faith supported by brothers from Lodge of Hope and Charity from Brightlingsea and 1 from United Lodge in Colchester took a trip over to The Netherlands. We were as always looked after superbly by the Dutch brethren which culminated us English Brethren performing a 1st degree in English! And being made up of mostly past masters it was of course word perfect. One of the great things about visiting our brothers in The Netherlands is it isn't just them we get to meet, there are often Dutch masons from various parts of the Netherlands and some years there have been brethren from Osnabruck in Germany, a truly international weekend. I guarantee if you really buy into the masonic spirit of brotherly love you would enjoy twinning with other lodges in Europe and even wider. I would encourage all lodge to consider a reciprocal twinning arrangement with other lodges from Europe. 371 Words

Since 2010 The Lodge of Faith 6830 in Brightlingsea has been twinned with Fides Mutua Lodge No 33 in The Netherlands and with each visit each year the relationship goes from strength to strength. This year was no exception, in fact this was the best year yet for The Lodge of Faith to visit The Netherlands as we were accompanied by members of Lodge of Hope and Lodge of Charity Brightlingsea and a member of United Lodge Colchester. After a fantastic visit to us by Dutch Brethren last year who most ably performed an ancient Dutch first degree ritual In English, we returned the gesture this year by carrying out a demonstration of an Emulation 1st Degree also in English in their temple. This went down so well next year they will visit us again this time delivering a Dutch 3rd degree. I think these demonstrations will go on for sometime to come and maybe we may even attempt one in Dutch in the future (or maybe not). Twinning is a fantastic way to meet new Brethren from other countries and I would thoroughly recommend it to all lodges.

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Epping Forest Lodge 4263 W.Bro James Fretwell PAGDC 50 Years

Full Article from page 11



W.Bro Kenneth Montgomery PSGD, APGM, made his last Official visit to Epping Forest Lodge on Saturday 9th February 2019 before his retirement in March 2019, to carry out a most pleasant duty of presenting W.Bro James Ernest Fretwell PAGDC with his 50 Year in Freemasonry Certificate.

James Ernest Fretwell, was born in Stratford, East London on 21st October 1933, one of 4 siblings and the eldest son.

Jim started his career working for the family business, The Fretwell heating company, and then as a proof reader for a shipping Company, before moving into the drawing office of Sulzer Bros. During this time he met Jean, who became his wife in 1955. They had 2 children, Laurence and Susan and now have 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Jim studied at night school to obtain his qualifications and steadily worked his way through the ranks in Sulzer to become Sales Director, taking early retirement in 1989. One of the highlights of his career was becoming President of his professional Institute, the Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers in 1999, and then a member of the Council and Executive Board.

Jim's masonic career started when he was proposed into Freemasonry by W.Bro George Henry Goodall and seconded by Bro. George Godby, both of whom were Jim's work colleagues at Sulzer Bros. He was Initiated into Epping Forest Lodge on 8th February 1969, by W.Bro. Bill Carpenter on our 197th meeting, where he was the 169th Initiate of the Lodge, and was rapidly passed and raised at the two subsequent meetings. Jim worked his way through the progressive offices and took the Chair of the Lodge in November 1980. In February 1986 he had the pleasure of Initiating his son into the same Lodge and subsequently passed and raised him. Jim received his first Provincial appointment, an active rank of Provincial AGDC in 1988, and in 1992 was promoted to PPDepGReg, and then to PPJGW in 1999. In November 2000 Jim was immensely proud to be able to Install his son Laurence into the Chair of King Solomon in Epping Forest Lodge. In 2001 Jim received Grand Rank of PGStB. In 2003 Jim was appointed as Provincial Junior Grand Warden in the Province. In 2010 Jim was promoted to the Grand Rank of PAGDC.

Jim was instrumental in forming Epping Forest Chapter in 1990 and was the Primus Scribe Ezra when the Chapter was Consecrated in 1991, an office which he held for 6 years before taking the Chair of the Chapter in 1997. Jim also exalted his son Laurence into the same Holy Royal Arch Chapter in 1997, and subsequently Installed him as MEZ in 2005. Jim also became a member of Essex First Principals in 1993, and holds the Grand Rank of PGStB.

Jim has also been very active with the Loughton Masonic Centre, having been appointed as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Events Committee for Group 3, in 2001 and successfully organising events for the 'Freemasonry in the Community' initiative. For the next 4 years Jim remained as Chairman of the Events Committee and in his role as Treasurer raised funds for various Community projects, including a local school for children with learning difficulties and for the Loughton Masonic Centre Refurbishment Scheme (including a lift for disabled).

In 2003 Jim was appointed Chairman to the Board of Loughton Masonic Hall Company, a post he held for 9 years. During his tenure Jim introduced an information Newsletter which was produced and circulated to all users of the hall at least twice per annum covering a variety of matters including TLC, the Grand Charity, PEDoKC, honours, up-date on the Centre in general, Provincial news, and details of inter-centre activities (especially at Chingford/Loughton).

The APGM made a very eloquent and personal presentation of a 50th year service certificate to W.Bro Jim Fretwell, remarking that it was actually particularly relevant as today is actually 50 years to the date in which he was initiated into the Lodge. During the presentation, W.Bro Ken Montgomery also recalled some of his personal experiences during the last 50 years, which were very similar in many respects to that of W.Bro Jim's personal life, work and masonic career. The APGM then presented a 50th year lapel pin to W.Bro Jim who responded accordingly.



Counos Lodge 8133

Counos Lodge 8133 achieved Vice Patron and W.Bro Lee Taylor was pleased to present the WM William Morris with the certificate

Also that night he was installed into the chair of King Solomon for the second time by his brother Terrence "Terry" Morris.



Fellowship & Unity Lodge 8680

On the 16th of April the members of Fellowship & Unity Lodge 8680 were honoured with an official visit by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. The Rev. Martin Howse, PPGChap escorted by W.Bro. Neil March, ProvDepGDC.

At this meeting the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, presented the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Mark Walker with the Essex Festival 2022 Grand Patron Certificate in recognition of their outstanding achievement.



Lodge of Beneficence 7978 Installation

Installation of a new Master of the Lodge of Beneficence No.7978 21st February 2019

W.Bro Christian Webb was installed as Master of the Lodge of Beneficence No.7978 witnessed by his Father W.Bro Terry Webb who made the sincere address to him as Master and his brother Carl Webb was in attendance to view an impeccable display from the new Master in what was a very special and fantastic evening.



Lodge of Faith 6830 Brightlingsea

At a recent committee meeting it was decided to find a lecture for a forth coming meeting and in particular something different. The DC of the lodge W.Bro Ian Wilkinson set about finding such one and with his links to the local scout group found a suitable one. Seeing an article in a free masonic magazine he managed to make contact with WBro Tony Harvey, PAGDC The Prestonian Lecturer 2012. So it came to fruition that WBro Tony travelled down from Nottingham to Brightlingsea to deliver the 2012 Prestonian Lecture "Scouting and Freemasonry: two parallel organisations ?" to the forty plus attending brethren at the cluster meeting held at the Lodge of Faith 6830 February meeting.

An interesting and very informative evening was had by all including Our visiting APMG WBro Tony White, before retiring to the festive board where the conversations continued. Money raised from the sale of books about the lecture, which WBro Tony duely signed for the brethren and the generous donation from the lodge raffle raised £415 which are were split between the Masonic Charitable Foundation and The Scout Association's Heritage Centre project. On behalf of the lodge members WBro Ian presented WBro Tony Harvey with a lodge firing glass as a reminder of the evening and visit to the lodge.

With two 1st degrees ceremonies coming up and a 1st degree demonstration at the lodge's twinned lodge Fidus Mutua, (a short 8 hour ferry trip across the water in Holland) coming up its going well in the Lodge of Faith.



Picture L - R W.Bro Trevor Back, W.Bro Tony White, W.Bro Terry Doherty (WM), W.Bro Tony Harvey and W.Bro Ian Wilkinson.

Albert Lucking Lodge 2717 Burns Night

Albert Lucking meeting on Saturday 16th February opened promptly by W.Bro. Vic Chivers. Following the reading of the minutes from our January meeting, W.Bro. Vic proceeded with as a double passing ceremony. This was enhanced with the long explanation of the working tools by Bro. Josh Vaughan and an explanation of the tracing board by Bro. Paul Field; both presentations received the DC's 'call to order' from the brethren. We received as a new member, a long standing visitor, W.Bro. Pat Groves. Pat expressed his thanks to his proposer and seconder and was looking forward to his time with the lodge.

W.Bro. Clem Britton attended the meeting today and received a heartfelt rendition of 'happy birthday' to celebrate him reaching the age of 90! - Following the closing of the lodge a photo (attached) was taken with Clem sitting proudly with all the members surrounding him. The brethren then retired to what must be the lodges first ever 'Indian meal' at Saxon Hall.



Canute Lodge Masonic Symbols

On retiring as a school teacher in 2013 my adult children though it would be a good idea to reawaken my passion of stamp collecting by buying me some Masonic postage stamps to occupy my time. They knew I did not just stick coloured pieces of paper on pages of a stamp album but where possible I would research into their background and bring them to life.

There are two main types of stamps those that show Masonic symbols and those of actual freemasons. Thinking there would only be a few of each I decide to collect both types. How wrong could I be I have currently five live albums.

In 2014 I joined the Masonic Philatelic Club who produces a superb quarterly magazine on Masonic stamp research and collecting. They offer opportunity to club members to present articles to be considered for future publication. I have presented two so far with a third in the pipeline. I have also alerted the club when I have found new stamp issues from around the world on the internet.

Presented to Canute Lodge, in the presence of W.Bro Nick Franklin APMG, a talk on Bro Sir Stanford Fleming a Scottish Freemason who it credited amongst many other things in designing the first "Masonic postage stamp" in 1851.



Joshua Nunn Lodge 2154

Joshua Nunn Lodge Support Halstead Air Training Corp... W.Bro Malcolm Smith, Secretary and W.Bro Jim Gage, Charity Steward of Joshua Nunn Lodge No. 2154 attended the Open Evening of 1163 (Colne Valley) Squadron on Monday 25th March to present a cheque for £400.00 to Sergeant Emily Stewart and cadet Sergeant William Birch.

The funds will be added to the cost of replacing the ATC Squadron's trailer which was recently stolen from their Courtauld Sports Field Headquarters and reported in the local press. The lodge responded to this news by donating the sum raised from an earlier raffle to this very worthwhile organisation.

After the presentation Flight Lieutenant Paul Davison RAFAC, the Commanding Officer gave an interesting talk on the activities enjoyed by the cadets including 'Essex Wing' adventurous training events where the trailer was an essential piece of equipment.



The Essex Mason Woodham Walter Community Defibrillator



The Brethren of Beeleigh Abbey Lodge 7017 take the values of Freemasonry very seriously. Integrity, kindness, honesty, fairness and charity are an integral part of Masonic life but charity extends beyond being inward looking and moves into the community as a whole.

The residents of the village of Woodham Walter have every reason to be thankful for this ethos. Set the task to raise funds for a Parish Council but Church led community defibrillator, the Churchwarden, W. Bro. Paul Clark PPGSwdB, himself a member of Beeleigh Abbey Lodge, raised the matter at a Lodge meeting and the Brethren rallied by making a significant contribution towards the acquisition, not just by making a financial grant but also by voluntarily giving up their time and expertise to ensure the project was a enabled and based in the redundant village telephone kiosk purchased by the Parish Council.

Bro. Stephen Nunn, a local Maldon historian of repute, launched the project with a fund raising talk on St Roger of Beeleigh, which raised a significant sum; W.Bro. Martin Cook PPJGW helped raise money by playing the organ at fund raising events; Charity Steward W.Bro. Martin Harvey PPAGReg obtained approval for a charitable grant that, when added to other funds raised by Bro. Nunn and the Village, allowed the defibrillator to be purchased. A defibrillator is best used, but not exclusively, by trained operators and Bro. Peter Stilts, a specialist trainer in such first aid matters, voluntarily assisted by training some twenty-three operators so there is a spread of personnel across the Village.

The Parish Council Chairman John Tompkins, together with a number of village volunteers refurbished the iconic K6 telephone box that is now fully commissioned as a community defibrillator access point and managed by a community group.

The image depicts (from L-R) W.Bro. John Tompkins PAGESuptWks, (Chairman of the Parish Council), W.Bro. Barrie Harding PPGSwdB (Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council), and from Beeleigh Abbey Lodge W.Bro. Martin Harvey PPAGReg (Charity Steward), W.Bro. Paul Clark PPGSwdB (Churchwarden), Bro. Peter Stilts and Bro. Peter Richardson PPGPurs (Lodge Secretary). Bro. Stephen Nunn was on holiday at the time of the photo shoot.



Lucton Lodge 3353

On the 25th February 2019 Lucton Lodge 3353 held its regular meeting at Loughton Masonic centre where W.Bro Martin Wheatley (pictured centre) presided over his first full working meeting since his installation in January 2019.

W.Bro Jim Jefferson presented a talk entitled "Preparing the Candidate for Initiation", which was well received by all members and guests alike, and all in the presence of W/Bro Peter Hollingsworth APM and his accompanying ADC W.Bro Neil March. After the meeting the Worshipful Master along with the lodge treasurer W.Bro Trevor Sumner presented a cheque to W.Bro Peter of £300.00 towards the 2022 festival (photograph attached). The occasion was then completed with the festive board which was enjoyed by all.

W. Bro Colin Wenden and Mike Saffill presenting a cheque to the value of £500.00 to help with the running costs of the Hearing Help Essex Charity.



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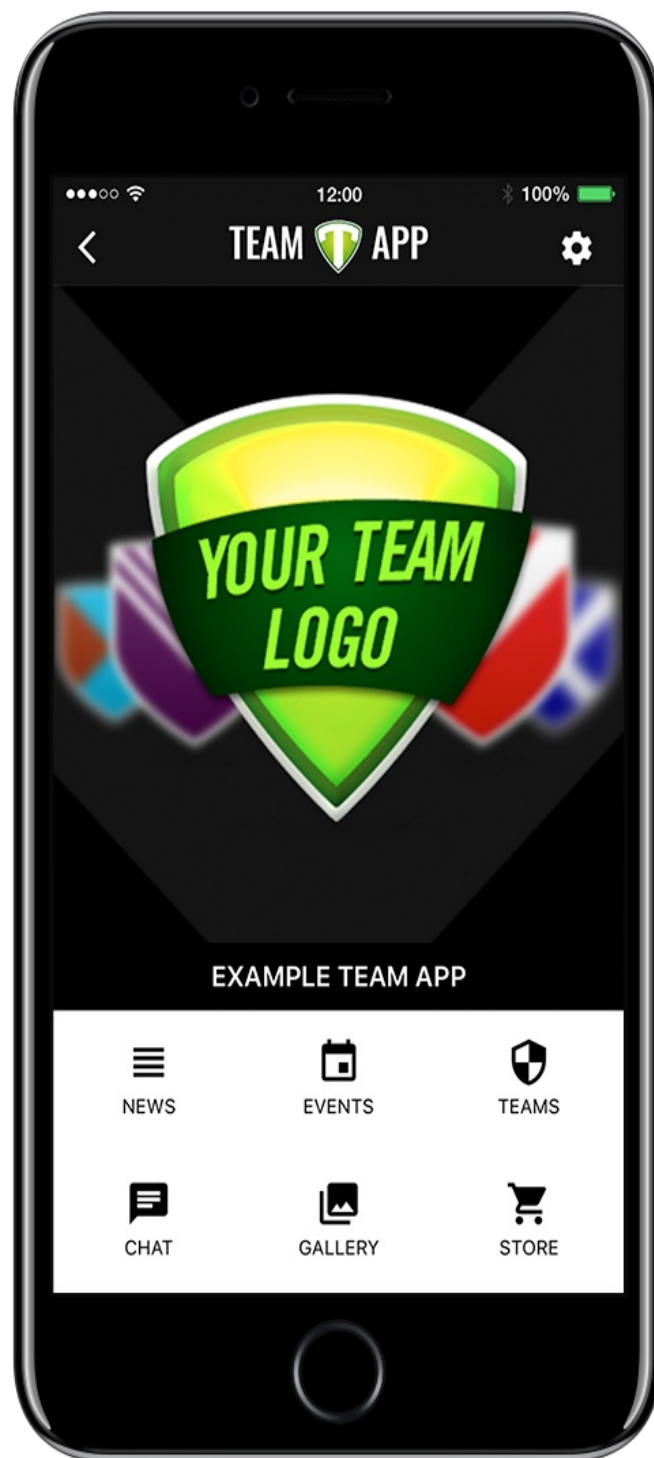
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Father, Son & Brother

The recent meeting of Cranbrook Lodge at Loughton was a real family affair !

The Worshipful Master - W. Bro James Henderson - had the pleasure of initiating his younger brother Stuart, ably assisted by their dad, Antony, acting as J.D.

They did a great job in the company of our visiting APM, W.Bro Charles Elliott, who presented the Lodge with a Patron certificate for the Festival 2022.

Danehurst Lodge 4541

Representatives of Danehurst Lodge 4541 recently visited the Harold Wood shop of The Rainbow Trust to present a cheque for £2100 to Pauline Obee MBE, Patron of the charity. This followed a recent ladies night held which had nominated the charity to be the beneficiary from the evening by the Masters Lady, Mrs Linda Day, who is a volunteer at the shop. The Rainbow Trust is a small Essex-based charity which helps families in Essex who have a child with a life threatening disease.

Pauline commented "This is a fantastic sum to have been raised for us in just one night" and she particularly thanked Lodge Charity Steward Tom Kelly without whose skills the event would not have happened.



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DATE	VENUE & ADDRESS	CLINICAL TESTS AVAILABLE
2nd May	Hutton Mount Ave Brentwood CM13 2NS	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
5th Jun	Southend Saxon Hall, Aviation Way SS2 6UN	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
17th Jul	Upminster Deyncourt Gdns RM14 1DF	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✗
21st Aug	Maldon 3 Cromwell Hill CM9 7QD	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
12th Sep	Colchester 5 St Johns Green CO2 7EZ	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
29th Oct	Loughton 16 High Beech Rd IG10 4BL	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
Autumn	Clacton (joint with Rotary) 7 Holland Rd CO15 6EG	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
NON-MASONIC VENUES		
28th Mar	Braintree Archer Community Centre East St CM7 5JJ	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
11th Apr	Colchester Colchester Stadium, United Way CO4 5UP	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
20th Jun	Basildon Club Kingswood, Clayhill Lane SS16 5JP	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓
26th Sep	Harwich Harwich Rugby Club, Swimming Pool Rd CO12 3TA	Prostate Cancer ✓ NHS Health Check ✓

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With minimal overheads, the subscription is only £3 per annum and the December meeting always concludes with cheese and wine. If you are interested in attending, or joining and would like further details, please contact the Secretary: Bob Vine on 07799 643240, or Robert.vine36@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September when W.Bro Ian Simpson will deliver a talk entitled "Solomon - the new UGLE information source".

Members of the Chingford Masonic Study Circle

Dear Member,
Following the sad loss of our brother Allan Deluca with him went all his details of membership. I did try to contact members with the little information that I had but only 2 members actually turned up for the AGM which was abandoned. Therefore as there has been no interest shown or any contact made to me, it is with regret that I intend to close the Study Circle.

South Church Study Circle have been in constant contact with me regarding our future so, I suggest that if anyone wishes to further their interest in Masonic Study then apply to join them, meeting at Southend Masonic centre.

I suggest that any books in our cabinet be donated to South Church, along with any monies left in our bank. Unless there is anyone within Chingford Masonic Study Circle that wishes to take over the study circle please let me know

Dennis Jane (Chairman)



Stanford Le Hope Lodge 5217, Honorary Lodge member WBro Mark Bennett, organised and is partaking in a spin cycle event to cover 300Km in 24Hrs. That's the distance from Bala to Cardiff and back all in aid of 2 local charities. We'll Done Mark and we hope you meet both targets in distance and money.

