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*Front cover: The subtle shades of Autumn -
from the editor's album*

Back to normal?

Legal restrictions on meeting in England have largely been lifted now, with individual Freemasons and Lodges free to make their own decisions about whether to meet and what, if any, restrictions to adopt. In the Districts the picture is varied as District Grand Masters impose emergency restrictions to comply with local law or practice as appropriate. As a reminder, the stance of the United Grand Lodge of England remains as follows:

1. In holding Lodge and Chapter meetings it is essential that Brethren and Companions comply with all legal requirements from time to time in force.
2. Provided that they do so, it is not UGLE's policy to impose restrictions on meeting beyond those required by the law.
3. No pressure must be applied to anyone either to attend or refrain from attending meetings.
4. The same principle applies to the wearing of face coverings, which should be regarded as a matter of personal choice.
5. The use of the modifications to the ceremonies, introduced in the summer of 2020 to

enable ceremonies to be performed, should cease as soon as practicable, except where local legal requirements are imposed in relation to such matters as social distancing.

6. The ceremony of Raising (and of Exaltation in the Royal Arch) is once again permitted.

7. It is nonetheless sensible to ensure that a candidate for any degree, and in particular that of initiation, is made aware that the ceremony he will undergo will involve a measure of physical contact, so that he can make his own decision as to whether to proceed with it at this time.

8. Regulations 5 to 11 of the Temporary Emergency Measures for Covid-19 remain in force, to the extent that they are needed, until 31 December 2021, or such earlier date as the Grand Master or the Pro Grand Master on his behalf shall direct. The Pro Grand Master directed that Regulations 1 to 4 ceased to apply from 19th July 2021 (in England) and shall cease to apply from 7th August 2021 (in Wales) except in relation to the unexpired period of a suspension already notified in accordance with them.

“A Stitch In Time”

- . Dressmaking
- . Clothing alterations
- . Regalia alterations
- . Horse rug repairs



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Reflections

by the editor

With the subtle shades of Autumn upon us it is perhaps time to reflect on many things but uppermost is the time we have been enduring in the long period of Covid-19 restrictions. In my lifetime there has been nothing to compare with this long period of having our lives in a state of turmoil. For those of us who were unfortunate enough to have been tested positive it was a daunting experience but in my own case it was a mild dose that was just about over in four or five days. For others it was more serious. Grand Lodge revealed to the end of July, that around 400 Freemasons died from the pandemic and we mourn their passing.

But Covid restrictions gave us other experiences. On-line supermarket shopping became almost the norm and to sit in front of a computer screen to order bread, milk and the other necessities of life became a new experience. Getting a slot was sometimes difficult and the £40 shop needed to reserve that slot gave some the chance to use their imagination. Pre-ordering four cases of San Miguel beer was mine but you have to remember to cancel that item when shopping for real.

Then there was going to the doctors. Or perhaps not going to the doctors for actually seeing your doctor in person became seemingly as far reaching as flying to the moon. I recall one person who complained to their surgery that they had an aching stomach and was asked if they could send a picture of it!

The one thing that was all prevailing and I make no excuse for repeating what was said in the Spring issue and that was, and still is, the absolute dedication of the National Health Service nurses and doctors and other volunteers who relentlessly spent long hours nursing those who were unfortunate enough to be hospitalised and fighting to save their lives. Post men/women, refuse collectors, street sweepers and many others who turned out every day, whatever the weather and whatever the risks to their own health, to continue serving us deserved fullsome praise.

Freemasonry has played its part with donations to support services where needed and as individuals to also help where needed. It is that spirit of Freemasonry that makes me proud to be counted as a Mason. We are not yet back to normal but the road ahead seems to be less hazardous. So mote it be.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. H. P.' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Don't be caught out

As experienced plumbing and heating engineers we are urging home owners to think about their central heating so that it will be running efficiently when they most need it.

Problems are sometimes not always obvious, so if your radiators are slow to heat up, or cold near the middle at the bottom, the chances are that your central heating system needs power flushing. Power flushing is the most effective way of cleaning a system, to keep it running efficiently for longer. It's also important to power flush a system before installing a new boiler or the manufacturers guarantee may be compromised.



NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK YOUR CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM!

- ARE YOUR RADIATORS SLOW TO HEAT UP?
- IS YOUR BOILER NOISY?
- ARE THEY COLD NEAR THE BOTTOM?

All these are some of the symptoms of a build up of sludge or debris in your radiators.

Take a look whats happening!

POWER FLUSHING YOUR SYSTEM WILL RESTORE YOUR RADIATORS TO THEIR CORRECT EFFICIENCY

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SLUDGE

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The chairman writes . . .

Dear Brethren

After an effective 18-month lockdown from masonic business we are about to re-launch into a new masonic season without restrictions but to alleviate any lingering concerns about attending meetings, we will retain some precautionary measures.

The Hall calendar is now operating as normal with the Temple fully furnished and the usual dining arrangements permitted.

The board met in late July to discuss the proposed NMH refurbishment plans and all Newark members should have received a letter and two discussion documents for information and comment. It is clear from some comments received that there are some misconceptions and possible misrepresentations requiring clarification:

- The documents in question were compiled for both the board and general distribution and was not in any way influenced by any one individual director. It was felt by the whole board that a general circulation was the best method to reach all the membership without calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting when only a small percentage of members would probably attend.
- The proposals are a collusion of the architect, project manager, the board of directors and suggestions from the Ways and Means Committee and it was not intended to alienate the general membership, younger or older, or any member who may have expertise in any particular field, from a consultation process.
- Only Phase 1 of the proposed three Phases has been approved by the board at this point and the other two will be subject to discussion and review when appropriate.
- Phase 3 is not to facilitate the opening of the bar for pre-meeting drinks and as at present, should it be desired then it is controlled by the individual units themselves.
- Each unit is not required to set up and take down the dining room after each meeting but a unit being the last to meet or hold an event before a Monday are asked to give consideration to a 'Keep Fit' class requiring the use of the dining room on Monday afternoons.
- The company has an adequate contingency fund outside of the proposal budget.

It is clear that we do have members with certain skills that could benefit the Halls initiatives and overall marketing strategy, so please consider volunteering your support for initiatives like the Ways and Means Committee, website and social media platforms.

I would like to thank the Ways and Means committee for their recently organised 'Hall Sweep' which has made it more presentable, and wish them well for their new end of month 'Saturday Social'.

Best regards

Letters

BOOK VERSUS ONLINE

Dear Editor

I have just been looking at the Spring Password on my computer and although it is up to the usual high standard I still much preferred it when it came to me in a printed form and I could turn the pages at leisure and even take it with me when I was going somewhere and needed something to read. I understand that the lockdown had something to do with the change and perhaps finance also came into it. Surely, with all the contacts that brethren have, enough money could be found, through adverts and donations to return to the printed form and I am sure that many brethren who are in advanced years, such as me, would much rather prefer a good read that they can pick up when they choose rather than having to sit in front of a screen. I have only a relatively small I-pad, I believe they call it, and being non-technical I do at times

find it difficult to read.

DRT. name and details supplied

IT'S NOT A CAREER

I have been a Freemason for some 40 odd years and have stuck to just being a member of my Lodge rather than join other degrees. We are constantly being urged to join other degrees and just recently I had the opportunity to look at a Provincial Yearbook and turning to the list of membership details on the back pages was astonished to see how some brethren, even some in my own lodge who belong to more than one lodge and are also belonging to, at some times into double figures, other branches of Freemasonry - Chapter, Mark and others.

I fully enjoy my masonry but it was never my intention to make it, what some must surely believe, is almost a career. I have many other interests that keep my leisure time occupied and give me a wider scope of what is going on around me.

I would caution newcomers

to the craft to consider very seriously how involved they wish to be. That is not to say they should not venture into other branches that I have not done but look at other things in life to both widen their interests, broaden their outlook on life and in turn perhaps even make them into better Freemasons because of it.

Peter.....name and details provided.

SHORTAGE

Shortage of letters for this issue, need more for next Spring so please put your pen to paper *Editor*

HAVE YOUR SAY

The editor welcomes your letters for inclusion in Newark Password.

Although most letter writers do not wish to be identified all letters must be accompanied by a full name and address and a contact telephone number although this will not be used if you do not wish so. Be assured that all pseudonyms relate to real people

They can be posted to Newark Password, 27 Main St, Farndon NG24 3SA or they may be emailed to philip@ingalluk.com

Sunday Lunch at Newark Masonic Hall

It's too good to miss!



A friendly gathering of Masons, family and friends, everyone welcome.

Four courses + Tea/Coffee only £9.50

Next Lunch 10th October - then 7th November and 5th December 12 noon for 12.30pm

For bookings, please contact Pearl Holmes 01636 682939

The ? Quiz on the square

20 more questions for you to ponder over

1. What is the first care of every Mason?
2. What is the next care?
3. Where is the senior Deacon placed in the Lodge?
4. Which tracing board is placed at the Senior Warden's pedestal?
5. What is the first toast at the Festive Board?
6. What is always at its meridian in relation to Freemasonry.
7. Who is the only person allowed to control the door when the lodge is sitting?
8. At what age can you become a Freemason?
9. At initiation what phrase follows "If you never disgrace that badge"?
10. What were you taught at initiation?
11. Where was the foundation stone traditionally laid?
12. What is the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart?
13. What is the 24 inch gauge for?
14. Name the centre pillar on the Grand Lodge Certificate?
15. What is a square?
16. What are the Senior Deacon's duties?
17. In the address to the Brethren at Installation the brethren are of too generous a.... what?
18. When was the current Grand Lodge Certificate first introduced?
19. What jewel does an almoner wear on his collar?
20. Who sits on the Worshipful Master's left in the temple

Answers on page 29

We urgently need your help

Several brethren have indicated they prefer a hard printed copy of Password rather than the current online version.

In order to do this we will need to sell advertising space to cover the cost of printing and, in some cases, postage.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SALES EXPERIENCE?

Or perhaps you just feel you can help by taking up a little of your time to sell advertising in this twice a year publication.

If you can help please contact the editor who will be pleased to have you on board for this important task

Knights Templar

The Knights Templar have their place in Freemasonry with a side degree devoted to their name.

Outside of London there is evidence of their presence in the Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland and also in a church in Rochdale.

But the Knights also had a very large presence in Lincolnshire and here we look at one of their main areas just a few miles from Newark.

Temple Bruer was without doubt one of the most important Templar sites in the country. Primarily, no doubt, due to the wealth it created with its sheep rearing activities. During the inquisition of the Templars there seemed to be confirmation of the importance of the site, perhaps for other reasons though. A brother, John de Donyngton, of the order of the Minorites, testified that he had been told by a Templar veteran that, there were four chief idols held by the Templars in England. One was held at London in the sacristy of the Temple; another at the preceptory of Bistlesham; a third at Bruere in Lincolnshire;



and a fourth in a place North of the Humber, the name of which he could not remember. Whilst this report could have been total fabrication it certainly confirms the importance of the site.

Bruer was the centre of Templar activity in the Mid Lincolnshire area. Under the control of Bruer were two other preceptories, those at Eagle and Mere. Though there is some debate over whether Mere was a preceptory or just a large Manor house. Later the preceptory at South Witham also came under Bruer' control.

To the South of the estate around the area of the hamlet of Byards Leap, the Templars would hold tournaments. The large expanses of flat heathland making the area ideal for such occasions. Tournaments at the time were

Knight's Templar

not Hollywood style jousting competitions, but major mock battles fought between large groups of men. It was possibly tales passed down from such events that account for the origins of the legend of Byrds Leap, with its story of a great leap by a horse.



Following the termination of the Templars, the property passed into the hands of the Hospitallers. Under whose charge the preceptory at Bruer seems to have fallen into disrepair. The Hospitallers made their area head quarters at Mere. When Henry VIII also disbanded the Hospitallers he sold Temple Bruer to the Duke of Suffolk. In 1541 the Duke entertained Henry at the preceptory even though the site had by this time become quite dilapidated and tents had to be erected to house all of the entourage. In 1540 the valuation mentioned a farm site, recently the preceptory, with orchards, gardens and houses, a rabbit warren, 2000 acres of sheep ground and a windmill. The property remained as a block until 1935 when it was split up and sold

by Lord Lonsborough.

The site has been excavated twice, first in 1833 by the W Bro Rev. George Oliver, and again in 1907 by St. John Hope. The first excavation provided some lurid tales of underground vaults being found, with burnt interior walls and containing skeletons that showed signs of violence. St. John Hope dismissed these stories, when he could find no evidence of underground vaulting. He did however find two flights of stairs leading down to a crypt but that was all he was to discover.

Today the site is one of the few left in Britain where any Templar remains can be seen. All that is left visible is the Southern of the two church towers as seen in the drawing left.

The tower has now being restored from its derelict state and has a roof. It is open to the public at all reasonable times and is managed by Lincolnshire County Council.

Access to the site is through the farm yard, so be careful if you go. The small car park is actually situated on top of the round church, and people sensitive to such things have been said to have experienced strange sensations whilst sat there.

In writing this article the author acknowledges the help and contents of both historical documents and other sources.

Looking back in Password

In this regular feature we look back at happenings in Newark Freemasonry ten years ago. This page refers to the Password edition of Spring 2011.

This was the first issue that took on a new format with a distinctive front picture cover and colour available on all the other pages. It also increased from 34 to 40 pages.

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A page of quotations of Dr George Oliver included: "If you stay silent when Freemasonry is attacked you condemn, by your silence, what your conscience approves".

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Freemasonry was featured in a free newspaper "Living Local" which circulated in the Newark area and the picture, reproduced in that Password, showed four brethren, taken in the temple at the Avenue.

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Famous Freemasons featured Lawrence of Arabia who, under name of Aircraftsman Shaw, was stationed at RAF Cranwall and made frequent visits to Newark on his Brough Superior motorcycle.

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The late John Oldham sent in a menu for when Magnus Lodge dined at Oldham's restaurant following their meetings in Newark Town Hall in 1910. Some 38 brethren sat down to a menu consisting of some nine courses and cost 6s 6d (63p in current money).

In a campaign to make Freemasonry better known Notts Freemasons took a stand at the Newark and Nottinghamshire Show and was pictured ther with some Newark brethren attending.

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The then Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro R K Wilson provided a page of his views starting with - Someone once asked him what he does in the Summer when there are no lodges to visit. His answer was that the PGM is no different from anyone else and he likes to put his feet up.

His article included "I am assured that almost all resignations are for 'good reasons' rather than because the brethren became disillusioned by the Craft. But resignation should never cut the umbilical cord that should always remain between a Freemason and his Lodge, even after he has been obliged to surrender his membership of it. He does not cease to be a Freemason (he becomes "unattached") and contact should be maintained with him and his family, in just the same way as it does between the Almoner and a brother's widow".

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In his chairman's message W Bro Terry Ward reminded brethren the next Provincial Festival was to be launched in April 2012.

He continued to encourage all masons who are not in the Royal Arch to make a further progress in Freemasonry by joining either the Alexander or Vernon Bussell Royal Arch

chapters in Newark.

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The editor wrote that part of the joy of visiting is that you can see how each lodge differs and enjoy that difference.

Long may lodges have that little difference and long may we enjoy them.

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W Bro Adriam Crampton wrote about Masonic Jewels and reminded readers that Festival Jewels were first introduced in the mid 1880s and the first one in Nottinghamshire was in 1864 when £4,213 was raised for the RMBI (equal to around £420,000 today).

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On a senior moments page it was recounted that on his eightieth birthday, writer Somerset Maughan spoke at a dinner held in his honour in London. "There are many virtues in growing old" he began, but then he paused and stared down at the table. The pause grew into an awkward silence until he cleared his throat and explained, "I'm just trying to think what they are"

On the same page it read: Sir Isaac Newton's maid once found him in the kitchen standing in front of a pot of boiling water. Baffled he gazed at the pot which contained his watch, and next at his hand, which held an egg.

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A little piece called "Do you Know?" told readers that it is physically impossible for a pig to look up at the sky.

Miscellany

£300,000 grant

More than 30,000 young people with disabilities and special educational needs will be able to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, thanks to a grant of £300,000 from the Freemasons.

The Freemasons have become a strategic partner of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), funding a new national programme to upskill its team and volunteers. The programme will also help enrol more schools and clubs, to ensure all young people have access to this very worthwhile project. and enable more to take this prestigious Duke of Edinburgh award

Members' pathway

The updated Members' Pathway will launch this autumn; ahead of this, the 'Prepping for Pathway' document has been prepared to help Provincial and Lodge teams consider how they plan, attract, engage and retrieve our members. Drawing content from the Members' Pathway presented in a fun way using a baking metaphor, this document introduces the role of the Lodge Membership Officer.

Sussex Fudge

In the Grand Lodge First Rising in July Jim Daniel explores the idiosyncrasies of a compromise made more than 200 years ago which affects the Royal Arch today and asks "Should we redefine it"? It starts...

"What, if anything, might be done to improve the relationship between our Craft degrees and the Royal Arch, the two constituent parts of pure Antient Masonry? They are still stuck together by the 'Sussex fudge' - the compromise wording agreed between the Modern and Ancient Grand Lodges in early 1813 to describe the relationship of the Royal Arch with their soon-to-be United Grand Lodge under the Duke of Sussex". The rest is well worth reading.

Membership Jewel

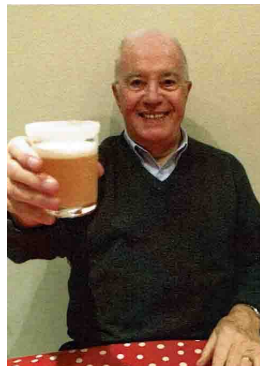
The new Membership Officer's jewel is made in a copper based metal, hard struck for long wear properties, carrying the protective marks of the Intellectual Property Rights of the UGLE and a similarly proposed makers mark. It will be supplied with a frosted reverse, treated edges, with bright polished fronts; and finished in a hard Nickel



Plate. The appointment of a Membership Officer is a new appointment and is part of a drive to attract new members to the craft by appointing this officer at Lodge level. The jewel of the office is a Lewis which denotes strength and is usually found at or near to the Senior Warden's pedestal, supporting the Perfect Ashlar

Remembering ...

In a recent issue of Password W Bro Ron



Dury told the story of living in London during and after the blitz. It was an experience he recalled with a vivid memory. Sadly Ron died earlier this year and his obituary is on a later page of this issue. This picture was sent to accompany

that article but such was his life and Masonic involvement that there was no room on the page. I am sure, writes the editor, that this is a picture of Ron that will stay in our minds, of his sense of humour and his love for life, now sadly missed

Refurbished

Next time you visit London and Freemasons' Hall take time out to look

Thirteen

Miscellany

into the Grand Temple, look up and there you will marvel at what has been



described as “a hidden gem in the heart of London”. With the support of the Local Authorities Conservation Officer and Historic England, the mosaic ceiling has been extensively repaired and refurbished over the last 12 months and has now been unveiled to reveal its renewed splendour and beauty for all to see.

Built in the early 1930s at the suggestion of the then Grand Master Prince Arthur,

the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Freemasons' Hall was originally the Masonic Peace Memorial.

A memorial to those brothers who had lost their lives in the First World War. Individual Masons, Lodges, Provinces and Districts all contributed to the building costs. Individual donors received a breast jewel to evidence their personal contribution whereas the donations from Lodges, Provinces and Districts are commemorated with inscriptions on the stairs leading to the Grand Temple level. The Masters of those Lodges wear the Hall Stone Jewel.

Shop website live

The Shop at Freemasons' Hall website is now live.

The new website features 500 additional products and members can purchase regalia, suits and much, much more.

For users of the previous website, please note that you will need to create a new account as due to data protection rules, we were unable to export customer data from the previous website.

SATURDAY SOCIAL

The Ways & Means Committee invites all Newark Masons, partners, friends & family to join them for the Saturday Socials at The Newark Masonic Hall.

From August 2021 they will be opening the bar from Midday to 3pm on the last Saturday of the month every month to provide the opportunity to hopefully catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while and they hope you may drop in and say hello

See you there!



Mark Master Masons donate



Picture shows Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire Mark Master Masons, Geoff Tindall, presenting the cheque for £2,000 to Beaumont House Chief Executive Officer George Cameron. Also in the picture are Catheryn Lowe, Beaumont House Head of Fundraising and Bernie Bosson of Newark Trent Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Newark's Beaumont House Hospice are celebrating receipt of a grant of £2,000 from the Mark Master Masons of Nottinghamshire wholly funded by its charity, the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Presenting the cheque, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire, Geoff Tindall of Newark's Fleming Mark Lodge said he was delighted that the Province had chosen to support Beaumont House, was aware of the toll that the pandemic had taken on charity fund raising and hoped that the Mark Mason's grant would go, in some way, to enhance patient care and provide improved facilities for those in need and their families.

The Mark Benevolent Fund is the official charity of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the third largest branch of Freemasonry. The Fund came into existence in 1868 on the suggestion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Reverend George Raymond Portal who served in that office for from 1869 to 1873.

The Fund was established with the sole objective of providing immediate financial aid to eligible Mark Master Masons or their close family who may be in distress. The fund has since widened its activities as the Beaumont House grant signifies and its

motto "Bis dat quit dat", (literally translated as 'he gives twice who gives promptly' or, 'a gift given without hesitation is as good as two gifts').

The Beaumont House donation is part of a Major Capital Grant of £1.3million to cover over 250 hospices spread over England, Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man and recognises the contribution made by HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh to the service of the Crown and the life of the nation.

Since its inception the Fund has distributed many millions to individual petitioners and over £28million in grants to charities and worthy causes within the wider community.

The 35,000 members of the order will be pleased to know that their donations are being used wisely by helping those in need across the UK.

The Fund comprises of twelve trustees who, in turn, form two committees who review applications. The Petitions Committee assess applications from individual Mark Master Masons or their dependents and the Worthy Causes Committee which looks at applications from registered charities or other worthwhile organisations.

The Ladies' Luncheon Club



Sisterhood - Come Dine with Us!

The Newark Masonic Hall is the venue for our Ladies' Luncheon Club. First formed in 1983 the Ladies' Luncheon Club runs from September to May and is held on the second Friday of the month.

The group was set up to enable the wives and partners of Freemasons to meet socially, and expand their circle of friends, on a more regular basis than the occasional Masonic function. Every opportunity is taken to invite guests (wives or partners of Freemasons) with a view to increasing membership which currently stands at 59 members.

The Ladies' Luncheon Club committee is responsible for organising this monthly event and seeks ideas and feedback from all members. Ladies receive a programme of events for the forthcoming Masonic Year.

Following a four-course meal with tea and coffee, ladies are regaled by a guest speaker with topics varying from the thought provoking to the light-hearted. On occasions there will be live entertainment.

All of this for just £9.00 a head per meal!

Our Annual Subscription fee is £10.00.

A raffle is held at each luncheon which is always well supported through donation of prizes and ticket sales.

Monies raised through the Ladies' Luncheon Club have seen donations to varying charities. The Newark Food Bank, Beaumont House and The Halfway House Dog Rescue to name but a few.

If you would like to know more or join the Ladies' Luncheon Club please give me a call on 07942861952.

Linda Simpson
Secretary, Ladies' Luncheon Club

Ways & Means

– what's it all about?

A fair question and when looking for an answer, it is difficult to find anything written down! However, there are no secrets and mysteries here, so we thought we might try to add some clarity especially for newer Masons who might not be so familiar with how it all works.

The W&M Committee is a sub-committee of the Newark Masonic Hall Co. Ltd. Board of Directors. It is charged with raising funds for improvements to the Newark Masonic Hall and it is the Newark Masonic Hall Board of Directors which decides on which projects those funds are spent. Currently, there are two members of the Ways & Means Committee who are also Board members (W.Bros. John Edis and Paul Simpson) and this scenario helps to maintain a degree of continuity as well as clarity of purpose.

To correct a popular misconception, the W&M Committee does not raise money directly for charity. All funds raised go to the Hall but we do sometimes work in partnership with individual Masons and Lodges on behalf of a charity and the Brian Rollitt Memorial Quiz Night is a good example of this, where 50% of the proceeds from this popular event go to the Hall and 50% to the Fleming Lodge of Mark Masters which then disperses its share to its chosen charity or charities. By the way, please sign up for this event early to avoid disappointment!

We have two well established "core" fund raising activities, namely the "200 Club" and "Sunday Lunches". The "200 Club" has multiple draws through the year with £50.00 prizes on offer and is an excellent way of supporting the Masonic Hall as well as giving you the chance to win a cash prize occasionally! Please contact W.Bro. Bryan Spilsbury if you would like to consider joining "The 200 Club!".

We also offer Sunday Lunches on a monthly basis between October and

March which is a great opportunity to meet up with Masonic friends outside of a Lodge Meeting, enjoy a pre-lunch drink in the bar as well as a four course lunch (at a very reasonable price) in a convivial atmosphere. Please see our advert in this edition of The Newark Password.

We endeavour to offer a series of social events throughout the year where the focus is on having a good time and if we raise money for the Hall at the same time, then that's a bonus! Check out our Social Diary!

Saturday Social.

Our most immediate venture is our "Saturday Social" where from August 2021 onwards we will be opening the Hall Bar between Midday and 3pm on the last Saturday of each month.

Masons, friends and family will be most welcome to pop by to catch up with friends old and new and we hope that, amongst other things, this monthly event might provide some masonic continuity during the summer months when we are otherwise masonically "out of season"! We hope to see you there – private members club bar prices apply!

Finally, Brethren, our hardworking committee is keen to attract new membership. There are exciting plans ahead for the Newark Masonic Hall and we welcome the fresh ideas and impetus that new membership can offer. If you would like to have greater input and become a member of the Ways & Means Committee, all you have to do to qualify for membership is to be a Newark Mason and turn up to the Committee Meeting! These are usually held on a Saturday morning on the last Saturday of the month and will immediately precede the Saturday Socials. If you are interested in helping us move forwards, please give me a call.

Paul Simpson, Chairman, Newark Masonic Hall Ways & Means Committee

Freemasonry in ICELAND

The Icelandic Order of Freemasons — Grand Lodge of Iceland

Freemasonry in Iceland began in 1913 when a “society of brothers”, Edda, was established, in Reykjavik. Then, in 1918 Edda became a lodge of instruction. A year later, on the 6th of January 1919, it became a fully warranted lodge. Since then, a total of twelve warranted lodges and six lodges of instruction have been established. Icelandic Freemasonry was under the jurisdiction of the The National Grand Lodge of Denmark (Den Danske Frimurerorden) until 1951 when the Danish Grand Master constituted the Grand Lodge of Iceland as a sovereign Order. The Icelandic Order of Freemason progressed from its establishment to be formally consecrated and established on 23rd July 1951, in a solemn opening ceremony in Reykjavik, the national capital of Iceland.

Icelandic brethren had previously participated in The Danish Order of Freemasons, as Iceland was a part of a common kingdom with Denmark, and high representatives of The Danish Order of Freemasons participated in the opening ceremony.

The first President of The Republic of Iceland, Mr. Sveinn Björnsson, was the first Grand Master and Supreme Commander of The Icelandic Order of Freemasons.

Having said this, the first Icelandic known to have become a freemasonic brother did so in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1796, and the second

one in 1817, also in Copenhagen. Since then there is an unbroken chain of Icelandic brethren in the brotherhood.



Sveinn Björnsson

The first freemasonic lodge meeting in Iceland was held by a group of Norwegian brethren on St. John's day 24th June 1900, in a whaling station in Northwestern Iceland.

Again, these Norwegian brethren held another formal lodge meeting on the 4th June 1902, on Cape Hornbjarg, the northernmost promontory of Iceland, under the canopy of heaven during a bright Icelandic summer night. A German brother who participated has described that meeting held exactly on the Arctic Circle as unforgettable.



A Fraternity Association of Icelandic brethren was established and formally opened November 15, 1913, in Reykjavik as a part of The Danish



Order of Freemasons. Most of the Icelandic brethren at that time were brethren in the Lodge "Z and F" - Zorobabel and Frederik to the Crowned Hope - in Copenhagen.

In the fraternal group there were also Icelandic brethren in lodges in North-America and Scotland.

On 6th January 1918, Epiphany day, the Fraternity Association became a Lodge of Instruction, these formal steps being parts of the preparation and development towards an established St. John's Lodge within the Swedish Rite of Freemasonry which is operated in Denmark and Iceland as well as in Sweden, Norway, partly in Finland, and with close ties to Northern Germany.

The Swedish Rite of Freemasonry was formalized and initiated at the end of the eighteenth century under the supervision of Grand Duke Carl, later King Carl XIII of Sweden. According to the Swedish Rite the Order of Freemasons in each country constitutes one over-all organization through all the degrees, from St. John's to St. Andrew's to Consistory or Grand Lodge degrees, with one

Grand Master and Supreme Commander, in one person, for each national Order. Brethren in the Swedish Rite must confess the Christian faith, with no prerequisite concerning religious denomination or affiliation.

On 6th January 1919, also on Epiphany day, the first fully consecrated St. John's Lodge of Freemasons was formally opened in Reykjavik. The lodge has the name "Edda" which is taken from the Icelandic mediaeval collection of Nordic mythological and heroic poetry. There were fourteen founding brethren.

Formal opening

Since then freemasonic work has continued in Iceland with a growing number of lodges and brethren. The most important achievement is, of course, the formal opening of The Icelandic Order of Freemasons as a fully sovereign body.

Because of the second World War the brethren in Iceland had to assume all supervision and governing of freemasonic work in the country from 1940, as all communication with Denmark was closed during the war. As mentioned above, the first Presi-



dent of The Republic of Iceland was the first Grand Master and Supreme Commander, as was also later the second President of Iceland.

The Swedish Rite

Icelandic Freemasonry operates according to the Swedish Rite which is the dominant system in four of the Nordic countries and to some extent in Finland and Germany. It consists of

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eleven degrees, all of which are considered a part of Freemasonry. This system differs considerably from those used in English-speaking countries. However, there are common characteristics which make a visit to an Icelandic lodge meeting interesting and most worthwhile.

Visitors welcomed

Masonic visitors from abroad belonging to Masonic Grand Lodges recognized by the Icelandic Order of Freemasons are cordially invited to participate in lodge meetings as they wish. A dark suit, white shirt and a conservative tie is recommended and masonic regalia are desirable but not required. Visitors will be asked to identify themselves with papers from their home lodge and in a Masonic manner

The four Grand Lodges in Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland are all working "The Swedish Rite" which was developed in Stockholm during the second half of the 18th century and finished in the year 1800 under the leadership of Duke Carl, later King Carl XIII. The four Orders, Swedish Order of Freemasons (SFMO), Danish Order of Freemasons (DDFO), The Norwegian Order of Freemasons (DNFO) and The Icelandic Order of Freemasons (IFMO), are all sovereign Masonic bodies working the same rituals.

In Finland there is a Grand Chapter which as a part of the Swedish Order of Freemasons is working The Swedish Rite.

The Swedish Rite has its origin in the

work led by first Carl Friedrich Eckleff and subsequently Duke Carl of Södermanland (the later King Carl XIII

of Sweden) during the second half of the 18th century and finished in 1800. The rituals and the fundamental laws of Carl XIII governing the system still constitute – with few modifications – the foundation for the work in The Swedish Rite.



King Carl III

It is a progressive, continuous and homogenous system through its eleven degrees. Each degree leads to the next and each degree sums up the contents of the preceding degrees. To ensure that each degree is kept separate and distinct, different lodge rooms are used, each specially designed for its degree. The way of working is also unique, based on the lodge room, the ritual and the individual examination in each degree.

There is one ritual for advancement in each degree Worshipful and the Master follows a manuscript when working a Lodge but some parts of the ritual must be memorised and performed by heart.

Three divisions

The system is grouped into three divisions with ten degrees altogether, which every brother can reach eventually. Progression through the degrees is slow, especially in the higher degrees, although variation with some between the four countries. A brother will typically reach the tenth degree after some 12-20 years' time

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after his entry as an apprentice in the St John's Lodge. The last (Eleventh) degree called Knight Commander of the Red Cross is almost exclusively for officers in the Grand Lodge.

St John's (Craft) Degrees (I—III)

- 1st degree — Apprentice
- 2nd degree — Fellow Craft
- Third degree — Master Mason

This division is closely related to the rituals in Craft lodges and the normal time for a brother to be a raised to Master Mason is two to three years

St Andrew's (Scottish) Degrees (IV—VI)

- 4th degree — Very Worshipful Apprentice
- 5th degree — Fellow of St Andrew
- 6th degree — Illustrious Scottish Master of St Andrew

This division is somewhat related to Mark Master Masons and Royal Arch, respectively, but has its own rituals and lodge rooms. A brother can reach the sixth degree in about four to six years.

Chapter Degrees (VII—X)

- 7th degree — Very Illustrious Brother
- 8th degree — Most Illustrious Brother
- 9th degree — Enlightened Brother of St John's Lodge
- 10th degree — Very Enlightened Brother of St Andrew's Lodge

This division is related to rituals in

Great Priories and Supreme Councils but has its own rituals and lodge rooms.

The Chapter also includes the final (Eleventh) degree: Most Enlightened Brother, Knight & Commander of the Red Cross. This degree is almost exclusively for officers in the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Masters.



The Swedish Rite is explicitly based on Christianity.

In the Swedish Rite the brother is supposed to be searching for his personal development and to practice friendship and charity. He is supposed to accept the Christian faith.

During his travel through the degrees he is supposed to grow in his own understanding of the basic principles of Religion and Christianity that should bring value to his life and develop his relation to his fellow brother. In this way he is also to grow in his understanding of, and his belief in God. He is guided closer to the answer questions: Where do I come from, what is my task in life and where am I heading?

During the whole progress from the first degree to the tenth, the brother is member of the same Order. Each division of degrees: the St John's Lodge, the St Andrew's Lodge and the Chapter, enjoys a certain amount of autonomy, but they are under the rule of the Sovereign Grand Master / Commander.

The Grand Lodge of Iceland has a total membership of around 3,500 members.

In writing this article the author acknowledges the help and contents of both historical documents and other sources.

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Talk
 by the editor



It seems a long while ago when holidays abroad were something to dream of and one could start the annual holiday, with small children in the back of the car on what could be a 12 hour journey to Devon of Cornwall, encountering on the way miles and miles of



crowded single carriage-ways and the dreaded Exeter bypass.

Fast focus to a couple of years ago when we had to be at the airport some two hours prior to our flight, queued interminably to check in and then waited what seemed to be an age before we were seated on the plane. Arriving at our destination we then had a long wait beside our carousel for the cases to be disgorged.

The temperature outside was akin to sitting in a large oven but we relished that because we had left a cold and miserable England for our two weeks in the sun with towels on the sun lounger, if you could get there before the Germans. Eating Taramasalata dips as a starter, then Kleftiko,

lamb marinated in garlic



and lemon juice and slowly cooked on-the bone, at the right restaurant in a pit oven. Drinking the local wine for which they are particularly good at, having been producing it since biblical times and before. Yes, we are in Cyprus and at the sharp end around Paphos.

But when may we go there again, or for that matter any of the Mediterranean resorts and even further afield.

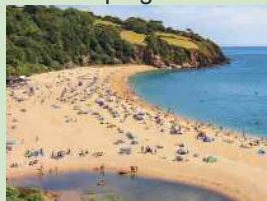
At the moment we don't know so fast track backward again to those holidays in the UK and what they can now offer. Granted they can be as expensive as holidays abroad and the weather may may not come up to scratch but there are destinations still well worth visiting and you don't have to be there two hours before your journey starts and you will not have to update your passport.

With the advent of motorways the journey to the south coast no longer takes double figures in hours and re-

member those times when you arrived at your rented cottage near Marazion with a view of St Michael's Mount from



the garden. Or you could be back into Devon with its sweeping sands. A



stay at Padstow and a visit to Rick Stein's fish restaurant.

Not so far afield the Norfolk coast provides interesting places from Sandringham down the



Sandringham House

North Norfolk Heritage Coast passing by many interesting coastal villages on the way to Sheringham then on to Cromer.

Further down the coast through Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and down to Southwold. Not forgetting, of course, the Norfolk Broads where you

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can hire a cabin cruiser



and make your way leisurely down those historic waterways, even into Yarmouth.

Heading north from Nottinghamshire there is the South Yorkshire resorts of Bridlington and Scarborough but perhaps more interesting finding somewhere to stay close to Robin Hoods Bay or further



up the coast to Whitby. And there's a host of interesting places in Yorkshire. Take in the James Heriot countryside around Thirsk or stay at a country inn to explore the rest of the North Yorkshire Moors.

North to the west is the Lake District where you



can settle in Windermere or further north to Kendall (not forgetting

to buy some Kendall Mint Cake) and take in the spectacular countryside in the storytale land of Beatrix Potter around Sawrey.

North of the border and into Scotland. Why not take the East Coast line to Edinburgh then hire a car to explore the countryside round the Firth of Forth or up to Inverness to look for the monster in Loch Ness.

Scotland has a lot to offer and although the East Coast Main Line will get you into Edinburgh and perhaps a trip round the Royal Yacht Britannia there is a lot, lot



more to see in the Lowlands, Highlands and islands of this country that is renowned for its glens and lochs and, of course a wee dram..

Before you venture into the highlands and sample

some of the produce of one of the many whisky distilleries why not slip accross country in your hire car to Glasgow to visit Scotland's transport museum, a futuristic



building where you can see vehicles from horse drawn trams to vintage underground railway carriages, motor cycles and even pedal bikes in a breathtaking display that will take you hours to fully explore. And when you've finished your explorations there is a restaurant where you can eat outside alongside



a well preserved tall ship which you can also go aboard to explore.

Travel facts

Nepal is the only country in the world to not have a square or rectangular flag.

Swedish capital, Stockholm, is built on 14 islands.

Venezuela has the world's highest waterfall.

Canada has the world's longest coastline.

Tokyo restaurants have the largest number of Michelin stars of any capital city.



FAMOUS FREEMASONS

Edmundo Ros

Many years ago, writes Philip Ingall, I was an avid listener to Edmundo Ros and his Latin American Band playing on what, I seem to recall, was then the BBC Light Programme and I was captivated by his distinctive voice when singing his numbers and the throbbing rhythm of the Latin American beat. I rarely missed a programme. I was not a Freemason then and even when I became one some 40 odd years ago I didn't realise he was such a prolific Freemason until I began to research this article. He was initiated into the Chelsea Lodge No 3098 and a Founder Member and Worshipful Master of Lodge of Ascension No 7358 and on retirement a founder member of the Sprig of Acacia Lodge No 41 in Javea, Spain

Edmundo Ros, OBE FRAM, born Edmund William Ross, in Port of Spain Trinidad on 7th December 1910, was a Trinidadian musician, vocalist, arranger and bandleader who made his career in Britain.

Career started

His career really started when he emigrated to UK in 1937 to study classical music at the Royal Academy of Music and in 1938 he was asked to play drums by Fats Waller at a recording session. He

never cashed the cheque for that session as it was signed by Fats Waller himself.

He formed his own Rumba Band in the 1940's, cutting many very successful records. Most of his bands performances were at London clubs and his playing the Bagatelle and

year. This first marriage produced two children, Anders Douglas and Britt Luisa. He designed and built a large house in Page Street, Mill Hill, London NW7, which he named Edritt House, after himself and his first wife. The house still stands, next to Cophall Girls' School. He married his



Coconut Grove Club particularly brought him fame. His regular radio broadcasts for the BBC to South America, which I have already mentioned, brought a new dimension to his career, and I joined many others to listen to those broadcasts.

It was in 1950 that King George VI invited him to perform at Windsor, and he took his fiancée, the beautiful Swedish aristocrat Britt Johansen, whom he married that

second wife, Susan, in 1971.

Edmundo conducted and sang with the BBC Big Band with Strings at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London in 1994 with another famous band leader, Stanley Black. The concert was broadcast over BBC Radio 2 and it was such a success that a Japanese recording company invited them into a recording studio in London to make yet

EDMUNDO ROS



another Edmundo Ros CD.

Apart from the honours he received as a Freemason Ros was also initiated into the exclusive entertainment fraternity, the Grand Order of Water Rats, in October. 1964. A year and a half later he was made a Freeman of the City of London, having been admitted to the Freedom of the Worshipful Company of Poulterers in January 1965 and subsequently clothed with the Livery of the Poulterers' Company in June of that year.

Academy Fellow

He became a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in 1991. He was nicknamed by fans and journalists as the "King of Latin Music".

In the 2000 New Year Honours, Ros (then aged 90), was appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. He turned 100 on 7th December 2010.

Ros retired and moved to Jávea, Alicante, Spain. He

gave his last public performance on 8th January 1994. He died on 21st October 2011, shortly before his 101st birthday.

Excerpts from eulogy

I discovered an eulogy for Edmundo written by one of his Freemason friends, W Bro Bernard



Phillips, and I am very grateful to note their content some of which is repeated here.

"I first met Edmundo, when in 1986, a number of UK Freemasons residing in this area, wished to set up English speaking Masonic Lodges in Spain.

Together with our wives, once a month, we would meet at Benidoleig for the men to discuss Masonic Business, and the ladies to socialise over coffee and cakes.

My instant impression was that here was an English Gentleman. More English than the English themselves. A stickler for etiquette and he epitomised what you expect of a Freemason.

It was at these meetings and at many social occasions that I learnt so much of his full and fascinating life.

He opened his own Club renaming The Coconut Grove in Regent Street as "The Edmundo Ros Dinner and Supper Club". It became an immediate success being the "in place" for everyone visiting London. He almost single-handedly introduced Rumba and Samba to the UK.

Edmundo retired in 1975 and he and Susie moved here to Jávea.

He became interested in Freemasonry in the 40's when he became aware that many of his friends belonged to the Brotherhood. They in

Twenty-five

EDMUNDO ROS

turn recognised his potentiality, His joining was not without incident and may I say, at another time this makes an interesting story. However under the sponsorship of a Charles Topper, he joined the Cheyne Lodge No. 4443 in London and went through the Chair in just six years.

Not enough

Of course to belong to one Lodge only was not enough for Edmundo – he became a member and progressed through the Chairs of five other Craft Lodges – two Chapter Lodges – Rose Croix-Mark and was an Honorary member of

others. He was a Vice President of the Masonic Boys School, Life Governor of the Masonic Girls School, Grand Patron of the Masonic Hospital, Life Governor of the Masonic Benevolent Institute and so the list goes on.

He also received London Grand Rank.

He and I were founder members of Sprig of Acacia Lodge, which was consecrated in 1989 and he went through the Chair in 1995, carrying out his ceremonies with the same aplomb as he did in his musical career. He became an Honorary Member of the Lodge in



1999. He received many Provincial Grand Honours

One of my personal highlights was when I witnessed the Installation of Douglas, his son, in the Chair of Poulters Lodge in the splendid surroundings of Poulters Hall London. The ceremony being entirely carried out by Edmundo”.

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FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER 2021

6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Tickets
£13**

Menu

**Nicholson's steak pie, mash,
peas, gravy, mint sauce**

Followed by apple pie

**Proceeds will be divided equally between
Mark Masons Charities of their choice and
the Ways and Means Refurbishment Fund.
Donations for raffle prizes will be welcome.**



British humour is different

These examples were actually placed in UK newspapers or taken from actual school teacher's experiences

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FREE PUPPIES. Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a super dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

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JOINING NUDIST COLONY! Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

And the WINNER IS...

FOR SALE BY OWNER. Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, £200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

CHILDREN ARE QUICK

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: KROKODIAL'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: John, why do you always get so dirty?

JOHN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'.

MILLIE: I is...

TEACHER interrupting: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Harry, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

HARRY: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher.

TEACHER: Peter, who won the Football World Cup in 1966.

PETER: The team that scored the most goals, I suppose

...and so we go on for there are many more with no room left.



You and your computer

Martin Horsfall of M&R Systems offers helpful advice

Time never stands still. Whoever put that missive into my grey bits obviously was never on Zoom or Teams

It's been a good year for learning and realising we've all got to keep learning new tricks.

Mobile service

Lockdown last April made me become a mobile delivery & repair service, supporting people in anyway possible with the IT bugs, problems and woe's. By the time we got back to first normality I was feeling quite acrophobic. This year the shop has been open and busy – thank you all for your support.

Oh for just lazing in the back garden wiling away the sunny days, muttering bad words as to why my Wi Fi was not good enough or why I can't see my Tablet screen in brilliant sunshine. The important question, why the one solar panel I'd purchased on-line would not keep my new drinks cabinet in the shed working all day – nothing worse than having warm beer.

Laptops

In the case of Laptops – an i3 with 8GB Ram and 256 Nvme h/d are the minimum requirements to have an easy time on Teams and Zoom, that £5.00 webcam purchased in the Neolithic period of XP just does not cut the edge. You

definitely need HD webcam with good track and zoom with a good built-in microphone.

Passwords

The most common repair over the last year has been customers stating that they have never needed or had a password for their email account and its stopped working, followed by the answers to the security questions to unlock said account. So the moral of this stroll around my garden of problems is to really keep your paperwork trail up to date and in a place where you know where to find it. Especially in concern to capital

Letter and spaces between words, do you spell the word: road Road Rd. Or Rd

That Euro 2020 spasm

The Euros came and went. For once in my life (post 1966) I was told off once by management for screaming in delight at the TV, with the advice "They can't hear you" I replied how do you know? The second reply was the neighbours might have, but not those men falling over on the TV!! The final passing comment was you are worse than a child shouting at their TV when they play their Xbox or Playstation. I wonder where the children get those bad habits from?

The spinning mechanical hard drive is no longer part

of today's computing. Speed is the important factor and the next generation computing with speeds above read/write of 7,500 bits/second makes the dots join together within the blink of an eye.

To accompany this people have started hearing the first shouts from Microsoft and the media about Windows 11. Sadly Windows 10 will go end of life by 2025, it is now six years old.

Check your version (settings/system/about)

Windows 10 version 1909 was released 2019 - end of support was May 2021.

Since then we have had version 2004, 20H2 + the latest is 21H1 the life cycle of each feature update-version is about two years, Windows 10 will cease to have new releases being updated in 2023. Windows 11 will be hitting your screen as a free update starting in November this year.

If your PC/Laptop started off life as Windows 7 – I would not consider upgrading to 11. Buy a new PC/Laptop sometime from July 2022.

So to bring this story to a close I'm looking for more solar panels for my shed, - I need to plan for one of those new fangled heat pump heating systems to keep me warm.

Masonic Hall gets a sweep up



On Saturday 28th August a small, but willing team of volunteers responded to the call to sweep the outside of the Masonic Hall. The team, swept, hoed, weeded and cleared their way around the exterior of the hall and car park, removing weeds, litter and other detritus and generally tidying up the appearance of the Hall in preparation for the new Masonic season. Starting at 10:30 and

completing the task by noon, the team were well rewarded with the first "Saturday Social". The team shown in the photograph were aided by W.Bro Nick Scott and W.Bro Paul Simpson who managed to escape the photographer



A miscellany of facts



Sausages are called bangers because, during World War Two they contained so much water they exploded when fried

The dark meat on a roast turkey contains more calories than the white meat

Any month that starts on a Sunday will have a Friday 13th in it.

No two zebras have the same pattern of stripes.

Alexander the Great died of alcoholism at the age of 32.

The King of Hearts is the only king in a standard set of playing cards without a moustache.

Horseradish is a member of the cabbage family.

The oldest masonic Lodge?

Many freemasons are curious as to what is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the World?

Many believe that Mother Kilwinning in Scotland is the oldest particularly as it holds number 0 on the role of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but Mother Kilwinning claim that most of its early records were lost in fires or other disasters.

With actual evidence Lodge of Edinburgh, No.1 Edinburgh, is the oldest lodge in the world. This lodge is sometimes known as Mary's Chapel. Its oldest Masonic Lodge Minutes are dated 31st July 1599 so it is 422 years old.

More impressively, the first five pages of minutes incorporate the Schaw Statutes which are dated 28th December 1598. Six months later, on 31st July 1599 are to be found the minutes which confirm the lodge's claim as having the oldest existing masonic minutes.

The Schaw Statutes are named after William Schaw, who was Master of Works to His Majesty, King James VI and General Warden of the Masonic Craft. In the statutes, he declared that these ordinances issued by him for the regulation of lodges considered the lodge at Edinburgh to be for all time, the first principal Lodge

Lodge of Edinburgh No. 1 was first called "The Lodge of Edinburgh" and retained this name until 1688. When the Grand Lodge of Scotland confirmed its charter in the 1730's, it designated the lodge as: "The Lodge of Ed-

Thirty



Mary's Chapel

inburgh (Mary's Chapel) No1".

Prominent members belonging to the Lodge in its very early days included His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward VII) and His Royal Highness King Edward VIII.

Both were affiliated within the Lodge, taking the obligation on the "Breeches Bible" which was printed in 1587. The pen with which these two brethren signed the roll is still preserved in the Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 museum.

As early as 1600 ce, The Lodge of Edinburgh began to admit non-operative freemasons. In June 1600 the Laird of Auchinleck was made a speculative member, the first authentic record of the making of such a member.

When the Grand Lodge of Scotland was estab-

lished on 30th November 1736 the Lodge of Edinburgh took an active part. Thirty Three lodges were represented at the meeting



Masonic symbols on one of the many historic documents in the lodge's archives..

which was held in the lodge room of the Edinburgh Lodge. Because the oldest minute of a lodge was that of Edinburgh Lodge, it was placed first on the roll of the Grand Lodge.

Quiz on the Square answers

1. To see the lodge is close tyled
2. To see that none but Masons are present.
3. At or near to the right of the WM.
4. Second Degree
5. The Queen
6. The Sun
7. The Inner Guard
9. "It will never disgrace you".
10. To be cautious
11. North East corner.
12. Charity.
13. To measure our work.
14. The Ionic order.
15. An angle of 90 degrees.
16. To bear all messages and commands from the WM to the SW and await the return of the JD.
17. ...a disposition.
18. 1819.
19. A purse.
20. The Immediate Past Master

What's in a name?

Here are just five examples

ALAN

The meaning of this name is not known for certain. It was used in Brittany at least as early as the 6th century, and it possibly means either "little rock" or "handsome" in Breton. Alternatively, it may derive from the tribal name of the Alans, an Iranian people who migrated into Europe in the 4th and 5th centuries. This was the name of several dukes of Brittany, and Breton settlers introduced it to England after the Norman Conquest.

BRIAN

The meaning of this name is not known for certain but it is possibly related to the old Celtic element *bri* meaning "hill", or by extension "high, noble". It was borne by the semi-legendary Irish king Brian Boru, who thwarted Viking attempts to conquer Ireland in the 11th century. He was slain in the Battle of Clontarf, though his forces were decisively victorious. The name was common in Ireland before his time, and even more so afterwards. It came into use in England in the Middle Ages, introduced by Breton settlers. It subsequently became rare, but was revived in the 20th century.

RICHARD

Means "brave ruler", derived from the Germanic elements *ric* "ruler, mighty" and *hard* "brave,

hardy". The Normans introduced this name to Britain, and it has been very common there since that time. It was borne by three kings of England including Richard I the Lionheart, one of the leaders of the Third Crusade in the 12th century.

TERENCE

From the Roman family name Terentius, which is of unknown meaning. Famous bearers include Publius Terentius Afer, a Roman playwright, and Marcus Terentius Varro, a Roman scholar. It was also borne by several early saints. The name was used in Ireland as an Anglicized form of *Tóirdhealbhaich*, but it was not in use as an English name until the late 19th century.

WILLIAM

From the Germanic name Willahelm meaning "will helmet", composed of the elements *wil* "will, desire" and *helm* "helmet, protection". An early saint by this name was the 8th-century William of Gellone, a cousin of Charlemagne who became a monk. The name was common among the Normans, and it became extremely popular in England after William the Conqueror was recognized as the first Norman king of England in the 11th century. From then until the modern era it has been among the most common of English names

W Bro R M (Ron) Dury

PPrJGW, Corinthian Lodge 5528

Just prior to the publication of the last edition of Password we were saddened with the sudden passing of W Bro. Ronald Michael Dury PPrJGW after a very short illness.

Known to everyone at Newark as Ron he was from that generation that had an eventful life. Born in London on the 31st July 1938 he lived in Kings Cross until the outbreak of war when he and his twin brother were evacuated to Newcastle for the remainder of the war. Returning to London only to find the family home had been destroyed they were given "temporary accommodation" which was to last almost 15 years. In his youth he was an accomplished ice skater and a member of a league ice hockey team. Eventually National Service called, and he reported to the recruitment office with a dozen other lads who were all conscripted into the Army; Ron went into the Navy, he claimed he never discovered why. After several postings he eventually found himself aboard HMS Eagle (an aircraft carrier and the largest ship in the Royal Navy) where he became a steward in the officer's mess and started a lifelong interest in Food & Drink. More about this later. Ron eventually took up a career in sales working for a wholesale lighting company where he became national sales manager. As a junior salesman at this company he had cause to visit the head office where a colleague mentioned there was a very attractive new girl in the admin department. Always a shy person!!! He went to admin and introduced himself; on returning to his colleague, he declared he was going to marry her. The girl in question? Elaine, to whom he was married for 56 years and had a son and daughter.

Ron's Masonic career started on 28th November 1990 being initiated into Tandridge Hundred Lodge No 5767 in Surrey where he was duly installed as Worshipful Master and later received provincial honours.

After retirement Ron and his wife Elaine moved to Newark to be nearer to their son and daughter, living in Sheffield and St Albans respectively, and on 9th October 2003 he joined Corinthian Lodge. Despite often quoting his National Service mantra "never volunteer" he would then volunteer for any

and all jobs that needed to be done. He was for several years Charity Steward and then Almoner. He was a regular at Lodge of instruction, taking on all positions to assist younger brethren practice the ritual. He was the lodge representative on PGL General Purposes Committee. At the festive board he became well known or should we say notorious, his jokes being widely regarded as terrible. No matter how loud the groans he was irrepressible (at one family gathering it was reported his son was heard to exclaim "Dad please tell me I was adopted").

When the idea was instigated for a major refurbishment of the Newark Masonic Hall, and it was realised that a major fundraising programme would be necessary, the Ways & Means committee was relaunched. Needless to say, Ron was one of the first to volunteer. He attended most of the fund-raising events and help with organization and ticket sales. He and Elaine were staunch supporters of the Sunday lunch committee and participated in organising and the set up of most, where Ron's National service experience became apparent. It was during Sunday Lunches that Ron's exuberant personality came to the fore. He would be the first "volunteer" to act as Master of Ceremonies, a role he relished, it let him tell jokes and have fun with the raffle draw. Few will forget the Christmas Lunch where the committee decided it would be a good idea to dress themselves with festive ties and pullovers, this was not good enough for Ron. On arrival, removing his overcoat an apparition in green from head to toe appeared complete with pointed hat, who when challenged, declared it was the fitting uniform for his role at the lunch, after all "I am in charge of Elf & Safety"

His interests extended beyond freemasonry, he was a contributor to the Newark "Talking Newspaper", a lover of Jazz and French wine and a lifelong fascination with the New York Mafia. A subject on which he had dozens of books and often gave talks, and to the amusement of his friends would often sign his e mails, Consigliere.

Ron was an example of freemasonry at its best, always cheerful, a friend to all, a willingness to help, a sense of duty; He will be sadly missed.



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W Bro Malcolm E Peet

PPrGSwdB, Newton Lodge 1661

It is with sadness to record the passing of Malcolm Peet who ascended to the Grand Lodge Above, age 75 years, on 19th June this year after losing a bravely fought battle with cancer.

Malcolm, a keen and enthusiastic Freemason, was initiated as a member of the Newton Lodge 1661 where he was Worshipful Master in 2005 and subsequently became the Lodge treasurer. He was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in 2016.

In addition he was a past master of the Fleming Lodge of Master Mark Masons where he held the dual roles of Senior Deacon and Treasurer and held the rank of Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon.

Malcolm was also a member of he Newark on Trent Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners where, yet again, he held the position of treasurer. He was a Past Commander of the

Lodge in 2013 and held the Provincial rank of RAMProvGR.

In his business life he ran his own very successful Newark company as a motor engineer and although he had retired from that company it is still run bearing his name

A much loved husband of Dianne and devoted father of two children, Victoria and James. He was also father in law to Chris and Kasia. Adored grandpa to Sophie, Henry and Alexander.

Malcolm was an all round man who not only devoted a good portion of his life to Freemasonry but was essentially a family man, taking a full part in the various activities that was to make up his busy life.

He will be sadly missed by those who knew him and had contact with him, not only in Freemasonry but in every other aspect of his family and business life. Rest in peace.

The Password story

Each issue of Password reflects not only the activities of local Freemasonry but looks at features, including those relating to the Craft, that can be of interest.

We are always looking for Masonic or general items of interest to our brethren so if you have a story to tell we will be very happy to include it among the pages.

Send your story to the editor on
philip@ingalluk.com

Bro K G (Ken) Fletcher

Corinthian Lodge 5528

Sadly, Bro Ken Fletcher passed to the Grand Lodge Above from Red Rose Nursing Home on Monday 7th June last aged 91 years.

Ken was a joining member of Corinthian Lodge on 11th November 2004 and I was pleased to be present when he was originally initiated, in the early 1980's, into the Round Table Lodge of Nottinghamshire 8604 meeting at the Masonic Hall Chilwell which he stopped attending during the early 1990's when his health started to deteriorate with the outset of Diabetes which eventually caused him to have part of one of his legs amputated.

He was a firm believer in Freemasonry and the good it portrays for it was very much in accord to his normal way of life. Even though, although holding junior offices in the Round Table Lodge he never aspired to the chair of King Solomon but that made him no less a person.

Ken and his late wife, Pat, devoted much of their life to service within their community and to public service including several terms as Newark and Sherwood District Councillors including Ken being one time the Council Chairman.

They also served together for a very long term on Balderton Parish Council and this was a post which Ken was able to continue with until recently. His term made him a stalwart of the Parish Council's development of the village during

what could well be the longest serving membership of the Council.

He was Chairman of Newark Round Table in 1963-64 and followed his Round Table time in Newark Forty-One Club where he was chairman in 1979-80. He then joined a small band of older members of Forty-One Club (at that time all over 70 years of age) to form The Old Boys Luncheon Club which normally meets once a month mainly to reminisce on old times and friendship.

For many years he was a leading member of Worthington Simpson Sports Club which company he had been employed for the greater part of his working life.

His physical incapacity prevented him attending many organisations to which he was associated but it still didn't stop him keeping in touch and indeed offering his advice or opinion.

Bro Ken Fletcher was a very unassuming man who went about his tasks without seeking either applause or credit. He stoically fought his diabetes and the side effects it had on him but he eventually resigned from Corinthian on 31st March this year owing to a rapid decline in his health.

Memories of both the man himself and his good works will live on after him and he will be sadly missed by those who knew and respected him.

Philip Ingall

W Bro C J (Chris) Perrett

PPrAGDC Minster Lodge - Vernon Bussell Chapter

I have been asked to write a eulogy for my dear departed friend Chris Perrett who died in July this year. And I'd like to do it in such a way as best describes his tremendous contribution to society here in Nottinghamshire.

I will start with masonry, not because this is the most important aspect of Chris's life., but because this was how we met and got to know one another so well. Chris always gave of his best, becoming Worshipful Master of Minster Lodge 8510 in 2009, afterwards serving as Charity Steward until the present. He received Provincial Honours in 2014

He joined Newark Vernon Bussell Chapter in 2005 becoming Excellent Companion in 2014 and afterwards serving as both assistant Scribe E and our music maestro, again until the present.

Chris was also an active Officer in both The Newark Castle Conclave No.359 of the Red Cross of Constantine and The Pilgrim Preceptory No. 495 of the Knights Templar.

But if his life's contributions could be described in the form of a pie chart, his masonic achievements would only form a small portion.

Chris has the benefit and support of a caring Wife, Celia, and a loving family, and this provided the solid base from which he was to achieve so many things.

As Chief Planning Officer for Newark & Sherwood District Council Chris, and his team, inspired and masterminded the redevelopment of the riverside along Millgate and beyond the Trent Bridge, turning the

whole area from an assortment of dilapidated warehouses and scrap yards into the Des. Res. it has now become. An amazing and lasting legacy for Newark Town and one we can all enjoy.

Such was his reputation that when he retired from the Council his knowledge and experience of council practices and procedures, together with his reputation for fairness and balance, that his services were head hunted to support high profile Industrial Tribunal cases in London. A role he undertook for many years and served with distinction.

Chris, and his family, are devout Christians and it can be no surprise that, on his retirement, Chris became a Lay Preacher within the Southwell Diocese. I can just imagine him delivering a thoughtful sermon with that wonderful deep voice he had, together with that ready, gentle and warm smile.

It was inevitable, I suppose, that Chris's flair for organisation was harnessed by the diocese when he was asked to take up the role of planning the roster cover for lay preachers serving the many smaller parishes across the diocese. Consequently, he also served on the Diocesan Church Council.

Now Chris was a modest man and there may well be other achievements we never got to discuss at our Festive Boards. But to my mind Chris was one of those few outstanding people who it has been my privilege to know. May he rest in peace.

Bryan Spilsbury

The Diary

Red type denotes Installation meetings. Green type denotes social functions

SEPTEMBER 2021

Wed 1st - Vernon Bussell Chapter
Thurs 2nd
Fri 3rd - Newton Lodge
Sat 4th
Sun 5th
Mon 6th - Pilgrim Preceptory practice
Tues 7th - Newton Study Circle
Wed 8th
Thurs 9th - RAM practice
Fri 10th - **Ladies' Lunch**
Sat 11th
Sun 12th
Mon 13th - Newark Lodge practice
Tues 14th - RAM Lodge
Wed 15th - Minster
Thurs 16th - **Newark Lodge Install**
Fri 17th
Sat 18th - **Heritage Open Day**
Sun 19th
Mon 20th - Fleming Mark practice
Tues 21st - Castle Conclave practice
Wed 22nd - Newton Lodge practice
Thurs 23rd -
Fri 24th - SRIA
Sat 25th - **Saturday Social**
Sun 26th
Mon 27th - Corinthian practice
Tues 28th - Castle Conclave
Wed 29th - **Fleming Mark Install**
Thurs 30th - **Newton Lodge Install**

OCTOBER 2021

Fri 1st - Pilgrim practice
Sat 2nd
Sun 3rd
Mon 4th - Prince Rupert RSM
Tues 5th - Magnus Practice
Wed 6th - Corinthian practice
Thurs 7th
Fri 8th - Provincial Priory
Fri 8th - **Ladies' Lunch**
Sat 9th
Sunday 10th - **Sunday Lunch**

Mon 11th - Corinthian practice
Tues 12th - **Magnus Lodge install**
Wed 13th - St John's Lodge practice
Thurs 14th - Corinthian Lodge
Fri 15th
Sat 16th
Sun 17th
Mon 18th - Newark Lodge practice
Tues 19th - St John's Lodge
Wed 20th - Newton L of I
Thurs 21st - Newark Lodge
Fri 22nd - Alexander Chapter practice
Sat 23rd
Sun 24th
Mon 25th - Rose Croix practice
Mon 25th - St John's PMs
Tues 26th - Newton Lodge
Wed 27th - Vernon Bussell practice
Thurs 28th - Alexander Chapter
Fri 29th - **Mark Quiz Night**
Sat 30th - **Saturday Social**
Sun 31st

NOVEMBER 2021

Mon 1st - Rose Croix Chapter
Tues 2nd - Newark Festival
Wed 3rd - Vernon Bussell Chapter
Thurs 4th - Corinthian L of I
Fri 5th - Rose Croix Chapter
Sat 6th
Sun 7th - Sunday Lunch
Mon 8th - Corinthian Lodge practice
Tues 9th
Wed 10th - St John's practice
Thurs 11th - Corinthian Lodge
Fri 12th - Ladies' Lunch
Sat 13th
Sun 14th
Mon 15th - Newark Lodge practice
Tues 16th - St John's Lodge
Wed 17th - Newton Lodge L of I
Thurs 18th - Newark Lodge
Fri 19th
Sat 20th
Sun 21st
Mon 22nd - - Fleming Mark practice
Tues 23rd - Newton Lodge practice

The Diary

Wed 24th - Trent Mark practice
 Thurs 25th - Fleming Mark Lodge
 Fri 26th - Prince Rupert RSM
 Sat 27th - **Saturday Social**
 Sun 28th
 Mon 29th - St John's PMs
 Tues 30th - Newton Lodge

DECEMBER 2021

Wed 1st - Corinthian L of I
 Thurs 2nd - Trent Mark Lodge
 Fri 3rd
 Sat 4th
 Sun 5th - **Sunday Lunch**
 Mon 6th - Corinthian Lodge practice
 Tues 7th
 Wed 8th
 Thurs 9th - Corinthian Lodge
 Friday 10th - Magnus practice
 Fri 10th - **Ladies' Lunch**
 Sat 11th

Sun 12th
 Mon 13th
 Tues 14th - Magnus Lodge
 Wed 15th
 Thurs 16th
 Fri 17th
 Sat 18th - **Saturday Social**
 Sun 19th
 Mon 20th
 Tues 21st
 Wed 22nd
 Thurs 23rd
 Fri 24th
 Sat 25th - **Christmas Day**
 Sun 26th - **Bank Holiday**
 Mon 27th
 Tues 28th
 Wed 29th
 Thurs 30th
 Fri 31st

For dates from January through to April 2022 please
 check with your Lodge or side degree secretary

Dates at random

The invention of eyeglasses took place
 around 1300

Printing press invented (and
 Gutenberg Bible published) 1455.

The Age of Exploration: 1476 to 1500.

First modern atlas published 1570.

Telescope invented 1608.

Microscope invented late 1660s.

William The Conqueror Defeats Harold
 at The Battle of Hastings - 1066. ...

The sealing of Magna Carta - 1215. ...

The Plague (Black Death) arrives in
 England - 1346. ...

Wars Of The Roses Begins - 1455. ...

William Shakespeare is Born - 1564.

Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot
 are discovered - 1605

The end of WWII (1945)

The first organ transplant (1954)

First heart transplant (Louis
 Washkansky, 1967)

Penicillin successfully used to treat a
 first patient for septicaemia or blood
 poisoning (1942)

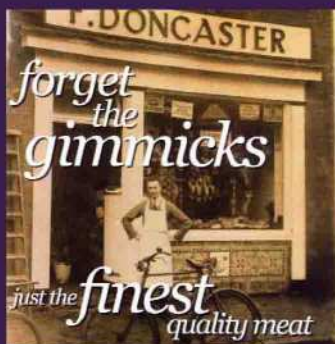
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