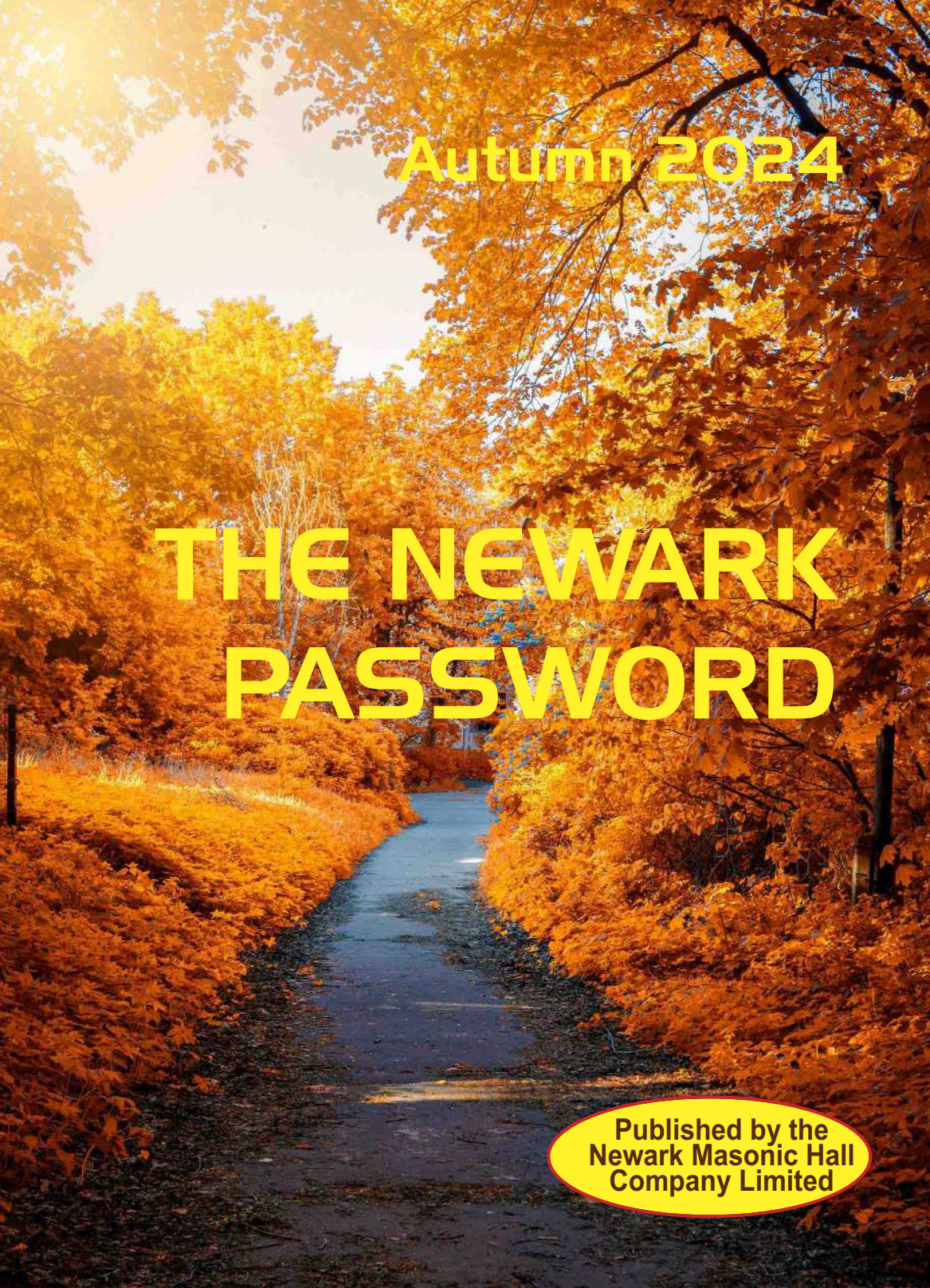




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The chairman writes . . .

Brethren

The summer, as such as it was, has now passed but some progress has been made in refurbishing the building.

The foyer, stairs and 1st floor landing has been stripped of the old flock wallpaper and lining and redecorated and the company's thanks are expressed to those who again answered the call to arms. It took a day and a half to complete the stripping and the only incident was the setting off of the fire alarm caused by a zealous Jim Barrie with his steam stripper.

The whole job was made easier and safer by the loan of a scaffolding tower by Adrian Whittle for which the company is very grateful.

Thankfully, the walls did not require reskimming on this occasion, only some preparation and the result is a brighter and much more welcoming entrance. Unfortunately, the stair window curtains were beyond redemption and consideration is being given to replacing them with blinds to match the dining room.

The foyer and stair furniture and pictures are yet to be replaced and the decoration of the annexe to the dining room, which requires very little preparation, will be completed by volunteers before the new year.

The highly successful Bryan Spilsbury/Ways & Means temple carpet appeal has purchased a new carpet which is currently stored at the back of the new extension to the dining room and will be fitted shortly along with the stairs carpet.

A big thank you has to be given to all those who support the refurbishment appeal and one group in particular is the Ladies Luncheon Club whose generosity has resulted in a chair mover and a table storage trolley to make setting up and taking down much easier.

Another of course is the Ways & Means who raise a considerable amount each year towards projects through a variety of events. One such event resulted in a very enjoyable afternoon spent by members, partners, wives and friends at the summer BBQ at the Brownlow Arms, High Marnham which was hosted by the owner Bro. Paul Birks and his wife Margaret.

Brethren, we are not a corporate business and whilst we need to maintain the Hall to a high and modern standard it can only survive through memberships and the higher that membership the lower the lodge rents.

The recent Newark Masonic Hall open day has attracted several enquirers which hopefully will result in new memberships but Newark does not enjoy the same level of internet enquirers as other halls and members therefore need to look to introduce personal recommendations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. May', written over a horizontal line.

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Reflections

by the editor

In a column entitled reflections it is not unreasonable to do just that so here goes.

I can recall late in 1974 when the late W Bro John Bamford was talking generally at a meeting of Newark Round Table, and the conversation turned to Freemasonry. John said to me was I interested in Freemasonry and my reply was that I did not know enough about it to form an opinion so tell me more. He replied that that was not how it worked but he believed I would enjoy it knowing what my other interests were. I said OK I am interested mainly because I was also curious having heard all sorts of stories about how they carried on and how it was, allegedly, a very secret society/

I heard no more until early in 1975 when John, at another Round Table meeting, said to me that although he had put my name down for another Lodge would I be interested in Magnus Lodge which I would be able to join sooner as their waiting list was shorter. I said yes and on 11th March, with some trepidation I arrived at The Avenue fully turned out in evening dress to what I was told would be my initiation ceremony. I was later to discover that prior to this meeting Magnus Lodge had traditionally met in Newark Town Hall and adjourned across the road to Oldhams restaurant for their festive board I was to be their first initiate at The Avenue.

My initiation was an event that was to surprise me for it is a traditional ceremony which cannot be described here but which is memorable for the very reason that, to me, on that evening, it was unique. One of the most memorable things was that I discovered many well known faces in Magnus Lodge whom I knew from Round Table and in Particular the late W Bro Geoffrey Hine, an outstanding Round Tabler who held the highest rank a Freemason could hold, that as a member of Grand Lodge.

Early on I decided that, unlike many, I would restrict myself to Craft only but then I became a member of Royal Arch and whilst member of a London Chapter I was honoured with London Grand Rank (Provincial in Notts) being only one of two ranks in London Freemasonry the other one being Senior LGR. The simple reason for my restricted Masonic membership was the various other interests I had outside the Craft which I did not want to neglect and in which I had just as much interest. For that very reason I have always told joining brethren that, to quote the Grand Director of Ceremonies, it is a hobby and should not become a profession.

Approaching fifty years in Freemasonry promotes reflections and the most outstanding one for me is that Freemasonry has lots to offer and, it has improved my attitude to life by more than a little together with years of enjoyment and brotherhood.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Hine', written over the end of the final paragraph.

Letters

PERSONAL NOTE

On a personal note, after 10 years, I am finally handing over the reins of the Newark Lodge secretary to Trevor Timson but am staying on as his trusty assistant. I am now residing in North Wales so don't often get over the border for lodge meetings. I miss the old days at Newark.

W Bro Chas Black

DARK NIGHTS

With the dark nights now getting closer and the new season of Freemasonry beginning, last year I always had some difficulty in locating the turn left into the Avenue on those dark winter nights and wondered if it was possible to have, perhaps, some reflectors on the fence posts to help in identifying the turn off. It would be a great help to me and I guess to several others who may have the same problem.

Careful - details provided

ALL TIED UP

Seeing men in suits with open neck shirts is yet another example that we live in perhaps strange times or am I just an old Octagenarian having a moan? I hasten to write that this letter is in no way political or religious, but rather a comment on our times. My reason for writing is that I do hope that Freemasonry does not follow the Houses of Parliament in our Lodges where ties, I believe, have become optional.

Ties have always been an *Eight*

important part of my life and I especially hate to see the lack of a tie when wearing a formal suit.

My Masonic tie, be it black or, as of recent years, sporting the pattern of an order or Province is just as important to me as the apron I wear and I wear them both with pride. Long may it continue.

"Sartorial Sam". details provided

THE CARPET

The willingness to donate towards a new temple chequered carpet surprised even the most optimistic of us within the Ways and Means Committee.

Our original hope had been to raise £4,500 for a new chequered centrepiece.

The enthusiasm to donate allowed this vision to be expanded to include the worn areas of surrounding carpet and, in the event, repair the steps on the stairs.

In total, £11,975 was raised, at which point a message was sent to Brethren acknowledging that we had collected enough to complete all the desired work to a high standard.

In the event, donations were received from: 12 Lodges and other Orders. The Ladies Luncheon Club. 108 individual masons and their Family members.

Together with 22 donations on behalf of past Brethren who had helped to wear out the existing carpet.

The fitting of the new carpet is scheduled for Tuesday the 5th November. Artwork commemorating such overwhelming generosity will be hung in the anti-room next to the Temple on completion

of the work

Bryan Spilsbury.

THE UP WORD

I was interested reading the article entitled About our Language in Spring Password. It was the word "up" that was of particular interest and the illustrations of how many different uses the word could be featured in. But there is just one other that a good Nottinghamshire lad like myself springs easily to mind and it too is used in several ways. "Aye Up" is a common greeting from one Nottingham lad to another and "Aye Up" said in a more serious tone means there is something wrong. And if a former girlfriend says "Aye Up" to you it can bring back happy memories.

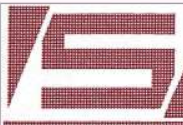
So there you have it. Just a simple phrase in local dialect. So, "Aye Up" I've written enough so now I'm off 'om.

Local Lad, name and details provided

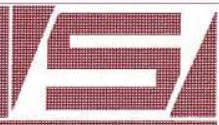
The editor welcomes more letters

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. All pseudonyms relate to real people

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Quiz Night

A quick thank you, writes Adrian Crampton, for your collective hard work in making the Quiz night in July such a success. Despite less than 40 people attending everyone went home smiling and everyone I have spoken with is eagerly looking forward to repeating the evening in March next year.

As it was an event organised jointly by the Newark Masonic Hall Festival Stewards it was agreed that the profits would be split equally between the five craft lodges at Newark and to this end, having sought Provincial guidance, Chris Ward will be sending a cheque for the £400 raised to The Masonic Charitable Foundation in London who will attribute £80 to each lodge.

If anyone has any ideas for a fundraising event that they would like to run as a lodge event or feel they would like to share with the team for a joint event, please share your thoughts.

Quiz Night



Quiz Night



A miscellany of facts



In 2010 twice as many Britons died in accidents in their own homes as in traffic accidents .

The word school comes from the ancient Greek for "free time"

A female ferret will die if she doesn't have sex for a year

25 billion bibles were printed in 2011 compared with 208 million Ikea catalogues.

It takes ten times as much energy to heat water than it does to heat iron.

Since 1900 the people living in poverty in China has fallen from 85% to 15%.

Miscellany

Masonic Council

There are still ongoing attacks and challenges regarding the desirability and activities of Freemasonry. It is often mistakenly claimed that Freemasonry is exclusively male, despite Women's Freemasonry having existed in these islands for over a century.

Having determined that both Women's and Men's Freemasonry wish to maintain single-gender Lodges, we believe that the creation of a Council for Freemasonry in England and Wales will provide a formal process around the strong collaboration with Women's Freemasonry that we have always had.

The Council is comprised of The United Grand Lodge of England, Order of Women Freemasonry and Honourable Fraternity of Ancient Freemasons. Whilst it is a formal collaboration, it will have no powers over individual Grand Lodges, nor is it in any way a merger and will not impact the regularity of any or all of them.

The main purposes of the Council

To ensure that the founding principles of merit, tolerance, diversity and inclusion are advanced and respected;

To ensure that common values, such as community service, can be optimised through scale;

To align and coordinate communications and engagement with government, regulators, religious authorities, and the press;

To promote and support the membership challenges of each of the Grand Lodges;

To, where appropriate, make available and allocate resources and facilities for the good and general benefit of male and female Freemasonry.

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Important address

"You have heard me say before Brethren, and it is something which I believe in strongly, it is essential Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter should not only say what they will do but be seen by you, our members, to do it and to do it enthusiastically. Such an approach will encourage you all to do what needs to be done in your Lodges and Chapters, with enthusiasm, involving as many of the members as possible, so Freemasonry in this country will thrive." Jonathan Spence, Pro Grand Master.

From the Quarterly Communication at Grand Lodge

Password reprints some important parts of the Pro Grand Master's address.....

Brethren, you have often heard me speak of the importance of the fundamental and shared ideals of liberty, tolerance, a meritocratic society and constitutional government which underpin Freemasonry, which remarkably came to prominence during the 18th Century, a time of uncertainty, strife, turmoil and numerous wars, so much for progress Brethren! In our own time, there are clear tensions within societies throughout the world, economic and social challenges, as well as geopolitical conflicts and wars. These ideals remain as relevant today, if not more so than they were in the 18th Century, although they are under constant attack from some.

Events in this country over the summer emphasise the need for us to be firm in demonstrating our values of Integrity, Respect, Friendship and Service, in what we do as individual Freemasons, as well as collectively as members of our Lodges or Chapters, when engaging in service in our own communities. It is essential we display our

Miscellany

values by our actions all the time so we demonstrate the contribution of Freemasons and Freemasonry to the society in which we live and of which we are an integral part, as evidenced by the vast majority of Provinces having entered into the Armed Forces covenant.

There are few organisations in this country which can draw their membership without being concerned as to an individual's religion, race, sexuality, whether they are living with disabilities, either visible or unseen, or socioeconomic status. It is one of the great strengths of Freemasonry and we should all be proud that that has been and will remain the case, as well as avoiding all discussions of religion and politics.

I will end Brethren, and I make no apology for doing this, by again quoting the words of Frederick II or the Great, of Prussia, an 18th Century Freemason, on Freemasonry. The King said his support of the Craft came from its objectives being, "the intellectual elevation of men as members of society and making them more virtuous and more charitable". In this century, perhaps we should substitute "more willing to serve" for "more charitable", I leave the thought with you, Brethren.

The price we pay

That Freemasonry in Newark is relatively inexpensive came starkly into light when I received notice that my London Chapter (Upper Norwood) now has a dining fee of some £55. Way above the around £15 we pay in Magnus Lodge. One Lodge that meets in a Livery Hall, I am told, has a dining fee of £70 with a minimum of 35 attending and a room hire charge in the region of £500.

Several Livery Halls have Masonic temples but the dining fee would seem to be never less than £60 in any of them.

So when we pay our dining fee over to the treasurer for our festive board think of what our London brethren pay and consider ourselves lucky to live "in the sticks".

Phillip Ingall

Where to sit

It was seven years ago when I wrote this letter to Password but at the start of a new season and seeing it looking through some old editions of the magazine I thought it may be useful to repeat it, with your permission of course.

I again write that there is often a question asked as to where should various brethren sit in the Temple. It has always been the custom for Grand Officers to sit on the right of the Worshipful Master but at several lodges I have attended there has seemed to be a certain reluctance to populate the chairs that make up the rest of this "top row". I believe that it is important that these chairs should be populated to give the WM support, and acknowledge this traditional area for those of Provincial rank. Directors of Ceremony should perhaps make it one of their duties to ensure sure they are filled.

I don't believe that this is being presumptuous in any way but more a matter of staying with what amounts to a long standing tradition in a day and age where such things seem to be getting of less and less importance.

*"Even Older Fogey and proud of it".
details provided*

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Promotion to Past Grand VII Pillar 8th June

The carpet ...

The chequered carpet has now been delivered. The surrounding carpet is due for delivery to our carpet fitters here in Newark, first week in October. The installation date has now been confirmed as Tuesday 5th November.

We should be on the floor, working on the new carpets on Wednesday 6th November. This is the date of the next regular meeting of Newark Vernon Bussell Chapter.

If anyone wishes to see the new carpets, or at least the



parts not covered up, please contact Paul Simpson, our Scribe to book a place at the Chapter.

We do request that no-one

gets in the way on fitting day, there will be a few vans, coming and going during the day, and access will be required back and front.

Brian Rollitt Memorial Quiz Night

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The 200 Club

It was with some equal surprise and delight when I received an email from Bryan Spilsbury to tell me I had won a prize in the Masonic Hall 200 Club. Surprise because I had actually completely forgotten that in some distance past I had been persuaded to sign a discept debit to take part and delight that for once in a while, instead of being told I had a lucky dip prize that never came to anything, here was some actual winnings and within minutes of giving Bryan my bank details it was safely tucked away in my account.

So what is the 200 Club all about? Since its beginning in January 2015 the 200 Club has handed out over £10,000 in prizes and donated a similar amount to the Ways & Means for improvements to our Masonic Hall.

At our peak, just before COVID, the 200 Club had 114 members but sadly this has reduced to the present 99 and needs a shot in the arm.

This summer has seen a further nine prizes of £50 given out. Our lucky winners are:

Chris Ward, Steve Haberton, Leroy Briggs-Price, Paul Flarry, Terry Ward, Max Bottrill. Philip Ingall, Nick Scott and Joe Luke.



We need to get up to our original target of 200, hence the name of the club so we need your help as we embark on a recruitment drive to see if we can reach that target and regain lost ground.

Your joining the 200 Club will be helping in no

small was to assist the Ways and Means Committee in providing funds for the continued improvement and maintenance of our Masonic Hall,

The recent appeal to buy carpet squares showed that we can reach otherwi se amounts that seemed unobtainable.

For those who are still to join us, the cost is as small as just £10 per half year, with a chance to win £50 in each of the draws.

All remaining contributions go towards the betterment of the hall. All expenses are donated.

Anyone interested in knowing more about joining further information can be obtained from:

Steve Haberton, St John's
Nigel Parry, Magnus
Geoff Quince, Newark
Jim Barry, Corinthian
John Edis, Newton
or the promoter Bryan
Spilsbury. (01636
705738 or
email:bryan.spilsbury@
btinternet.com)

Newark's first Corinthian

The first Corinthian lodge (561) at Newark was consecrated on 5th June 1790 at the Wing Tavern in Newark Market place. It may be of interest to readers to know, writes W Bro Chas Black, that two of the founders were a father and son namely John Strong Senior & John Strong Junior both of Bingham. Father was initiated into the Union Lodge in March 1789 with his son being initiated into the same lodge in the October.

The Union Lodge Nottingham was established in 1763 and initially met under an ancients warrant (Number 62) at the Punch Bowl, Peck Lane Nottingham. The lodge eventually folded around 1827.

John Strong Senior was the first Senior Warden of the Corinthian and was born in Bingham in 1738 and died there in 1805. During his life he was employed as a Plumber, Glazier and, in addition, served as Chief Constable of Bingham.

John Strong Junior was the first Junior Warden of the Corinthian lodge becoming Worshipful Master in 1792. He eventually went on to be Provincial Grand Junior Warden for the Province of Nottinghamshire. He was born in Bingham 1765 and died in 1849. During his lifetime he was also employed as a Plumber, Post Master and Teacher. John Strong Junior was a Freemason for nearly 60 years and during that time counted amongst his friends some of the leading lights of the craft including

Lodge 561

the controversial Dr Crucefix and Dr Oliver. He is recorded as being made a member of the Knights Templar in 1796 at the Surry Tavern in the Strand by one Captain William Hannam who was Acting Grand Master of the Knights Templar during Thomas Dunckerley's years as Grand Master from 1791 to 1795.

The painting

Early in 2010 a distant descendant of the Strong family still living in Bingham made contact with the Mace museum via Patty Temple, the then curator of the

newark town hall museum. With information that a painting of John Strong Junior was in existence and has been handed down through the generations and was currently hanging on a wall at a farm in Yorkshire.

Corinthian Lodge 561 held its last meeting in 1834 and it was a century later, in 1938 that the current Corinthian Lodge 5528 was consecrated and received its warrant

A talk by W Bro Chas Black



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A trip was or-



In 1840 the foundation stone of a new nation was laid when the Treaty of Waitangi was signed at Koroareka in what was to become New Zealand.

The territory had the unenviable reputation of being a wild place, known as the Hell-Hole of the Pacific which, in its early years, was used mainly by whaling ships, which had spent many months at sea.

However, in 1840 a meeting of the native Maori and British representatives signed a significant agreement that was to bring a formal peace between them and the result was the commencement of an accord that led to the formation of the country we have come to know as New Zealand.

Shortly after the 1840 signing of the treaty, an area of land was purchased by the British colonisers in the Tamaki Makau Rau region known in Maori as, "Isthmus of a thousand lovers" and it was a tract that many had wanted to own. It was later to become named Auckland

land after Lord Auckland, who had risen to fame as a Governor General of India, by Captain Hobson RN, the then Governor of the new colony. Some 20 years after the purchase Auckland had grown rapidly to 13,000 people.

The first gathering of Freemasons in New Zealand is said to have taken place in 1837, on board a French whaling ship the *Compte de Paris* when it lay at anchor off Port Levy, Banks Peninsula.



The *Comte de Paris* was a French sailing ship bound for Akaroa, New Zealand, in 1840. The purpose of the voyage was to develop a French colony in the South Island of New Zealand. The voyage was led by the Commissioner of the King of France, Captain Charles Lavaud, who was to represent the French in New Zealand until a governor arrived.

The first appearance of Freemasons in public occurred in 1841 at the foundation stone laying ceremony for St Paul's Church in Auckland.

Freemasonry came to New Zealand through those early settlers who arrived mainly from England, Scotland and Ireland.

Among those early settlers were



A New Zealand Lodge



established Freemasons and they were soon to continue their craft workings with the forming of lodges under the three main constitutions, United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Ireland and Grand Lodge of Scotland so they could continue to enjoy their Freemasonry.

One of those first lodges was Ara Lodge No 348, established in 1842 in Auckland under a warrant

1842 in Wellington under the United Grand Lodge of England.

The first English Lodge in Auckland was the Waitemata Lodge No 689, founded in 1855. The first Scottish Lodge in Auckland was St Andrews Lodge No 418 founded in 1861.

Further Lodges were founded over the years and by 1890, across New Zealand, there were a total of 169 lodges, of which 93 were English, 55 were Scottish and 21 were Irish.



The temple

Own Grand Lodge

In the late 1880's several prominent members of the Craft felt that the time was ripe for the new colony to form its own Grand Lodge, en-

compassing all the constitutions then operating in the Dominion. After extended discussions, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was established in 1890, largely due to the influence of Richard Seddon, then a leading politician and later Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Thus, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was the first Lodge in New Zealand, founded under the Irish constitution.

The second Lodge in New Zealand was the Pacific Lodge of New Zealand, also founded in

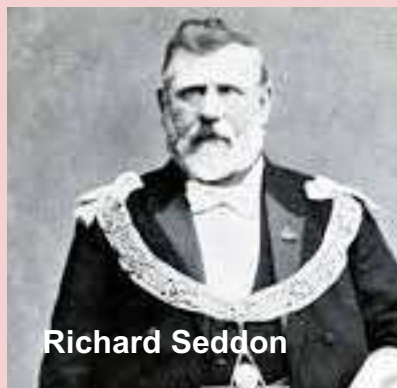


Zealand (NZGL) is the governing body for the freemasons within New Zealand under that constitution. Its full name is "The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand". It was constituted on 30th April 1890, even though Freemasonry had operated in New Zealand since at least 1837 under the older English, Irish, and Scottish constitutions.



First Master of Ara Lodge
1842 Frederick Whitaker

Each Lodge was given the opportunity to decide whether to join the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand or to remain under the umbrella of



Richard Seddon

one of the original Grand Lodges.

The decision proved quite contentious in some cases with some brethren choosing to remain under their original Grand Lodge while others wanted to join the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

This sometimes split Lodges with resulting acrimony which took some years to resolve. Ultimately, 49 English Lodges, 36 Scottish Lodges and 10 Irish Lodges, a total of 95 Lodges joined the new Grand Lodge whilst the others decided to remain faithful to their original Grand Lodges.

Over the years, some Lodges have struggled and ultimately closed while many new Lodges have been opened by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. In 2020, the total number of Lodges is comprised of: English 37. Scottish 10, Irish 4 and New Zealand 206

Whilst New Zealand has a somewhat unusual situation with Lodges under four different Grand Lodges, they all work together in peace and harmony and visit each other frequently..

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

CHARITY IN FOCUS



Sponsored swim

Shortly after joining the Mansfield and Ashfield Charity Stewards committee representing the Byron Lodge, writes W Bro Ken Purslow, a meeting was held when the Chairman of the committee the (late) W/Bro Stuart Hill, said "Let's have a brain storm and throw on the table suggestions to raise funds for charity"

I suggested a sponsored swim which seemed to meet general approval. After the meeting finished Stuart came to me in the car park and said "If you want to organise a swim go ahead and do so". "If it does not work out I will pay for the hire of the

swimming pool" At that moment the Mansfield and Ashfield Annual Charity Swmathon was born.

Not only did we hold a swim that year 1994, but we raised £3K (Worth twice that amount in today's money) which I well remember going with Stuart to present the cheque to the John Eastwood Hospice in Mansfield.

The following year Rt Wor/Bro Stuart Hill became the Provincial Grand Master of Nottinghamshire. W/Bro Robin Wilson became our Chairman, later Robin too became Provincial

Grand Master of Nottinghamshire.

One year we were unable to hold the swim due to Covid – with that in mind next year we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the annual swim.

On Saturday 15th March 2025 at the Watermeadows Leisure Centre Mansfield 4.30 to 6.30pm.

In support of the John Eastwood Hospice. For further information and sponsorship forms

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SHAKING HANDS

Customs surrounding handshakes are specific to cultures. Different cultures may be more or less likely to shake hands, or there may be different customs about how or when to shake hands

In Freemasonry a shake of the hand or grip or token served "to distinguish a brother by night was well as by day".

But where did shaking hands originate. Historians suggest it may have originated as long ago as prehistory as a demonstration of peaceful intent, since it shows that the hand holds no weapon. Another possibility is that it originated as a symbolic gesture of mutual commitment to an oath or promise. Two hands clasping each other represents the sealing of a bond or in these days, a deal. One of the earliest known depictions of a handshake is an ancient Assyrian relief of the 9th century BC depicting the Assyrian King Shalmaneser III shaking the hand of the Babylonian King Marduk-zakir-shumi I to seal an alliance.



Hera and Athena shaking, late 5th century BC, Acropolis Museum, Athens

Archaeological ruins and ancient texts show that handshaking was practiced in ancient Greece (where it was called *dexiosis*) as early as the 5th century BC. For example, a depiction of two soldiers shaking hands can be found on part of a 5th century BC funerary stele that is on display in Berlin's Pergamon Museum and on other funerary steles, such as one from the 4th century BC that depicts Thraseas and his wife Euandria shaking hands.



Handshake depicted on a Roman coin, with the name of the goddess Concordia (AD 97)

Depictions of handshakes also appear in Archaic Greek, Etruscan and Roman funerary and non-funerary art. Muslim scholars have written that the custom of handshaking was introduced to them by the people of Yemen

Password editor required

It is some 15 years since I took over the editorship of Password but I would like to stand down and I have indicated to the Masonic Hall directors that I would like them to be looking for a replacement.

At the same time it is immediately essential for a brother to take on the responsibility of looking after the advertisements for Password. This is a very important and not too onerous a

Twenty-two

task as the revenue from advertising makes the publication possible rather than it being a burden on other funds.

The Newark Password provides an important link for Newark Freemasons and I hope we will see brethren coming forward. Interested? Then please contact the Masonic Hall secretary, W Bro Fraser Macintyre who will be able to take matters further.

Philip Ingall

FAMOUS FREEMASONS

WILLIAM HOGARTH

1697 to 1784

William Hogarth was born in 1697 in London and was a painter known for his moral and satirical paintings. Grand Lodge records show that Hogarth was a Freemason by at least 1725 when he appeared on the register of a Lodge meeting at the Hand and Apple Tree in Little Queen Street.

In 1730 he was listed as a member of another Lodge meeting at the Bear and Harrow in Butcher Row, Temple Bar. In 1735 he was a Grand Steward at the Grand Lodge of England's annual Festival and designed a jewel for his fellow Grand Stewards.

William Hogarth was born at Bartholomew Close in London to Richard Hogarth, a poor Latin school teacher and textbook writer, and Anne Gibbons.

The young Hogarth took a lively interest in the street life of the metropolis and the London fairs, and amused himself by sketching the characters he saw. Around the same time, his father, who had opened an unsuccessful Latin-speaking coffee house at St John's Gate, was imprisoned for debt in the Fleet Prison for five years. Hogarth never spoke of his father's imprisonment

In 1720, Hogarth enrolled at the original St Martin's Lane Academy in London, which was run by Louis Chéron and John Vanderbank. He attended alongside other future leading figures in art



and design. .

Academy closed

However, the academy seems to have stopped operating in 1724, at around the same time that Vanderbank fled to France in order to avoid creditors. Hogarth then enrolled in another drawing school, in Covent Garden, shortly after it opened in November 1724, which was run by Sir James Thornhill, serjeant painter to the king. On Thornhill, Hogarth later claimed that, even as an apprentice, "the painting of St Pauls and Greenwich hospital ... were during this time running in my head", referring to the massive schemes of decoration painted by Thornhill for the dome of St Paul's Cathedral, and Greenwich Hospital.

Elopement

On 23 March 1729, Hogarth eloped with Jane Thornhill against the wishes of her father, the artist Sir James Thornhill. Sir James saw the match as unequal, as Hoga-

rth was a rather obscure artist at the time. However, when Hogarth started on his series of moral prints, "A Harlot's Progress", some of the initial paintings were placed either in Sir James' drawing room or dining room, through the conspiring of Jane and her mother, in the hopes of reconciling him with the couple.

When he saw them, he inquired as to the artist's name and, upon hearing it, replied: "Very well; the man who can produce such representations as these, can also maintain a wife without a portion." However, he soon after relented, becoming more generous to, and living in harmony with the couple until his death

His main home was in Leicester Square (then known as Leicester Fields), but he bought a country retreat in Chiswick in 1749, the house now known as Hogarth's House and preserved as a museum, and spent time there for the rest of his life. The Hogarths had no children, although they fostered foundling children.

Before going to bed on 26th October 1784, he had boasted about eating a pound of beefsteaks for dinner, and reportedly looked more robust than he had in a while at this time. However, when he went to bed, he suddenly began vomiting; something that caused him to ring his bell so forcefully that it broke. Hogarth died around two hours later, in the arms of his servant.

FAMOUS FREEMASONS

HENRY FORD

1868-1947 -

HISTORY, AS RECORDED.....

Freemasonry has more than six million members worldwide. Though reportedly shrouded in mystery, several prominent figures in history and today have made their membership public. Here is just one example.

At the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council for the Scottish Rite's Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, held in September 1940 in Cincinnati, Ohio, George E. Bushnell, Deputy for the state of Michigan,".....presented the name of Henry Ford, of Dearborn, Michigan, to receive the degrees of the Rite from the Fourth to the Thirty-second, inclusive, and thereafter, the Thirty-third Degree, and asked for unanimous consent to ballot upon this nomination. The request was granted and the ballot spread and, it proving to be clear, Henry Ford was declared to be elected to receive the degrees of the Rite from the Fourth to the Thirty-second, inclusive, in some Valley of the Jurisdiction in which the degrees were being worked under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Thirty Third Degree after he has been duly created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret [i.e. 32nd degree]."

At the time that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's Supreme Council conferred the Thirty-Third degree on



him at age 77, Henry Ford (1863-1947) had been a Mason for 46 years, having been raised in Detroit's Palestine Lodge No. 357 in 1894 at age 31.

On the evening of December 6th, 1940, the Supreme Council opened a special meeting to confer the 33° on Henry Ford at the Masonic Temple in Detroit, Michigan. The meeting opened at 9pm and was over at 11:45pm. George E. Bushnell, 33°

As the founder of the Ford Motor Company, he is credited as a pioneer in making automobiles affordable for middle-class Americans through the system that came to be known as Fordism. In 1911 he was awarded a patent for the transmission mechanism that would be used in the Ford Model T and others.

Ford was born in a farmhouse in Springwells

Township, Michigan, and left home at the age of 16 to find work in Detroit. It was a few years before this time that Ford first experienced automobiles, and throughout the later half of the 1880s, he began repairing and later constructing engines, and through the 1890s worked with a division of Edison Electric. He founded the Ford Motor Company in 1903 after prior failures in business, but success in constructing automobiles.

The introduction of the Ford Model T automobile in 1908 is credited with having revolutionized both transportation and American industry. As the sole owner of the Ford Motor Company, Ford became one of the wealthiest persons in the world

In the 1920s Ford promoted antisemitism through his newspaper The Dearborn Independent and the book The International Jew. After his son Edsel died in 1943 Ford resumed control of the company, but was too frail to make decisions and quickly came under the control of several of his subordinates. He turned over the company to his grandson Henry Ford II in 1945. Upon his death in 1947 he left most of his wealth to the Ford Foundation, and control of the company to his family.

Changing times

While Masonic ritual has virtually stood still over time there are many new things that would seem to frustrate the , dare I say, maybe older or more sober minded of us.

Talking to some people somewhat younger than myself I found that many of them couldn't go more than some 15 minutes without checking their mobile phones. And look around any waiting room or crowd and you will see people with their thumbs constantly working on their keyboards in complete silence. Not engaging in conversation with their friends who are also exercising their thumbs (will they have arthritis in them in later life?

People, especially of the younger generation, no longer seem to talk to one

another face-to-face but rely on such media as TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp, facebook etc to hold their conversations. Is it good? Is it formative? And some may ask why do we need all this high end technology?

Fast track back 50 years and we seemed to get on alright. Take television for example. We did not have the multi-channel choice we have now.

In the 70's we improvised. A fancy dress event would have us hunting around the home for things to wear not going to a specialist shop to hire a costume. We used our imagination and somehow it worked.

Our only social medium was interacting face-to-face, immersed in real time and

friends looked to one another to share their secrets together rather than tell the world wide web they had an egg for breakfast. Our virtual reality was called common sense and it guided our lives. So was 50 years ago as good as we like to paint it? There were good things and bad things, like and no doubt in 50 years' time a future generation will look back on the this part of the 21st century and wonder how we really managed to live.

We all say it's not like the old days but then, our old days were someone else's new days and like we do , they just got on with it.

Now where did I leave my phone and did we check our router?



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THE BARBEQUE

Anyone who has been involved in organising an outside event, writes Paul Dimpson, becomes very focused on the local weather forecast about 72 hours in advance! The Ways & Means BBQ at the Brownlow Arms, High Marnham on

Sunday 11th August was no different but on Sunday 11th August, we had no need to worry! On this finest of summer days, diners were using umbrellas for shade rather than the alternative and we were set fair for a wonderful afternoon.

and organised every detail to perfection.

Jumbo sausages and burgers were accompanied by various salads and relishes with home made Curries and Chillis on the side....surely no one left hungry!

A truly memorable social occasion was made extra special by Paul and Margaret waiving all of their costs for the event, including the host of raffle prizes, so delivering a magnificent £920 into Ways & Means coffers which will go towards improvement works to the Masonic Hall.

A great day out....don't miss the next one!

Over seventy people enjoyed a magnificent BBQ provided by Bro. Paul Birks, the landlord of the Brownlow Arms and his wife Margaret at modest outlay of £10 a head. Paul erected a huge marquee in his pub garden area





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THE FESTIVAL

Dear Brethren

We are nearly 18 months on from the official launch of the 2029 festival in May 2023, and what a

busy time we have had, the brethren of Nottinghamshire, as in previous festivals have embraced the

opportunity to give generously towards the needs of others, currently 28% of Nottinghamshire

freemasons

have pledged to regular giving of £480.00 (plus give aid) and above, which I think is an

excellent achievement given these austere times,

The Festival events team have put together a diverse range of events which are based on enjoyment

rather than more heavily on fundraising, these events have proved to be very well patronised and very entertaining, the by product of which was donations into the festival pot, what a lovely by product to have! bring on more of the same.

We have got more of these events planned with a piano recital and afternoon tea on the 23rd

November at Goldsmith Street, and a Provincial Grand Masters challenge in the new year, watch this space!, please keep looking at the Festival Website www.fest2029.co.uk and e-mails from the

province to keep you updated, you would n't want to miss anything.

Newark masons and their families continue to support the festival, currently

bolstering support, please support him, would n't it be great if Newark could double their sign up

rate by next year, who knows there could even be a Hall achievement award!!.

I must also thank the board of Newark Masonic Hall for the use of the building as our venue for

Festival committee meetings, Newark has almost

become the nerve centre of the Festival, many a

hair brain scheme is concocted in your

building during our meetings!, with luck we will be able to

continue using the building for the duration of the Festival.

Can I also thank all the members for the way Flora and I have been welcomed to many an event at

Newark, we both really appreciate it, the downside of course is that we will keep coming so keep sending the invites.

Sincerely and fraternally
Martin Johnson
2029 Festival Director



25% of the 148

members that meet in Newark have agreed to regular donations, it would be great if any members

not already signed up can support the Festival, your lodge Festival Steward and Newark by getting

on board with regular given, regular giving is the key to all successful Festivals and is the easiest way

to donate, so please sign up when you can, and wear the festival jewel with pride, there are lots of members that do, I know Adrian Crampton the Festival Hall co-ordinator for Newark is busy



Luncheon Club Coffee morning

On Saturday 1st June, the Newark Ladies' Luncheon Club hosted a delightful Coffee Morning in aid of the 2029 Festival.

With an "All-You-Can-Eat Cake" and "Bottomless Coffee" offer for visiting Brethren, family and friends, many people skipped lunch and dined late in the evening, such was the profusion of tempting treats available!

The atmosphere was filled with laughter and camaraderie (as well as cake) and the irresistible aroma of freshly baked pastisseries lingered well into the afternoon!

An impressive tombola added to the fun of the occasion and Elaine Dury and Geoff Quince ensured maximum participation!

Through everyone's generosity and participation and the hard work of the Ladies' Luncheon Club, the event raised a magnificent £450.00 for the Festival.

The Festival Committee

would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who attended and contributed. Your support

is immensely appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!



TRAVEL TIME

*This time by the editors
granddaughter Nancy
Britten.*

Nearly two years have passed since I first took the three-and-a-half-hour train journey from Newark-Northgate station to Edinburgh. Despite countless return trips shuttling between home and university later, I can honestly say the allure of the journey remains undiminished. My time studying at Edinburgh has offered me ample opportunity to play tour guide for the visits of eager family and friends. I consider myself to be an expert in the field of the city's hidden gems, culinary delights and have crafted an eclectic itinerary that truly captures the vibrant tapestry of the city. So, allow me to be your guide through a trip from Newark to Edinburgh and back in a day.

Like all good trips, we start our day with anticipation on the platform of Newark-Northgate. Always one to seize the day, I like to take the earliest train, typically around 7:45am. However, for those among us who need to hit the snooze button a few times before surfacing, fear not, the trains run roughly every hour throughout the morning, accommodating various schedules.

Once on the train, I rec-



ommend trying to bag a much-coveted window seat. This way you can watch as the landscape unfolds like a captivating storybook: York Minster becomes Durham Cathedral; and the verdant English farmlands become the coastal cliffs of Berwick as we cross the Scottish boarder.

I remember my first time stepping out of Waverly station, it also happened to be my first time in Scotland. I couldn't believe it when the first thing I heard was a cacophony of bag pipes coming from a kilt-adorning piper on the corner of



Princes Street. I thought this only happened in the movies. There is something surreal about visiting somewhere so close to home, so similar to home, yet so wholly unknown. Little things like Scottish bank notes, the wonderful Scottish accent, and of course a few new words ('braw', 'spraff' and 'ken') act as constant reminders that we're no longer in England!

One of my favourite things about Edinburgh is that from almost anywhere in the city, you can look up to find Edinburgh Castle, perched majestically atop Castle Rock. So, after walking our way up the cobbled Royal Mile, and maybe peering into some of the quaint shops, we will start our day at the Castle. At over 900 years old, it stands



as a timeless sentinel, weathered by centuries of history but nevertheless a reminder of its former role as a royal residence and military stronghold. This is a great vantage point to take in the city scape and trace the winding streets and towering spires. I have never actually entered the castle itself, as legend has it, that students of the University of Edinburgh risk failing their exams if they enter the Castle during the academic year. While some may dismiss this as folklore, I choose to heed this superstition out of fear of flunking my degree, already testing at the best of times!

Moving on, I suggest we head on down the streets beneath the castle into the Grass Market. Not only is this home to my favourite Ice cream shop, 'Mary's Milk Bar', but if



you happen to be visiting on a Saturday, it also transforms into a bustling market square, with stalls brimming with artisan crafts, baked goods and vintage treasures. Perhaps it is the paella stall that commands the most attention. Here, four giant

TRAVEL TIME

pans of paella take centre stage, hand made before the eyes of eager onlookers- well worth a try.

If you're anything like me, all this talk of food will have you thinking of nothing but your next meal of the day. So, to save your rumbling stomach, I suggest we take the fifteen-minute bus to Stockbridge for lunch at Tom Kitchen's 'The Scran and Scallie'. Nestled within



the more residential neighbourhood of Stockbridge, this pub serves exceptional pub classics with a fresh modern twist. Tom's philosophy is 'from nature to plate', reflecting his use of the freshest Scottish seasonal ingredients. It's my go-to spot for introducing friends to Scotland's finest culinary traditions and locally sourced ingredients, all without the inflated prices often found in touristy establishments nearer to the Royal Mile. My Dad chose to take us here as a family for my 21st birthday, and it felt both homely and special at the same time.

To stretch your legs after lunch, take a stroll along the Water of Leith Walkway, which winds through the



hidden gem of Dean Village. Despite its proximity to

the city centre, Dean Village feels like entering a bygone era and is characterised by its cobbled lanes, colourful riverside cottages, and ancient stone bridges. It exudes an air of tranquillity and seclusion, making it perfect for a moment of respite from the hustle and bustle.

Departing every 30 minutes from Stockbridge is the number 16 bus to Leith. While most guidebooks would have you trapesing up and down the royal mile all day, I believe that the journey out to Leith is so much more worthwhile. Standing on the shores of the Firth of Forth, Leith seems to have its own unique character and sense of community. As well as a vibrant arts scene with galleries, theatres and creative spaces throughout the district, Leith is home to the 'UK's Best Attraction', the Royal Yacht Britannia. At a loose end one day, and out of pure curiosity, I took myself



along to see the Yacht. I must admit, to start with, my expectations were only as high as one would expect for a floating royal museum. However, from the moment I set foot on its decks, wandering through staterooms, dining areas and private quarters, I found myself transported back in time to an era of elegance,

with every detail meticulously preserved to showcase the yacht's maritime heritage. It also serves an excellent afternoon tea and chance to try the Queen's original fudge recipe... the perfect pick-me-up.

The final question on my agenda is that of dinner. Being a foodie, it is almost impossible for me to choose from the extensive list of eateries (42 in total) I have curated over y two years here. Some of my top recommendations include independent restaurants like Mara's Picklery, Mother India, Montrose and the Rabbit Hole. But taking top spot must be, Café Pomelo in Marchmont (conveniently near my student lodgings too). Inspired by the local produce of Scotland, this teeny tiny restaurant serves Asian inspired dishes and I am certain you won't find anywhere quite like them across the country. What's more is if you're lucky, you might catch 2020 Great British Bake Off winner, Peter Sawkins, making the puddings there too!

So that rounds off our day trip to Edinburgh. As much as it pains me to finish there, when my head is still brimming with all the amazing things I could tell you about this city, we will have to save those for another day. But in the meantime, enjoy your trip and of course, "Lang may yer lum reek!"

Return trains can run up to 00.00pm but check the timetable. Who knows you may have a wee sleep on the way home.

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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.

The bar is now open 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!





The Ladies' Luncheon Club



Programme 2024

Fri 11th October 24 – “A career in the Met Police” – Wendy Davenport
Fri 6th November 24 – Glass Art – Pat Stopford
Fri 13th December 24 – Weston Community Singers
Fri 10th January 25 – Maggies – Anne Marie Walton
Fri 14th February 25 – “Advertising” – Philip Ingall
Fri 14th March 25 – Newark Historical Ghost Walk – Ian Gillanders
Fri 11th April 25 – “Are You Eligible?” – Roger Pegg
Fri 9th May 25 – Janice Rose Lingerie – Janice Rose

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Newark Masonic Hall Cavalry



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Could you help your Hall by joining a volunteers list?

There is no commitment to help out on any specific date or event, but if you think you might be able to lend a hand occasionally when circumstances allow, please sign up for the **Newark Masonic Hall Cavalry** so we can call upon you when all other options have failed and you can ride in and **save the day!**

We would ask you to be part of an email Group and/or Whats App Group who we could ask for help when we need a hand.....there is no commitment other than to be on the list.....

It's also a great way to get involved with the Hall more generally as well as widening your social circle.

If you can be a member of the **Newark Masonic Hall Cavalry**, please contact Paul Simpson on 07538958750 or paul92.simpson@outlook.com.

Looking back in Password

We look back at some of the happenings in Newark Freemasonry ten years ago.

This page recalls items from the Password of Spring 2014.

The editor commented on the passing of two very prominent Newark Freemasons, W Bro Ted Coppin and W Bro Nat Davy both of whom had made meaningful contributions to the Craft in Newark.

He also took being politically correct to task and gave examples of how politics with a small "c" occupied a real presence in our lives including Freemasonry where politics with a capital "P", along with religion, is a forbidden subject.

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Masonic Hall chairman W Bro Terry Ward commented on the amalgamation of the new Appeals Committee with the Ways and Means Committee with chairman and secretary being W Bro John Edis and W Bro Bryan Spilsbury.

He closed his page by asking brethren to find "suitable new men" who will join and share the pleasurable Masonic experience we enjoy.

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A two page feature on emblems and symbols referred to the square and compasses as well as other Masonic symbols, many dating back as far as 451BC

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W Bro Chas Black wrote about World War One and in particular the 8th Battalion the Sherwood Foresters regiment. The article referred to *Thirty-four*

local schools being used as billets for recruited troops. The commander of B Company was Captain L C B Appleby, a Freemason, who after the war was twice Mayor of Newark. His father, Dr Frederick Appleby, also a Freemason served as a surgeon Lt Colonel during the war. He was a member of Newton Lodge and his son was a member of Magnus.

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The Provincial Grand Master, Robin Wilson led a party which completed a journey of walking 173 miles and took 60 hours over 12 days along the towpaths of the Grand Union Canal from Freemasons Hall in London to Goldsmith Street in Nottingham and raised some £40,000 in aid of the 2018 Festival.

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Japanese Freemasonry was featured from its start in the country to after World War Two when one English and two Scottish lodges survived and in 1950 membership again became available to the Japanese with Freemasonry in Japan now thriving.

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A two page article dealt with Masonic funerals and illustrated that it was not uncommon in America to have a Masonic Funeral for a departed brother and gave, verbatim, the procedure for the whole service from entering the church to a procession from church to grave in the same order of precedence as when it entered for the service.

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Famous Freemasons featured Lord Byron with speculation as to whether or not he

was a Freemason but still traced through his life on taking on the title. living at Newstead Abbey and along his life's route until his death at the age of just 36. He was buried in the family vault at St Mary Magdeline church in Hucknall in 1824 but it was not until 1969 that a memorial was placed on the floor at Westminster Abbey.

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Password Travel took readers to the isle of Capri. Described as a romantic island one of its claims to fame was that Dame Gracie Fields had a villa on the island although her song "The Isle of Capri" was written by two Englishmen. Another singer, Maria Carey, was also the owner of a villa there.

You are not able to take your car or motorbike to the island for much of the year except for the period November until the following Easter. With only one road on the island there can be little point.

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In one of the letters a contributor wrote of how he was told not to smile but to take Freemasonry seriously at all times and recalled a director of ceremonies once firmly admonishing a candidate for smiling during his initiation as it would spoil the ceremony. The writer continued to plea that a Lodge was a place to relax with his fellow men and still have time for a smile that would enlighten the evening and show that we are human.

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Looking back in this edition referred to the definition of a pedestrian as a motorist with two teenage sons.

and finally ...

The power of persuasion

How many times have you sat in front of your television and commented that, on any of the commercial stations, a third of every programme is devoted to advertising. Whether we like it or not we are being bombarded with advertising at every turn. On television, mobile phones, and hoardings just to mention a few of the opportunities that manufacturers and service providers take to persuade us to use their services or buy their goods.

So whats it all about and why?

Advertising has the power to create awareness, the power to set the agenda, the power to suggest and influence, the power to convey new information, and the power to persuade.

In Europe, as the towns and cities of the Middle Ages began to grow, and the general populace was unable to read, instead of signs that read "cobbler", "miller", "tailor", or "blacksmith" they would use an image associated with their trade such as a boot, a suit, a hat, a clock, a diamond, a horse shoe, a candle or even a bag of flour. Fruits and vegetables were sold in the city square from the backs of carts and wagons and their proprietors used street callers (town criers) to announce their whereabouts for the convenience of the customers.

The beginning

Modern advertising began to take shape with the ad-

vent of newspapers and magazines in the 16th and 17th centuries. The first weekly gazettes appeared in Venice in the early 16th-century and weekly publication spread to Italy, Germany and Holland. In Britain, the first weeklies appeared in the 1620s, and the country's first daily newspaper, The Daily Courant, was published from 1702 to 1735. Newspapers sold advertising space to help fund the cost of printing and distribution.

Early print advertisements promoted cures and medicines, which were increasingly sought after as modern people rejected traditional cures. But false advertising and "quackery" became common.

Middle class appeal

British newspapers in the 1850s and 1860s appealed to the increasingly affluent middle-class that sought out a variety of new products. The advertisements announced new health remedies, fresh foods and beverages. The latest London fashions were featured in the regional press. The availability of repeated advertising saw many manufacturers start developing nationally-known brand-names with much stronger appeal than generic products.

Thomas J. Barratt was "the father of modern advertising" in London in 1908. Working for the Pears Soap company, Bar-

ratt created an effective advertising campaign for the company products, which involved the use of targeted slogans, images and phrases. One of his slogans, "Good morning. Have you used Pears' soap?" was famous into the 20th century.

Familiar names

Names of products became familiar to the public because of their repeated advertising. Hoover the name of their carpet cleaner became the generic name for all carpet cleaning. You hoovered your carpet even if it was an Electrolux that did it. If you wrote with a ball pen it was referred to as a Biro because of their intensive campaigns.

The way a name was printed made it become immediately recognisable and a catch tune reminded you of the product. "Beanz means Heinz" has been used for decades".

Advertising expenditure in the United Kingdom in 2023 amounted to £34.77 billion. The UK's 10 biggest spenders included Unilever whose products ranged from Marmite to Dove, Sky, BT, Tesco, Asda, Virgin Media, L'Oréal, and the Fairy to Pampers maker Procter & Gamble. Not to mention Amazon, Ikea, Lidl and Aldi who are regulars on visual media.

So there we are. With that amount spent on advertising someone must take notice even if we complain about it.



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W Bro H C (Cliff) Marshall

PPrGW, Hon Member - Newarks Lodge 8332

The Newark Lodge mourns the passing of W Bro Cliff Marshall to the Grand Lodge Above.

Cliff was born in Wolverhampton on the fourth of March 1929

Aged eight he joined the church choir after a few weeks The choirmaster suggested that it might be better if he became a server, a roler which he occupied for some 27 years.

He left school at 14 to work for a builder friend of his father and attended Wolverhampton technical college where is obtained an HNC in building. This qualification enabled him to obtain a job as a structural draughtsman. one of his first jobs was to design a trade effluent treatment plant

He then applied for and obtained a post of engineering assistant at Wolverhampton water treatment works. After day release and night school he obtained sufficient qualifications to be accepted on a civil engineering

degree course at Aston University

His next job was with Telford development Corporation where he was responsible for the design of a completely new water treatment works.

In 1974 when the Severn Trent Water Authority was set up he obtained the position of a divisional engineer role based at Gainsborough and after 43 years moved to Tettenhall in Lincolnshire.

After more re-organisation by Severn Trent in 1984 he took voluntary redundancy. Whilst in Lincolnshire he got involved with Brandsby Horse Sanctuary, a small horse rescue charity and was elected chairman a position held for 35 years. This charity has now grown to be one of the largest equine welfare charities in the country and Cliff became the honorary president

Until his death Cliff lived in Elston and had been a churchwarden of the village church for 39 years. Cliff was married to Pat and they have three children David Sue and Ian

Cliff designed and built

his own house in Tettenhall and in Elston

Masonic Career

Initiated into Boscobel lodge 6415 in the province of Staffordshire on November 9th 1967.

Proposed as a joining member of Newark Lodge in April 1978 by W Bro Ivor Walker Seconded by Bro Ken Bancroft the WM was J Bartle. Installed as Master of Newark Lodge in September 1997.

Appointed treasurer in 2004. (served as treasurer for 9 years) Promoted to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden May 2016.

Advanced to the degree of Mark Master Masrdon on September 3, 1999 installed Master May 2008. Promoted to PProv GSwdb in March 2016.

Exalted into the Vernon Bussell Chapter 3rd November 1999 installed as first principle September 2009. Promoted to PProvAGSoj in May 2014

The Diary

Red type denotes Installation meetings. Green type denotes social functions.

Dates etc are in accordance with information received

OCTOBER 2024

Tues 1st - Magnus Practice
Wed 2nd - Corinthian Lodge
Thurs 3rd - Newton Lodge Install
Sun 6th - Sunday Lunch
Mon 7th - Prince Rupert
Tues 8th - Magnus Lodge install
Wed 9th - St John's practice
Thurs 10th - Corinthian Lodge
Fri 11th - Provincial Grand Priory
Fri 11th - Ladies' Luncheon
Mon 14th - Corinthian practice
Mon 14th - Newark practice
Tues 15th - St John's Lodge
Wed 16th - Corinthian PM's
Thurs 17th - Newark Lodge
Mon 21st - Alexander Chapter practice
Tues 22nd - Newton practice
Fri 25th - Brian Rollitt Quiz Night
Sat 26th - Saturday Social
Mon 28th - Rose Croix practice
Tues 29th - Newton Lodge
Wed 30th - Vernon Bussell practice
Thurs 31st - Alexander Chapter

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun 3rd - Sunday Luncheon
Mon 4th - Corinthian Lodge practice
Tues 5th - Newark Festival
Wed 6th - Vernon Bussell Chapter
Thurs 7th - Corinthian L of I
Fri 8th - Ladies' Luncheon
Sat 9th - St John' Ladies' Night
Wed 13th - St John's practice
Thurs 14th - Corinthian Lodge
Mon 18th - Newark practice
Tues 19th - St John's Lodge
Wed 20th - Newton Lodge practice
Thurs 21st - Newark Lodge
Fri 22nd - Prince Rupert RSM
Mon 25th - Fleming practice
Tues 26th - Newton Lodge

November 2024 continued

Wed 27th - Corinthian L of I
Thurs 28th - Fleming Mark
Sat 30th - Saturday Social

DECEMBER 2024

Sun 1st - Sunday Luncheon
Tues 3rd - Magnus Lodge practice
Mon 9th - Corinthian practice
Tues 10th - Magnus Lodge
Thurs 12th - Corinthian Lodge
Fri 13th - Ladies' Luncheon
Fri 20th - Carol Service
Mon 25th - Christmas Day
Sat 28th - Saturday Social

JANUARY 2025

Thurs 2nd Corinthian Lodge (LOI)
Thurs 6th Corinthian Lodge (practice)
Tues 7th St. John's Lodge (practice)
Weds 8th Mark LOI
Thurs 9th Corinthian Lodge
Fri 10th Ladies' Lunch
Thurs 13th Newark Lodge (practice)
Tues 14th - St John's Lodge Install
Wed 15th Corinthian (PM's)
Thurs 16th Newark Lodge
Mon 20th Alexander Chapter (practice)
Tues 21st Newton (practice)
Thurs 23rd Alexander (Install)
Sat 25th W&M Social
Tues 28th Newton Lodge
Wed 29th Vernon Bussell practice

FEBRUARY 2025

Sun 2nd Sunday Lunch
Mon 3rd Rose Croix practice
Tues 4th Magnus practice
Wed 5th Vernon Bussell
Thurs 6th Corinthian Lodge (LOI)
Fri 7th Rose Croix
Mon 10th Corinthian Lodge (practice)
Tues 11th Magnus Lodge
Wed 12th St John's practice
Thurs 13th Corinthian Lodge
Fri 14th Ladies' Lunch
Sat 15th Race Night

The Diary

FEBRUARY 2025 continued

Mon 17th Newark (practice)
Tues 18th St. John's Lodge
Wed 19th Newton (practice)
Thurs 20th Newark Lodge
Fri 21st Newton practice
Sat 22nd SRIA

Sat 22nd W&M Social

Mon 24th Fleming (practice)
Tues 25th Newton Lodge
Wed 26th Castle Conclave practice
Thurs 27th Fleming Mark

MARCH 2025

Sun 2nd Ladies' Lunch

Tues 4th Castle Conclave (install)

Wed 5th NMH AGM

Thurs 6th Corinthian Lodge (LOI)
Fri 7th Trent Mark
Mon 10th Corinthian Lodge (practice)
Tues 11th RAM Lodge
Thurs 13th Corinthian Lodge
Fri 14th Ladies' Lunch
Tues 18th St John's
Wed 19th Corinthian PM's
Wed 19th Newton practice
Fri 21st Pilgrim (practice)
Mon 24th Alexander Chapter (practice)
Tues 25th Newton Lodge

Tues 25th PGL Mark

Wed 26th Vernon Bussell Ch (practice)
Thurs 27th Alexander Chapter

Sat 29th Saturday Social

APRIL 2025

Tues 1st Magnus Lodge (practice)
Wed 2nd Vernon Bussell Ch (Install)
Thurs 3rd Corinthian (Festival)
Fri 4th Good Friday
Sun 6th Sunday lunch
Tues 8th Magnus Lodge
Thurs 10th St John's (practice)
Fri 11th Ladies' Lunch
Mon 14th Prince Rupert install
Tue 15th St. John's Lodge
Wed 16th Newton/St. John's (practice)

April 2025 continued

Thurs 17th Newark Lodge
Mon 21st Newark (practice)
Tues 22nd Joint Festival
Thurs 24th Fleming Mark
Sat 26th W&M Social

May 2025

Fri 2nd Provincial Grand Lodge
Tues 6th Pilgrim practice
Wed 7th R&M Lodge practice
Thurs 8th R&M Lodge install
Fri 9th Ladies' Lunch
Fri 9th Pilgrim install
Sat 10th Le Willows Lodge
Mon 12th Corinthian practice
Thurs 15th Corinthian install
Sat 17th Fisn & Chip Quiz
Mon 19th Rose Croix practice
Tues 20th Alexander practice
Wed 21st GREAT PRIORY
Fri 23rd Rose Croix install
Tues 27th Alexander Chapter
Wed 28th Castle Conclave practice
Sat 31st Saturday Social

June 2025

Tues 3rd Castle Conclave

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August 2025

Wed 27th Vernon Bussell practice
Sat 30th Saturday Social



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