



TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST 40 YEARS

1964 - 2004

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VERNON CHAPTER No. 560

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The principles, officers and members of the chapter
extend a warm welcome to all our friends, and hope you
all have an enjoyable time with us all.

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Cream of Asparagus Soup

Chicken Breast in a Rich Red Wine Sauce Topped with Crisp Fried
Bacon, glazed baby Onions and Button Mushrooms

Served with a selection of Fresh Vegetables and Potatoes

Summer Pudding laced with Kirsch

Cheese Board

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Mints

Selection of Wines

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of

Vernon Chapter No 560

Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch

Held at

The Granary Hotel Restaurant

Shenstone, Nr Kidderminster

On Sunday 16th May 2004

The Vernon Chapter No 560 was consecrated on 14th November 1964. We are therefore a little premature in holding this event in May, but it was felt better to hold it now before the holiday season starts and before the approach of winter.

It was decided to hold our 40th Anniversary because many of our membership are senior citizens, as is indeed our sole surviving founder member, Excellent Companion R. J. Skinner. It was generally considered to be a better option to hold a celebration at this time rather than wait a further 10 years for our 50th Anniversary.

The Chapter came into being because at the time it was generally felt there was a lack of provision for the needs of Royal Arch Masons in the Kidderminster District. Our founders therefore held meetings gaining assistance from member of Hope & Charity Chapter No. 377 and especially those of Stability Chapter No 564, which is our mother chapter, and since that time we are very proud to have established a daughter chapter being Severn Chapter No. 5583 which also meets at Stourport.

At 3 pm on Saturday 14th November 1964, at the Masonic Hall, Dudley, Vernon Chapter was consecrated. The following officers presided:

Excellent Companion F.H. GRIFFITHS M.E. Grand Superintendent
Excellent Companion L.B. HEYNES Second Grand Principal
Excellent Companion L.W. GREENWOOD Third Grand Principal

On 15th January 1965 Vernon Chapter took up residence at the Stourport Masonic Rooms and has remained at this location ever since. Currently there are 48 full members and 4 Honorary members.

In recent times The Supreme Order of The Holy Royal Arch Masonry has undergone great changes in the Province of Worcestershire.

The Province has been accorded its own Grand Superintendent in Ex. Comp. Richard B. W. Price

This gives us a leadership separate and distinct from Craft Masonry and coupled with plans being set up by Grand Chapter to "modernise" some of the ritual is going to provide some exciting times in the future.

The chapter has maintained its strength since our 25th Anniversary in November 1989, and has seen one of our members obtain Grand Chapter Rank, being Ex. Comp. Richard Hoare.

It would be pleasing if as a result our membership undergoes steady increase from Lodges in the district.

We sincerely hope that you all have an enjoyable afternoon with us on this day of celebration.

FOUNDER MEMBERS
OF
VERNON CHAPTER No 560

Ex. Comp. L. H. C. BATT	Z
Ex. Comp. D. W. HANDLEY	H
Ex. Comp. G. E. CHAPMAN	J
Ex. Comp. F. C. PERRETT	I.P.Z.
Comp. R. J. SKINNER	Scribe E
Comp. T. C. MARSLAND	Scribe N
Ex. Comp. L. T. D. JACKSON	Treasurer
Ex. Comp. H. R. BEWLEY	D.C.
Comp. J. ROSE	P. Sojr
Comp. H. W. WINDSOR	1 st A. Sojr
Comp. J. GEDDIE	2 nd A. Sojr
Ex. Comp. R. CRUMPTON	A.D.C.
Comp. G. E. GITTINS	Organist
Comp. R. HALE	Steward
Comp. A. A. HARTLEY	Steward
Comp. O. A. L. MILLS	Steward
Comp. P. W. BARKER	Janitor

E. Comp. R. Hale I.P.Z.

OFFICERS

E. Comp. D. W. Hadley M.E.Z.
E. Comp. M. W. Jones H.
E. Comp. M. V. Burton J
E. Comp. J. C. Jones, P.Prov.G.Reg. Scribe E.
Comp. S. P. Warner Scribe N.
Comp. C. C. Farrer Treasurer
E. Comp. R. N. Hoare, **P.G.St.B.**, P.Prov.C.J. D. of C.
E. Comp. E. Larner, P.Prov.D.G.Reg. Almoner
E. Comp. R.W. Teague, P.Prov.G.Stwd. Charity Steward
Comp. T. M. L. Jones Prin. Soj.
Comp. R. A. Britton 1st Asst. Soj.
Comp. S. J. Ray 2nd Asst. Soj.
E. Comp. T. M. Wooldridge, P.Prov.G.Swd.B. Asst. D. of C.
..... Organist
Comp. T. J. J. Irving Steward
Comp. G. W. Munro Steward
Comp. I. E. Redfern Steward
Comp. D. L. Wood Steward
Comp. P. Rogers Janitor

HONORARY MEMBERS

E. Comp. R. J. Skinner, P.Prov.G.S.N., P.Prov.G.S.N. (Glous. & Hereford)
E. Comp. T. Victor Condlyffe, **P.G.Swd.B.**, Dep. G. Supt.
E. Comp. L. A. Darby, P.Prov.G.S.N.
E. Comp. M. N. R. Verduyn, **P.A.G.Soj.**, P.Prov.G.H.