

Warwickshire

Provincial Grand Lodge News

November 2005

Christmas Greetings from the Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

As we approach the Festive Season I send to you my Christmas message. Every year I express the hope that there will be peace in the World but as yet this has not happened, indeed during 2005 terrorism has re-appeared in this country. How sad that our fellow men cannot follow our Masonic precepts where all races and religions can meet and work together in brotherly love. This means that we, as Freemasons, must redouble our efforts to inform to the wider world and demonstrate by our own conduct the benefits of our Masonic moral code of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Dawn joins me in wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year in 2006. With my very best wishes to you all.

Michael J. Price

Provincial Grand Master

United nations!

Bro Jens Sauer of Kenilworth Lodge was among a number of visitors from Warwickshire Lodges recently to Robert Burns Initiated Lodge No 1781 meeting at Leith in the Province of Edinburgh. Jens volunteered to be the candidate in the demonstration of a ceremony. As a result he has to be the only German who is an English Freemason who has ever taken part in a Scottish ceremony!

Regalia

W Bro Trevor Cavill the Provincial Grand Registrar has a number of complete sets of second-hand Provincial Craft regalia in good condition. All

sale proceeds will go the Festival for the New Masonic Samaritan Fund. Enquiries should be made on 0121 454 4422.

New Masonic Samaritan Fund

The Provincial Grand Master launched his appeal for the 2012 Festival on 10 September when Lodges were given their targets with an overall target for the Province of £3.5m. To keep up to date with amounts pledged and events to be staged in aid of the Festival please visit www.warwickshire2012.org or info@warwickshire2012.org is the email address for the Charity Office on matters connected with the Festival.

Howe's that?

Richard Ayling holds a distinct if not unique record. He has been the Master of Howe Lodge, the Master of Howe Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the First Principal of Howe Chapter.

Now we know the truth

Overheard at a recent Festive Board: "I am one short of a set", said Cedric Stiles. He claimed it was in respect of his well known collection of Toby Jugs, but we know better!

Congratulations

Our hearty and warm congratulations go to Nick Essex of the Lodge of Warwick and his bride Sara and to Aidan Butler of the First Lodge of Light and his bride Jodie Kidd (yes, the supermodel!) on their weddings in September. We wish them every happiness in their new lives together.

And again

Francis Jephcott, a Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and his wife Marian, celebrated their golden wedding in October. We wish them many more years of happiness.

In the family

Simon Wensley participates in the Initiation of his son Sebastian this month in the Lord Leicester Lodge. Simon was initiated by his late father Geoff in 1981 and Geoff had been made a mason by his father-in-law AWJ Holmes in 1963.

Doors open in Coventry and Nuneaton

Coventry Brethren opened the doors of the Masonic Hall on 10 and 11 September as part of their contribution to Heritage Weekend. Some 320 members of the public were welcomed. Comments such as "It solved many of the myths" and "Very enlightening and reassuring" were recorded. Our Brethren at Nuneaton held a similar event on 16 September to great public acclaim.

A super collection

Roger Parker, the then Master, and his wife Barbara were well pleased when Harry Owen announced that the collection for the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Fund and Cancer Research UK amounted to £680 on the occasion of the Ladies Evening for the Warwickshire Installed Masters Lodge in September.

Installed abroad

Barrie Bond who now lives in Canada was initiated in the Holy Well Lodge. On 21 September 2005 he was installed as the Master of the Prince of Wales

Lodge No 100 in British Columbia and Yukon. He continues to subscribe to his Warwickshire Lodge.

50 years elsewhere!

VW Bro David Manners, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and now a member of our own Dunsmore Lodge, received his certificate for 50 years in Freemasonry at the regular meeting of his mother Lodge, Beneventa in Daventry, on 12 October, exactly 50 years from his Initiation.

Masonic generosity

The Grand Charity approved grants totalling £515,000 to nine non-Masonic Charities at its meeting at the end of October.

Doing their duty

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Nigel Bister, completed a three week period of jury service in September. Subsequently, Mrs Barbara Powell (the real Provincial Secretary!) was "called up" for such service in November.

Spooky!

Members of the Lodge of Jurisprudence and their guests were holding tight to their seats at their most recent meeting. Eric Moody, Provincial Information Officer for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and a former captain with British Airways, recounted his experiences as the pilot of a 747 when all four engines failed! Alton Towers would be jealous of the experience.

An Antipodean visits Rugby

RW Bro Arthur Beards, a Past AGM of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, paid a visit to Darell Lodge in September. Arthur, born in Rugby, has lived in Australia since the 1960s and was over here for a celebration with old comrades from HMS Glasgow, one of whom he had not seen since 1943. He returned home on 2 October to a full Masonic season and to his wedding in December. Arthur is the uncle

of Ken Jones a Past Master of Laurence Sheriffe Lodge.

Is this a record?

Michael Roper-Hall became the Master of the University of Birmingham Lodge in September for the sixth time but on this occasion it was exactly fifty years since his first Installation. Michael, and two other Past Masters, G Milo Turner (who sadly died in October) and Keith Young, are also recipients of certificates commemorating sixty years' service to the Craft.

Better late than never

Nick Mendes was installed as Master of Vellum Lodge in October, his first chair since he was made a Mason on 24 October 1958 in the Old Eastbournian Lodge No. 4946.

Twice Worshipful

Aubrey Tarbuck, the Mayor of Worcester, is also the Master of Unity Lodge which meets in that City.

A Lecture

A number of Past Masters and Brethren of the Lodge of Unity meeting at Warwick demonstrated the whole of the Second Degree from The Lectures of the Three Degrees at their October meeting.

Return of a Lewis

The Brethren of Doric lodge are indebted to Trevor Sturt who saw for sale on the Internet a Doric Lodge Lewis Cup presented in 1935. Research is in hand to find the original recipient. The Lodge is grateful for Trevor's interest and returning this long lost 'son'.

All the Orders

At the meeting of Heartland Lodge on 9 December Spencer Fenn will be illustrating the various orders in Freemasonry and their relationship to each other together with the regalia peculiar to each. Enquiries to David Deanshaw on 01676 533839 or david@fyldene.co.uk

180!

John Rishworth, of St George's Lodge, celebrated 60 years in the Royal Arch in Stoneleigh Chapter in October having already completed 60 years in both the Craft and the Mark Degree. We wish him many more happy years in Freemasonry.

Of mice and men!

Members of Howe Lodge at their October meeting must have wondered what they were going to eat for dessert when they read on the menu of "Homemade chocolate *mouse* and cream."

The brains of the Province

Arthur MacTier is not only a champion of 'Countdown' on Channel Four but has also taken part in the finals of the National Su Doku Championships run by The Times.

Crossing the boundary

Peter Miles of Kenilworth Lodge was installed into the Chair of St Mary's Lodge in the Province of Worcestershire in October. He was very popular at the Festive Board when he proposed Toast No 5 to the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire!

Freemasonry and local government again?

The Lodge DC in a Warwickshire Lodge recently called on all Brethren below Provincial, London, and *Municipal* Grand Rank to rise!

Step off with your left foot?

At the Installation Meeting of Shenstonian Lodge in October Ed Baker installed Barry Chacksfield in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master. Nothing unusual in that apart from the fact that all three are left-handed!

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