

Warwickshire

PGL



A message from the
Provincial Grand Master
R.W.Bro. Michael J. Price. C.B.E.

Brethren

I hope that you will enjoy reading this Newsletter. Our first objective is to bring you information of forthcoming events in the Province. In a few weeks time it will be Christmas. Dawn and I extend warm greetings to you all and hope that you have an enjoyable time.



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE

W.Bro. Phil Gough.
Provincial Information Officer
See also our web-site
www.warwickshirepgl.org

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'Freemasonry in the Community' Week. June 2002

Do you know what this is? What is your Lodge doing about it? All Worshipful Masters have been invited to meetings to discuss possible ventures and progress towards a successful week. This is gathering momentum. Please make yourself aware of what is going on and how you or your Lodge can help.

Newsletters

The Province is impressed by the quality of many of the newsletters which are produced by individual Lodges. We invite the editors to consider re-launching these on a "meeting place" basis. News would remain personal to the Lodges concerned with some interaction. The interests of a wider community would be served. Centres such as Redditch and Leamington are locations where such a publication might be considered.

Celtic connection.

W. Bro. George Proctor, Master of the University of Aston Lodge, is the Founding Master of the Celtic Lodge No 1238 GLNF. The Lodge meets 3 times a year, on a Saturday, near the City of Rennes. The festive board is open to ladies and the children of those attending. (For information: Le Venerable Maître: telephone 01633 893284) or george@pentretai.f9.co.uk

Tempus fugit.

In the August Newsletter, we stated that a clock commemorating the 100th birthday of W Bro. Teddy Woolf, had been placed near to the entrance at Stirling Road. The Lodge of Israel have pointed out that they have commissioned the clock *which has yet to be delivered.*

The Way Ahead.

The Secretaries and Treasurers Seminar will be held on the evening of 25 January 2002. Although directed at holders of these two important offices within the Lodge, anyone who is interested in the future administration of the Province and its Lodges is invited to attend. One of our visiting brethren last year has been able to offer valuable assistance in the updating of our Provincial Web site. We are now able to post information on this site which will be altered on a weekly basis. Look for the "Provincial News" page - is your Lodge mentioned?

The web is likely to become our main vehicle for the transfer of news. Do visit the site and be in touch with what the Province is doing. We shall also be demonstrating methods of storing Lodge information on computer and making available a disk for the compilation of data for members of your Lodge. This seminar is designed for both the experienced and newcomers to information technology, all are welcome.

From the Provincial Registrar

Appointments and Promotions 2002. Does this mean you?

Approximately 117 brethren are soon to be considered for a Provincial Rank which will be presented at Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Stirling Road on 18 May 2002. Some 162 Promotions will also be submitted to the Provincial Grand Master.

It is the function of the office of the Registrar to bring to the attention of the PGM the names of brethren who are due for consideration for a "First Appointment" or "Promotion". Lodges are reminded to make good use of the "Yellow Form" which enables the Master and Officers of a Lodge to assist the visiting representative of the PGM in reporting the state of the Lodge, and to comment on brethren due for appointment or promotion. Masters of Lodges are reminded that promotion to Past Senior Grand Warden is reserved for outstanding service to the Lodge and or Province. Lodges wishing to pass their recommendations for this rank to the PGM are advised to prepare a written case which can be appended to the "Yellow Form" and handed to the representative of the PGM on Installation night. Lodges are currently preparing yellow forms for appointment and promotions for the year 2003.

Chernobyl.

W.Bro. Malcolm Cook, Master of Doric Lodge, is involved in a charity which raises money to bring children from Russia who are suffering long term effects from the Chernobyl disaster. £250.00 will cover the cost of bringing a child to this country and pay for a well-deserved holiday in a British home. Malcolms' daughter has hosted two boys aged 9 years - a rewarding experience. If you can help, a little will go a long way - talk to Malcolm on 01543 3788 59

Initiates.

If you are new to the Lodge, you are eligible to attend the Initiates Luncheon which will be held at Stirling Road on the 16 March. 2002. This is an opportunity to meet the Provincial Grand Master and members of his Provincial team. If you do not receive an invitation from the Province by the end of February, ask your secretary or phone the Provincial office on 0121 445 4422 and speak to Barbara or Bridget.

REMAP

This is a charity that uses suitably qualified "engineers" to make or adapt equipment to help people with disabilities when there is no commercially available product. They helped more than 3,000 people last year but need more engineers.

Visit www.remap.org.uk or phone John Wright on 01732 883818 if you can help.

Ladies' Gift Fund for Masonic Charities

From two major fund raising events each year, this hard working committee of ladies drawn from the Provinces of Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire raise nearly £8,000 annually for the three provinces.

They organise a Sunday luncheon which is held at the Masonic Hall, Kings Heath.

In 2002, the date to put in your diary is Sunday 7th April. Further information can be obtained in the New Year from Mrs. June Clark on 0121 705 1674

Masonry in Gambia

W.Bro. Malcolm Wallington, of Doric Lodge, has a son who is a member of a Lodge that meets in Lusaka. Lodge equipment is hard to come by out there. Do you have any surplus items, such as hoodwinks or working tools. Malcolm would be pleased to hear from you on (0121) 704 105.

Pointing in the right direction.

Need to direct a friend to your Lodge Rooms? All you need is a Post Code, then visit www.upmystreet.com Not sure of the Post Code? try:

<http://pol.royalmail.com>

"upmystreet" will print off a useful map.

Tied up



At the recent Installation of the Provincial Grand Master, The Most Worshipful Pro. Grand Master. The Most Honourable. The Marquess of Northampton (front - left) commended the new Warwickshire Provincial Tie.

The Masonic Hall at Wretham Road.

This popular Masonic venue has been in use since 1925. Under the Chairmanship of R.Wor.Bro. Stanley A Lates, the Hall Committee has set up a "175 Club". Its aim is to raise funds for the modernisation and improvement of the building. For a modest £1.00 per week, a subscriber is allocated a number which participates in a monthly draw. It pays £100.00 to the winning number. In addition, a Grand Draw will be held at a Gala night in March when a top prize of £500.00, plus a second prize of £450.00. Five monthly draws have already taken place: winners include W.Bro. Eric Hynett of Connaught Lodge, and W.Bro. Martin Linford of Fortior Lodge.

Over 80 Masons have joined this scheme and grants have been made for repairs to the roof and to the original stair glass windows at Wretham Road. More support is still required and subscriptions would be welcome from masons, their wives and partners, regardless of whether they attend the centre. For more information please telephone or fax W. Bro. Kelvin Johnson. (Fortior Lodge) on 0116 291 4094.

Making a point

If you are producing a lodge newsletter yourself, there is a lot of useful clipart to be found at:

www.frostbit.com/Masonic/ClipArt/ClipArtPg1.html

Ties are us

You may order a Provincial tie through your Lodge or contact W.Bro. P. Harry Owen at the Provincial Office for full details. (0121 454 4422)

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Saving lives

The management at Guy's Cliffe have purchased a defibrillator and all Brethren who meet there are being trained in its use. Other venues in the Province might wish to give this matter serious consideration.

Net Gain

It will not have escaped your notice that in this first edition of our re-styled newsletter, we are making constant reference to the internet.

The costs involved in producing a coloured brochure worthy of our Province, is considerable. For this reason, we have to limit the publication to about three issues per year. It becomes difficult to predict information some three or four months ahead. For example, that special event planned by your lodge is over and done with by the time details are published and this newsletter can only record a pat on the back after the event has taken place.

Our site on the Web is, however, a different kettle of fish. We can make use of the site by changing it on a daily basis and bringing to you the very latest and up to the minute information. Of course, we recognise that not everyone has access to the web - to be honest we have no idea how many of you have a computer. We believe, or we would like to think, that at least one person in every lodge would be able to monitor our website and keep the Master and Secretary informed of events in the province. It might well feature on the agenda for every officers meeting. Tell us what you think about this. Send an email to Phil Gough or join us at the seminar on 25 January 2002.

And Finally

Thank you Stuart Thorpe, for your hard work in getting the provincial web-site up to date. The site will continue to be developed - PLEASE look at it and give us feedback on how it can be improved:

<http://www.warwickshirepgl.org>

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