

A close-up photograph of several bright yellow daffodils in full bloom. The flowers have six petals and a prominent, ruffled center. They are surrounded by long, green, blade-like leaves. The background is a soft-focus mix of brown and tan, suggesting dry grass or fallen leaves. A semi-transparent dark brown banner is at the top of the image.

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The chairman writes . . .

Brethren

Phase one and two of the building works have been completed and we have a large storage area at the back of the dining room which converts to a stage area for functions and has been utilised to great effect on several occasions. It also provides access and escape via a ramp on the North side and above that area is the new fire escape from the Temple. On the kitchens side is a new disable access ramp into the bar and the conversion of the old beer cellar to a gent's toilet now removes having to go upstairs when ladies are present.

The eagle-eyed of you will have seen that not all the works shown on the proposed plans have been completed and this is not only due to costs which have risen steeply since the project commenced but there is no necessity to consider works when we are now Health and Safety Regulations compliant. These works can be revisited at a point when sufficient funds are available.

It is worthy of note that a visiting mason, who wishes to remain anonymous, was so impressed with what had already been achieved, donated £2,500 towards a structured renovation of the bar and room. The board of directors met to discuss this proposal recently and quotes are currently being obtained with a view to completion within the closed season.

As in previous years, there will be an appeal for brethren to form a working party to strip the paper from the walls....!

As you are all aware, we are not a commercial enterprise and rely on unit rents per membership to sustain the service costs whilst the Ways and Means work tirelessly raising funds towards maintenance and restoration. For many years unit rent increases have been incremental by only 25p per member per year and has, more or less, kept up with inflation but despite efforts to offset energy and service cost rises introduced last year, regrettably this policy is now under review.

All this of course under the shadow of the Craft Festival to be launched at the Annual General Meeting in May!

Can I remind brethren the Hall is open to hire to all those with a masonic connection and we have very favourable rates which could prove not only attractive to your pocket but also help ours!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. May', written over a large, stylized capital letter 'A'.



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Reflections *by the editor*

2023 is a special year in Freemasonry. It marks the tercentenary of our 1723 Constitution. Many things have happened during this long period of history but it is not this column's place to relate this. Freemasonry Today does this from time to time in its columns with articles and snippets of facts and that make for interesting and compelling reading.

But in the past two decades things have changed beyond the belief of Freemasons long gone. We are now in an age of Information Technology and the World Wide Web, Facebook and other platforms are taking over the way we communicate. All the information we may want to know is available at the press of a computer keyboard.

But what of our membership of the Craft and the recruitment of new members in a technology age where many other societies are also struggling for membership? I have often been asked "Why are you a Freemason?" or "What's this Freemasonry thing all about?" In this day and age where membership is in the decline it is even more important to have the right answers if we are to attract more like minded people to join.

So what do we tell potential members about ourselves that is unique enough to capture their interest. It is not enough to tell them that "Freemasonry is the UK's largest secular, fraternal and charitable organisation and that there are well over 7,000 lodges throughout England and Wales". Or that it "teaches moral lessons and self knowledge through participation in a progression of allegorical two-part plays".

That may appear to them to be mumbo-jumbo and this once official explanation, could possibly, put a lot of potential members off because it is not a modern approach to what we should be communicating about in this 21st century. Yes, we are still all of those things but nowadays potential members want to know we are a pretty friendly bunch of people who all have the same outlook on life and enjoy that precept through our masonic membership. Yes, we do have traditions and we have to explain those traditions in words of one syllable and in everyday terms they can understand. Tell them there are many likeminded men in the lodge. Tell them what your members do in their everyday life. Tell them many are married men with children like themselves if this applies or if they are not married then mention how many single men there are in your Lodge.

We have to make potential members feel that they will be at home as a Freemason. That there is nothing sinister in the Craft. To emphasise this, explain that to a majority of Freemasons, it is a hobby that they enjoy and it only need to take up a minimum amount of their time or, as with some other "hobbies", it can become time consuming but only if they wish it so.

Yes, we are in a technical age but even so there is a lot of common sense in seeking new members face to face and perhaps the best example of this could well be not to succumb to all the technical advances that we are beset with but to simply explain to a potential member why YOU are a Freemason, why YOU joined and what YOU get out of it. And even point out to them that, like themselves, we are ordinary people.

All on the basis of what you consider is good enough for you could well be good enough for someone else to join you. So when you are asked "Why are you a Freemason?" or "What's this Freemasonry all about?"

Tell them it from your own heart and from your own experience.

Letters

Dear Editor

I read these in a book recently and it reminded me very much of myself as I grow older and wondered if ever I would be in this same situation.....

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old pal:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yes!'

'Do I know her?'

'No!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'No, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'No! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

or maybe this....

An 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw him walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to him and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Maurice replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor replied, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur so be careful.'

FTP address etc supplied

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

They can be posted to Newark Password,
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Charity committee launched

At a meeting consisting of the Craft Lodge Charity Stewards, it was agreed to form a Newark Masonic Hall Charity Committee. The main purpose is to co-ordinate the charity donations made to the various registered, non-registered charities and other organisations which have, or may in the future, benefit from our fund raising. By collating individual donations together into larger donations might attract more publicity and help raise the profile of Freemasonry within the Newark area and in the Province. Also, it was agreed to include on this committee, if they so wish, representatives from all the Orders and units meeting at the Newark Masonic Hall, including the Ladies Luncheon Club.

Closer working

This committee will enable a closer working relationship with Provincial Grand Lodge Case and Finance committee who oversee all funding applications made via the Provincial web site. The case and finance committee will now in a position to pass any application for funding directly to NMH made from within the Newark area.

Formally inaugurated

At a meeting held on Wednesday 7th December a Newark Masonic Hall Charity Committee was formally inaugu-

rated and a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer appointed;

Chairman Ken Purslow.
Secretary John Sentence.
Treasurer John Lawrence
(also Charity Steward, Newton)

Other members:
Newark Masonic Hall Board of Directors representative, John Lawrence

Adrian Whittle – (Charity Steward, Magnus)

Peter Woodhall – (Charity Steward, Corinthian)

Geoff Quince – (Charity Steward, Newark)

Chris Ward (Charity Steward, St John's)

Julie Crampton (Ladies' Luncheon Club)

JOINT DONATION

Ken Purslow, Charity

Committee chairman, of the Magnus Lodge and Peter Woodhall of Corinthian Lodge presented this cheque for £380.00 on behalf of all Masons (and Ladies' Committee) that meet at the Masonic Hall in Newark. One donation that came in late and is reflected in the total is from The Fleming Mark Master's Lodge.

Newark Freemasons wished every success for their project, "The Big Newark Sleepout", sponsored by Emmaus Trust, Shawmind and YMCA, The project, held in March drew the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves and find themselves for whatever reason on the streets and at the mercy of the elements.



Pictured above: Sharon Richardson and Nikki Burley (Newark Emmaus Trust), Becky Dobb (YMCA), Peter Wingrove (Shawmind) Ken Purslow. Peter Woodhall

50 not out!



It was an evening to remember. Celebrating 50 years in Freemasonry is not too unusual but in this case it was a celebration that was memorable in that W Bro Terry Ward, PJGD, had achieved so much in that time and the Provincial Grand Master RWBro Philip Marshall described him as "A man of the highest calibre and a first class example of someone who regularly demonstrates the principles and characteristics associated with a Freemason. The Province of Nottinghamshire is fortunate to have you as one of its members".

W Bro Ward was initiated into the Corinthian Lodge in 1972 and was exalted into Alexander Chapter in April 1976. It was ten years later that he was installed as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge.

Later he joined the Notts Installed Masters Lodge and was Master there in 2012.

The Provincial Grand Master continued to talk of W Bro Terry's progress through Masonry's orders with details of his achievements where he gained Grand Lodge rank in Craft in 2001, in the Mark



In conversation

Master Masons degree in 2005 and Grand rank in Royal Arch in 2007.

In his presentation the PGM continued that as far as he could ascertain Terry is a member of 15 orders in addition to the Craft and Royal Arch and this included Royal Ark Mariners Grand Rank since 2006 and in 2016 appointed Deputy Intendant General of the Military and Masonic Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, attending meetings across the length and breadth of the country.

These were just some of the

positions and ranks held by W Bro Terry Ward during his 50 year journey in Freemasonry but it is not forgotten that in addition to those commitments he found time for almost 40 years of support to the Newark Masonic Hall including the position of chairman of the Newark Masonic Hall Company Ltd where he is still a member of the board of directors.

"Terry's willingness to help others across a very broad foundation is, I believe, a fine example of what makes him tick. Despite all the demands on his time pursuing Feemasonry, golf, more golf

50 not out!

and gardening, he served ten years as treasurer of the Newark NSPCC Fund Raising Group".

Corinthian Lodge's meeting on 13th October attracted 74 brethren including seven Grand Lodge officers, the whole gathering there to honour the achievements of our "local boy" who, for a half century, has personified what Freemasonry is all about. It was a great pleasure and privilege to be a guest on such an occasion.

In addition to the Provincial Grand Master's presentation it is worth noting that Terry was Deputy Grand Master in Mark in 2007-2010, Deputy Indendant General Red Cross 2009-2016 and Indendant General 2016 - 2020 Nottinghamshire Division.

He was also Right Worthy Suffragan SRIA Province East Midlands 2007-2020.

Records will show that Terry Ward is the first initiate in Newark Lodges to become



head of an order when he was appointed Intendant General.

He is reluctant to mention his own achievements but acknowledges he has achieved Grand Rank or equivalent in twelve Ma-

sonic Orders

He has always acknowledged the support and indulgence he had from his wife Helen who sadly died in July 2022. They had 59 years of happy marriage.

Philip Ingall, editor



They're off



As well as being the date of the 8th Annual "Valentine's Race Night, rather aptly, 18th February was also "National Drink Wine Day" – no really!

Anyway, several Brethren and Ladies were much better informed than the writer and were clearly focused on celebrating this event with much gusto and enthusiasm..... and a good night was certainly had by all!

Following a traditional sausage, mash and mushy peas supper (mint sauce and gravy of course), no one left still hungry and first class entertainment – all for £10!

If you haven't given this annual event a try before watch out for the 2024 Race Night Flyer (17.02.24 tbc).

There was no evidence of race fixing, no horses were injured during the evening and no jockeys were censured for excessive use of the whip! Great fun!

All winning horse owners received a bottle of Fizz (see photos) and the £100 "Paul's Predictor" was very happy with his evening!!

The event raised a tremendous £1,500 for the Ways and Means Committee which funds are ultimately passed to the Hall for renovation/decorative purposes.



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Referendum

A referendum on freemasonry was held in Switzerland on 28th November 1937. Voters were asked whether they approved of a popular initiative that would ban the practice. The proposal was rejected by a large majority of voters and cantons.

Royal Arch

The 'Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 and Beyond' had a clear emphasis on the future of English Freemasonry - consisting of the Craft and the Royal Arch.

Indeed, the new Pro Grand Master and Pro First Grand Principal has stated that the undeniable and intrinsic link between the two means that it is imperative for us to move forward with a coherent, integrated plan for both.

The Grand Superintendent stated that ultimately, although we should be grateful for the assistance of UGLE/SGC and our Membership Focus Group, the sustainability and success of each of our chapters is in the hands of their individual members. The two Newark based Royal Arch Chapters, Alexander 1661 and Vernon Bussell 8332 welcome new members and anyone interested in Royal Arch can obtain full details from their designated Royal Arch representative.

Shopping trip



The award winning Shop at Freemason's Hall showcases a wide range of products inspired by Freemasonry, the Museum and the Freemason's Hall. Discover this high-end retail experience in the heart of London.

Located in the Drawing Room on the first floor of Freemasons' Hall, the shop offers an enhanced retail experience to both visitors and members – with an extensive range of high-quality gifts and souvenirs related to Freemasonry.

A new range of men's ties and ladies' scarves have been designed exclusively for the shop. Shield yourself from all year round showers with one of the umbrellas. Designs are inspired by the Museum Logo and the Interior of Freemasons' Hall. Finest quality masonic gloves available in leather and cotton and a range of sizes. A large selection of hard and soft cases and selected styles can be gold blocked.

The shop caters for all the Mason's needs offering a varied selection of accessories including new range of men's s and ladies products which have been designed exclusively for the shop.

It's well worth a visit.

New chief executive

Recipient of several donations from Newark Freemasons the Board of trustees of Beaumond House are thrilled to have appointed



Louise Sinclair as the new Chief Executive. She has served Beaumond House so well, latterly as the Hospice's Head of Clinical Services. She has worked at Beaumond House for over 16 years and

her knowledge of and passion for palliative and end of life care has been demonstrated in the roles she has done for Beaumond House to date. Louise's appointment shows the Beaumond House commitment to succession development of their colleagues but also, to have a nurse drive forward the charity's new strategy, which includes the development of a new in-patient unit, is a clear statement of their commitment and development of patient care within a shared vision.

Membership Officer

In May 2021, W Bro Tony Harvey PJGD
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was invested with the Provincial Membership Officer's collar, working with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to develop an approach which meant that the refreshed Members' Pathway would be a membership management opportunity that was familiar to everyone in the Province and also help prepare the ground for the anticipated strategy from UGLE.

Whilst W Bro Tony will continue to work across the Province on a number of specific tasks, his other commitments have made it necessary to replace him as Provincial Membership Officer and at the Annual Meeting on 5th May, W Bro Andy Farrar PPrAGDC will be appointed to that role.

For book worms

Situated in the entrance at The Avenue is a small bookcase with a varied selection of books that brethren have brought in for sale. For those brethren who like to read an actual book rather than on their phone or tablet this represents an opportunity to grab some fresh reading on subjects varying from biographies to war stories and even hints on gardening or cookery! All that is expected is a small donation to assist in the Masonic Hall funding.

National call

United Gand Lodge took out full-page advertisements in national newspapers calling for an end to "discrimination" against its members.

The advertisements in The Times and The Daily Telegraph, took the form of a letter which responded to news stories about complaints from the former chair of the Police Federation about Masonic interference in policing policy, as well as active lodges in Westminster, claims "the ongoing gross misrepresentation of its 200,000 plus members is discrimination. Pure and simple.

London mayor Sadiq Khan has refused to force Metropolitan Police officers to declare membership of the Freemasons, saying
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such a move would be illegal. Mr Khan said: "The Met is bound by the legislation of the Police Regulations Act 2003 which states that no restrictions other than those designed to secure the proper exercise of the functions of a constable shall be imposed on the private life of members of a police force."

Smile please

Former Pro Grand Master Peter Lowndes at one time suggested that freemasons should smile and look like they are enjoying themselves, and avoid criticising as the movement seeks to keep millennial masons happy and halt a decline in membership that has seen lodges closing at a rate of nearly 100 a year for the past decade.

He also said "I am not for one minute suggesting we try to turn our meetings into a pantomime, but most certainly I am saying there is no harm in being seen to enjoy ourselves."

The Masonic Rose

In the Western World the lotus has been changed to the rose. The roses of the Rosicrucian, the roses of the Masonic degrees, and of the Order of the Garter, all stand for the same thing, the awakening of consciousness and the unfolding into full bloom of the soul of man."

Joining Rose Croix? Candidates for the Rose Croix must have been initiated in a Lodge under UGLE, have been a Master Mason for at least one full year and profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith with a declaration being signed.

Behaviour in public

A Metropolitan Grand Lodge email noted "It is unfortunate that I feel obliged to remind brethren/companions of their conduct in public in circumstances where they can be identified as Freemasons. The Metropolitan Disciplinary team has recently had to investigate a lodge whose behaviour at their festive board fell well below that expected of Freemasons. The whole fraternity stands to be judged by the misbehaviour of these few. Hopefully I need say no more

Password editor required

It is some 14 years since I took over the editorship of Password following in the footsteps of my predecessors W Bros Stan Denner and Raymond Spurr and all those who went before them.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this period of editing the magazine and seeing it emerge, currently, as a full colour publication and, I am told, one of the best Masonic magazines of its kind.

Now, approaching my 90th birthday, I have decided to stand down as editor to make way for someone, perhaps a little younger, to take over the reins and continuing its development in future years.

With this in mind I have indicated to the Masonic Hall board of directors that I visualise the Autumn 2023 edition to be the last one I will edit and therefore they will be looking for a replacement to take over for 2024 onwards.

I will be very happy to help and advise my successor in any way they may require and also to continue to submit articles on Masonic and other subjects if this may also be their wish,

At the same time we are also looking for a brother to take on the responsibility of looking after the advertisements for Password. This is a very important task as the revenue from advertising is what 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 do hope that we will see brethren coming forward to take over these roles.

Interested? Then please contact the Masonic Hall secretary, W Bro Fraser Macintyre who will be able to take matters further.

Philip Ingall

Provincial Honours

Password is pleased to congratulate and list those brethren of Newark Lodges and side degrees who have received Provincial Honours or have been promoted in the Province.

Craft (acting)

W Bro P D Simpson (St John's 8972) to PJGD

W Bro M E H Beazley (Magnus 3441) to PrGSteward

Craft (promotions)

W Bro P K Purslow (Magnus 3441) awarded Certificate of Merit

W Bro N J Parry (Magnus 3441) to PrSuptWks

W Bro S G Meadows Newton 1661) to PPrSGD

W Bro J A Luke (St John's 8972) to PPRSGD

W Bro R G Hill (Newark 8332) to PPrJGD

Royal Arch (acting rank)

Ex Comp B Spilsbury (Vernon Bussell 8332) re-appointed Prov G Almoner

E Comp P D Simpson (Alexander 1661) promoted to PPr Asst G Soj

Royal Arch (promotions)

Ex Comp J M Clarke (Vernon Bussell 8332) to PPrGScN

Ex Comp P Brooker (Verno Bussel 8332) to PPrGSwdB

Mark Master Masons

W Bro J Sentance (Fleming 265) to PGSW

W Bro P D Simpson IFleming 265) to ProvDepGrandSec

W Bro I J English (Fleming 265) to PrGSteward

Pilgrim Knights

E Kt D J Ing (Pilgrim Preceptory 495) to Great Captain of Guards

E Kt R Hamilton (Pilgrim Preceptory 495) to PPRChan

E Kt M Bevan (Pilgrim Preceptory 495) to PPrReg

E Kt C M Goode (Pilgrim Preceptory 495) first appointment to PrStB(VB)

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Great fundraiser - gentle introduction to Freemasonry

In summer 2022, writes W Bro Bill Ashley, I posted on Farndon Resident's Facebook Group telling people I was going round the village raising money for our Masonic charity, Teddies for Loving Care Nottinghamshire. So, evenings and weekends for three months, I spent many happy hours calling on old friends and acquaintances and meeting many new ones. And, having seen me on Facebook, many people were expecting me and most were extremely warm and welcoming, the response was overwhelming.

I always opened with the same introduction: "Hi, how are you? I'm going round the village raising sponsorship for our Masonic charity, Teddies for Loving Care. We donate these teddies to hospitals for doctors and nurses to give to children who are anxious, afraid, often in pain, which helps to calm them down and makes them easier to treat. And, of course, the children take their teddy with them when they go home. Would you care to support us either with a donation or by buying a bear?"

It also inspired support from local groups such as the choir of our parish church who, on their own initiative, put on events to raise money for TLC.

Most people were very kind, generous, and full of praise for TLC and the work we do. Some asked for more information about TLC, so I gave them our latest flyer, plus a potted history of TLC. Since being founded in 2001 by a group of Essex Freemasons, TLC has donated over 3.5 million teddies to distressed children throughout the UK, over 55,000 in Nottinghamshire alone. Whilst most of the money to buy our teddies is donated by Masons who also provide their time and support free-of-charge to administer the charity which has no paid staff, we appreciate all donations from the public, either from street collections or from taking part in public events such as charity fairs for special needs children.

One of the most rewarding aspects of door-to-door collections is grateful parents who say, "My child received one of your teddies when they were in hospital". Bearing in mind that there are about 1,000 houses in Farndon, I lost count of how many parents said their child had received a teddy but it was between 35 and 40, which just goes to show that the teddies really work. One mum whose six year old daughter was rushed into hospital with a burst appendix said her daughter received a teddy from the Paramedics in the ambulance which calmed



▲ A neighbour took this picture of me with my props – a pushchair full of TLC teddies – beside his Banksy 'Girl with Balloon' which I put on my Facebook post and, somehow, seemed very fitting.

her down when she was in dreadful pain and great distress, then Mum clutched the teddy for dear life whilst her daughter was undergoing life-saving surgery and prayed her daughter would live. That's a big responsibility for a small bear!

I've also done some very successful fundraisers at supermarkets which are great venues if you can get a slot but these are in high demand from charities. But, if you're going to ask the public to donate, don't forget, It's a legal requirement to have a permit from your local authority, which lasts a year and only applies in that council's area. A charity that donates teddies to children in distress naturally enjoys widespread public support and is a safe and gentle introduction to Freemasonry which paints us in a positive light. So, why not give it a go for the good of Freemasonry in general and TLC in particular?

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Freemasonry in Poland

The first Masonic lodges were established in Poland during the early 18th century, circa 1720-1730 and like many European countries it was a select movement admitting landed gentry, local rulers, other wealthy people and heads of the church. The passing of time saw Polish Freemasonry relaxing their elite format, admitting leading professionals, scientists, politicians and the more successful businessmen. King Stanislaw August Poniatowski came to the throne in 1764 and being a man well known in Western Masonic circles the movement from the start of his reign gained momentum.

Three Constitutions were published in the 18th century and were considered as the first modern freedom documents. The American Constitution of 1789 was the oldest. The second and third were Polish and French of 1791.

Among the authors of the Polish Constitution were Masonic Brothers Ignacy Potocki, a member of a prominent family and the author of the original draft of the Constitution, and Stanislaw Kostka Potocki, brother of Ignacy and statesman, famed orator, and member of the Permanent Council of the Diet (form of government dating from Roman times).

Terminated

On April 28th, 1738 the Polish movement was terminated by the Holy See Encyclical, "In Eminenti", of Clement the XII which was focused primarily against the Masons. This act by the Catholic Church led to the Masons establishing new criteria for their lodges.

Among those present at the celebration of the play "Midsummer Night" was the head of the Polish Catholic Church, Primate Gabriel Podoski. Although only a small number of the Polish clergy belonged to the lodges, anti-Masonic projects had not won the

Church's approval because most of the bishops were afraid to risk a conflict with the king and his supporters. Norbert Wojtowicz in 1999 wrote "... that during the 1780s Polish Freemasonry experienced significant growth.

The Polish faction consisted mainly of the nobility, whereas the lower ranks - doctors, lesser officers or higher servants of the Court were considered mainly foreigners. The huge growth was also visible in the second branch of the Polish Freemasonry, which was constituted by the "adopting" lodges. This period can be considered the greatest expansion of Polish Freemasonry. In 1788 the Warsaw headquarters mastered 23 symbolic lodges and four Scottish lodges. There were about 1,000 people in its ranks, intellectuals, patriots, and clergy."

On May 14th, 1781 the Grand Orient of France authorized a commission to create and install lodges in Poland. The Grand Orient of Poland was born on February 2nd, 1783.

Halted by collapse

The development of Freemasonry in Poland was halted by the collapse of the First Republic of Poland in 1795 when Poland was partitioned among three neighbouring countries. After an unfruitful insurrection attempt, Poland was divided into thirds in 1795. Accordingly, Poland was stripped of its charters and divided among Russia, Austria and Prussia. The Polish language was prohibited. Only Prussia, which occupied the area of Warsaw, tolerated Masonry. Austria and Russia emphatically announced its prohibition.

After its fall and the third partitioning of Poland in 1794, the Grand Orient vanished and local Polish Freemasonry disintegrated. Only in the Prussian sector did it survive, with charity as its only activity.

Polish masons looked toward France



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to restore their individual rights to a free lodge. Brother Henryk Dambrowski, a military general with service in France, authored the "Song of Resistance" which was later adopted as the official anthem of Poland. He later founded several lodges at the time of the Napoleonic campaigns in Italy. In 1807 Napoleon assimilated the Grand-Duchy of Warsaw and authorized the free practice of Masonry. For a second time, Brother Henryk Dambrowski assumed the position of Master of the Lodge in Poznan. Frederic Guillaume was given credentials to transform this lodge into a French lodge which had the effect of bringing the Poles together. This Polish language lodge attracted new brothers and marked the rebirth of Polish Masonry under the Regis of the Grand Orient of France.

In March of 1810 the Wielki Wschód Narodowy Ksiestwa Warszawskiego (National Grand Orient of the Warsaw Principedom) was constituted. Although the military had not been the most numerous group, they had been the main advocates of Freemasonry.

Another suspension

After the crushing defeat of Napoleon in the East, Masonic activities in Poland were again suspended. This fall of the Napoleonic Empire issued the death knell of the Masonic revival. The Congress of Vienna granted a broad partition of the Polish territory to Russia in the form of a protectorate including Warsaw.

Tsar Nicolas I was hostile to Freemasonry and ended up occupying Poland militarily following the "Romantic Revolution". Under Alexander I the Masonic fortunes greatly improved as the Great National Orient was able to continue its work. Ernst Mayer, a member of the first chronicle of Poznan's lodge wrote, "in April 1820 all brothers arrived to found the new lodge named Unity Temple. The Unity Temple's con-

stitution was in effect beginning on the 29th of May 1820."

Tsarist suspension

The Tsar of Russia was concerned with the new social liberalism movement and forcibly ended the enrolment in Lodges. It was at this time that Brother Potocki of the Great Master and President of the Council of Ministers and Senate pursued a path to protect the Order from Russian repression. Brother Potocki was forced to resign on March 3rd, 1821. On August 12th of the same year the Tsar published a ukase (bill) prohibiting Masonry. The year 1821 also saw the radical element of the Catholic Church leadership emerge against the Masons.

After 1824 the Tsar showed liberal tendencies toward Freemasonry. He protected Russian Masonry and forced many officials to do the same. He revived the Masonic organization in the Polish Kingdom which caused a violent inflow of adepts. During the year of 1821, 3,000 Masons were members in symbolic lodges. The membership of many dignitaries added to the popularity, but most of the Masons saw their own membership in purely social terms.

Broken agreements

The working relationship with the new emperor did not last long. Broken agreements and violations of the constitution created a strong opposition toward the monarch. Authorities tended to pacify and subordinate Polish Masonry to the emperor. Not all members were going to accept this condition which split the organization into factions. Once again an edict issued on the 25th of September 1821 by Józef Zajaczek, Prince-Steward of the Kingdom, suspended all Masonic activities. Secret organizations appeared such as the "Wolnomularstwo Narodowe" (National Freemasonry) of Walerian Lukasinski.

The November Uprising of 1830–1831, also known as the Cadet Revolution, was an armed rebellion against the rule of the Russian Empire in Poland and



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Lithuania. The uprising began on November 29th 1830 in Warsaw when many clandestine brothers sought weapons.

In 1831 Brother Fayette became the leader of Polish refugees. Accordingly, the French, American and English Lodges accommodated the refugee Freemasons. Polish Masons sought exile and many brethren arrived in the British Isles where numerous initiations took place as evidenced by the "Polish National Lodge" created in exile. In the 1880s there appeared in the Polish Kingdom a surrogate of a former lodge or so-called "lounges" where important meetings and current problems were discussed.

Polish Freemasonry in the 20th Century

The first signs of the re-awakening of Polish Masonry appeared in the early 1900's. In November 1909 seven candidates from Warsaw were initiated in the Parisian lodge "Les Rénovateurs". These lodge brothers started their work in "The Liberation" (Wyzwolenie) movement. The outbreak of World War I activated Polish adepts. After the 1918 Armistice, attempts were made to create their own obedience. On 19th March 1920 a regular lodge "Kopernik" was opened as the mother lodge for subsequent workshops. The Supreme Council of Poland was supervised by Andrzej Strug and established Wielka Loza Narodowa "Polacy Zjednoczeni" (National Grand Lodge "Poles United") governed by Rafał Radziwiłowicz.

Post-War Period

At the end of the First World War only one Masonic Lodge continued to practice. On August 1st, 1920, a Grand National Lodge was created thanks to the return of various underground Polish lodges in exile from Europe and also to the return of the emigrants. In 1922, the Supreme Council 33°, A.A. & S.R. of Freemasonry, was created in Warsaw.

Two years later, eighteen lodges had

membership of four hundred Masons. As Masonry continued to grow. Brother Andrzej Strug claimed that, "in every government of the restituted Poland there were at least two ministers, and in each ministry at least one departmental director was a Mason". These words were no idle boasting because comparatively small number of Masons constituted a real political power.

A repressive bill in 1938 against the Freemasons was filed to prohibit Masonry in Poland. On November 22nd of the same year the decree of prohibition was published forbidding the Masons to hold public office. On September 1st, and September 17th, 1939 the troops of Germany and the Soviet Union invaded Poland, thus starting the Second World War.

According to different estimates eight to fourteen lodges operated in Poland in the inter-war period with 200-600 plus members. Prominent citizens were allied to Marshal Józef Piłsudski. After Piłsudski's death, a decree outlawing Freemasonry in Poland was issued in 1938.

During the WW II Nazi occupation few Masonic groups were active in Warsaw and Cracow. Death or exile to the concentration camps was their fate. The Kopernik Lodge had to operate in exile as part of the Grand Lodge of France. (Grande Loge de France)

Situation after 1945

After the close of WW II many of the Freemasons joined a new Masonic structure with surprisingly good results. Of all the brethren who remained 40.5% occupied high positions in the state administration such as departmental directors, PMs, and ministers. Thirty-two per cent became higher education teachers, 9.5% gained high ranks in the co-operatives. Only a few Freemasons had been persecuted but the reason was their political activity not the fact of Freemasonry membership. In the first years after the war President Bolesław Bierut (General-Secretary) suggested restoring the lodge. Many prominent Freemasons refused to support the government as they feared being



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made a tool of the ruling political party. Later attempts were equally unsuccessful.

In Poland the Masons were subjected to the dictates of the Yalta Conference agreement and further purging by Stalinist terror. There was no place for Masons and Masonic Lodges who were rejected by both the Communists and hostile Catholic leadership. Nevertheless, it is documented that underground Polish Masonry was active 1945 to 1989. This was due to the large Polish Diaspora in the Northern Alsace-Lorraine, region of France, in the United States especially Chicago, and in the United Kingdom. Since 1989, Masonry has been gradually reinstituted its roots in Poland.

Meanwhile, a conspiratorial lodge had existed since 12th February 1961 when a ritual "reawakening" of the pre-war "Kopernik" lodge took place. A week later first initiations were accepted including the initiation of future Grand Master, Jan Józef Lipski.

As recently as 1989 twenty adepts had been initiated, but the resuming of workshop activities had not been announced to the brethren holding high official positions. The conspiracy was so perfect that even in the Masonic circles for nearly thirty years only the Polish Kopernik Lodge in Paris knew officially of the existence of the Warsaw lodge.

End of Communist influence

The political breakthrough of 1989 opened the way to the re-emergence of Polish Freemasonry. As Communism faded openness to various influences occurred. The Brethren grouped around "Kopernik" thus increasing their activity, and on 27th December 1991, they performed a ritual reawakening of the Wielka Loza Narodowa Polski (National Grand Lodge of Poland). After 1990 due to the influence of the Grand Orient de France, toleration and increases in

liberal Freemasonry activity flourished.

In 1997 the Grand Orient of Poland and the Grand National Lodge of Poland were founded. This formation was followed by the Polish jurisdiction of Le Droit Humain and its three principal Obediences represented in Poland on the numerical level and followed by the Large Grand Female Lodge of France and Grand Lodge of France. Two French speaking Lodges currently work in Poland. The REAA was under the aegis of the GLNF France and the other under the DH Fraternal Meeting. A provisional Lodge of the GLDF joined the French-speaking Freemasons of the GLDF and is currently active in Poland.

Magazine

An independent magazine "Wolnomularz Polski", the Polish Freemason was connected with the liberal current of the times. In a similar way, some other brochures were published such as series "Biblioteczka Wolnomularza Polskiego", the Polish Freemason Library, and series "Ex Oriente Lux", the latter published by demand of the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Poland. In publication today is the quarterly "Ars Regia" which is devoted to Freemasonry, but due to its scientific character it has a limited number of readers. According to Norbert Wojtowicz, "Polish Freemasons are still far from practicing what could be called openness in the society."

In writing this article the editor acknowledges the information and contents available in both historical documents and by leading authorities on Freemasonry in Poland.

A glance back at Christmas past

Christmas 2022 saw a whole host of events in and around Newark Masonic Hall – look at how much fun we had!

The first Sunday Lunch event in December was a sell out with diners treated to a traditional four course Christmas Lunch at a bargain basement price! Christmas jumpers, Santa glasses and paper hats abounded, a grumpy elf broke character for the afternoon and Santa arrived to distribute gifts to all the



ladies present! It all made for a quite wonderful day!

The Sunday Lunch schedule is published elsewhere in Password, but if you haven't yet sampled the fellowship, camaraderie and fun inherent in our Sunday Lunches, then give it a try later on in 2023!

A huge well-done to the Sunday Lunch Team and especially to Geoff & Sandra Quince who organised the Christmas event.

Christmas Tree Festival 3rd – 11th December 2022 – St Mary Magdalene Parish

Twenty-two

Church, Newark.

The event has become



popular in Newark and the Christmas Tree displays are spectacular.....so what a great opportunity to try to raise the profile of Freemasonry in the local community by displaying our own Tree!

Each tree boasted a theme or sponsor and ours was:

"Freemasonry – Traditional Values for the Modern Man"

This theme was reflected within the decoration of the tree itself with wooden craft baubles spray painted dark blue and traditional masonic words attached in gold lettering such as "Peace, Love, Harmony, Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, Justice, Mercy, Charity, Wisdom, Strength & Beauty".

The tree was further adorned with white lights, light blue and dark blue tra-

ditional baubles and white baubles decorated with forget-me-not stickers.

Mrs Angela Haberton and Mrs Linda Simpson, both skilled in the liberal arts, married all of the component parts together and Angela is pictured left applying that all important finishing touch!

New Year's Eve was a Saturday and so the Ways & Means held their usual Saturday Social event, in this case of course, Saturday 31st December, the last Saturday of the month!

It was standing room only in the Newark Masonic Hall Bar from midday until the barman called time at 3pm and there was wonderful atmosphere in the room.

The Christmas Raffle was drawn with the first prize Luxury Hamper won by W.Bro. David Hope.

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and helped raise £435 for the Hall via the Ways & Means Committee – thanks also to W.Bro. Bryan Spilsbury and his wife Judy who sourced a quite magnificent hamper!



Glance back Christmas past



PHOTO CALL



Here's your opportunity to send any Masonic photos, funny moments caught on camera, or any other happenings or occasions of interest for publication in a future Password.

Pictures should be sent via email in separate JPEG format (with contact details) together with an appropriate caption to the editor - philip@ingalluk.com

All at sea



W Bro Jim Barrie and his wife Barbara were on a cruise in October, with W Bro David Cooper and his wife Elaine from Chester, to celebrate their Golden Wedding. On board were some 12 other Masons and partners, and a charity afternoon tea was arranged, raising some £260.

It was decided to donate

this to the Captain's Charity, which for this voyage was the Teenage Cancer Trust.

During the formal presentation of the donation, at the Afternoon Tea, we were all pleasantly surprised to learn that Captain Christopher Bourne was himself a Mason and originally from Nottingham.

Grand Lodge news

Membership and Communications Working Party.

Following the launch of the Strategy for Freemasonry, 2022 and Beyond at December's QC, the Strategy Group has been considering how best to capitalise on the work of the Membership and Communications & Marketing Working Parties in supporting the Thriving Membership agenda.

The two Working Parties have made great progress over the past four years in identifying and sharing good practices for attracting and engaging members through the Members' Pathway and working together on the National Digital Mar-

keting Campaign.

However, there is agreement there are significant benefits from consolidating the activities of the two Working Parties into a single member-focused Working Party.

A new Membership and Communications Working Party is to be established, Chaired by RWBro Steven Varley. This will help to reinforce the role of the Rulers in the implementation of the Strategy.

It is anticipated there will continue to be one representative from each RCG on the Working Party.

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FAMOUS FREEMASONS

HRH Duke of Edinburgh

1921 to 2021

Prince Philip was born in Greece, into the Greek and Danish royal families; his family was exiled from the country when he was eighteen months old. After being educated in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, he joined the Royal Navy in 1939, when he was 18 years old. In July 1939, he began corresponding with the then 13-year-old Princess Elizabeth, the elder daughter and heir presumptive of King George VI. Philip had first met her in 1934. In the Second World War, he served with distinction in the British Mediterranean and Pacific fleets.

In the summer of 1946, the King granted Philip permission to marry Elizabeth. Before the official announcement of their engagement in July 1947, Philip relinquished his Greek and Danish royal titles and styles, became a naturalised British subject, and adopted his maternal grandparents' surname Mountbatten. He married Princess Elizabeth on 20th November 1947. The day prior to their wedding, the King granted Philip the style His Royal Highness. On the day of their wedding, he was additionally created Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Merioneth, and Baron Greenwich. Philip left active military service when Elizabeth ascended the throne in 1952, having reached the rank of commander. In 1957, he was created a British prince.



Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1939, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Prince Louis, who was Admiral of the Fleet and First Sea Lord. He had a long and successful career in the Navy and rose to the rank of Commander.

Prince Philip was also a qualified pilot and was the first member of the Royal Family ever to fly out of Buckingham Palace in a helicopter.

His Royal Highness The late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh started his life in Freemasonry in 1952, at the age of 31. He was initiated into Navy Lodge No. 2612, on 5th December.

On 6th March 1953, HRH Prince Philip progressed to the Second Degree of Freemasonry, before advancing to the Third Degree on 4th May 1953. The United Grand Lodge of England issued his Grand Lodge Certificate on 7th May that same year and he remained a member through

the remainder of his life.

The Duke of Edinburgh was known to drop into meetings at his Freemasons Lodge almost unannounced. Navy Lodge has a storied past and an amazing roster of luminaries appear upon its membership roll. The Lodge prides itself on being the premier Naval Lodge in the world, with an unparalleled history that includes four monarchs as past members – King Edward VII, King Edward VIII, King George VI and King George II of the Hellenes.

The Duke of Edinburgh retired from his royal duties on 2nd August 2017, aged 96, having completed 22,219 solo engagements and 5,493 speeches from 1952. He died on 9th April 2021 at Windsor Castle, at the age of 99.

Elsewhere, there is also a Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1182, Liverpool, which was issued a warrant on 2nd July 1867 and was consecrated on 1st August 1867. The Lodge was named after Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, who was then Duke of Edinburgh. He was born on 6th August 1844, the second son of Queen Victoria. A Duke of Edinburgh Lodge in London, No. 1259, was also named after him.

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Sir Winston Churchill

1874 to 1965

Winston Churchill was initiated into Studholme Lodge No. 1591 (now United Studholme Alliance Lodge) on 24th May 1901. Churchill completed his Second Degree on 19th July and was made a Master Mason on 25th March 1902.

Churchill's apron and apron pouch are on display in the Museum's North Gallery at Freemasons' Hall.

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill was born in Blenheim Palace on 30th November 1874 of aristocratic ancestry. Although achieving poor grades at school, his early fascination with militarism saw him join the Royal Cavalry in 1895. As a soldier and part-time journalist, Churchill travelled widely, including trips to Cuba, Afghanistan, Egypt and South Africa.

Churchill was elected as Conservative MP for Oldham in 1900, defecting to the Liberal Party in 1904 and spending the next decade climbing the ranks of the Liberal government. He was First Lord of the Admiralty (the civil/political head of the Royal Navy) by the time of the disastrous Gallipoli campaign, which he created. Criticised for this error, he resigned from this position and travelled to the Western Front to fight himself.

The interwar years saw Churchill again 'cross the floor' from the Liberals, back to the Conservative Party.

Following the Tory electoral defeat in 1929, Churchill lost



his seat and spent much of the next 11 years out of office, mainly writing and making speeches. Although alone in his firm opposition to Indian Independence, his warnings against Appeasement of Nazi Germany were proven correct when the Second World War broke out in 1939.

Neville Chamberlain's resignation in 1940 saw Churchill chosen to succeed him as Prime Minister of an all-party coalition government.

Churchill, also adopted the self-created position of Minister for Defence, was active both in administrative and diplomatic functions in prosecuting the British war effort. Some of his most memorable speeches were given in this period, and are credited with stimulating British morale during periods of great hardship. Labour leader Clement Attlee's unexpected General Election victory in 1945 saw Churchill out of office and once again concentrating on public speaking. In his 1946 speech in the USA, the instinctive pro-American famously declared that "an iron curtain has descended across the Continent", and

warned of the continued danger of powerful Soviet Russia.

By his re-election in 1951, Churchill was, in the words of Roy Jenkins, "gloriously unfit for office". Ageing and increasingly unwell, he often conducted business from his bedside but his powerful personality and oratory ability endured.

In 1953, he was made a Knight of the Garter, which gave him the title Sir Winston Churchill, KG. He also won the Nobel Prize in Literature "for his mastery of historical and biographical description" as well as for brilliant oratory in defending high human values.

His later attempts at decreasing the developing Cold War through personal diplomacy failed to produce significant results, and poor health saw him resign in 1955, making way Foreign Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister, Anthony Eden.

Churchill died in 1965, honoured with a state funeral and buried at Bladon, close to Blenheim Palace.

One of the four sets of false teeth that Winston Churchill wore his whole life to keep his unique way of speaking is now in the Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons in England.

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TRAVEL TALK ...

The Travel Talk for this issue is written by the editors granddaughter Nancy Britten on her recent trip to the Greek Islands

For a taste of the sea, nothing beats mussels. And mussels by the sea is even better. It's 11am in the sleepy port town of Naousa, on the Greek island of Paros and an array of small Cycladic fishing boats stand nestled tightly together.



bougainvillea straddles the walls of the storied, cobbled laneways, while octopuses dry like garlands in the sun. In the distance, the tiny tidal island of 'Antiparos' pricks the horizon, while behind me people are buying platters of seafood, just like mine, from the harbour markets.

Set against a backdrop of Venetian mansions and Orthodox churches, this town plays host to some of the most picturesque corners I found while in Greece.

I first heard of the island of Paros when asking my neighbour about her travels in Greece. Although well into her eighties now, she spent over twenty vibrant years of her youth living in Athens and visiting its many surrounding islands at any given opportunity. I there-

fore knew she would be my most reliable source of advice. I had planned to travel to Greece in April and wondered which Islands would be most accommodating in this off-peak period. Her response was rather humorously communicated 'even if the weather is 20 degrees, wherever you go at this time, the locals will still wear their winter coats and roll their eyes at your summer dresses'.

To her credit, she was not wrong. Upon reaching the beach on the first day of the trip, I very excitedly plunged myself into the sapphire blue, (albeit still rather chilly) Aegean Sea, exclaiming to my friend in a very British fashion 'it's alright once your shoulders are under'. Meanwhile, a local woman with her family looked on in bemusement at this perceived madness. I attempted to reassure her trepidation by telling her I swam in Cornish waters in January, but this only made the expression of pure concern on her face even more severe.

This certainly wasn't my experience for the duration of my trip however, and as the days went on, I found some of the most beautiful beaches and the friendliest of local people.

The welcoming and gentle nature of the Island's residents was proven on one occasion which saw me conversing with a waitress (a similar age to myself) who had just finished her studies at the high school in the capital of Paros (Parikia). She eagerly pulls up a chair at the beach-side



table, kindly offers a glass of her freshly squeezed orange juice and taking interest in both my studies and travels she advises me on the best food, sights and beaches the island has to offer (in perfectly spoken English I should add). With obvious and admirable pride for her island, she explains to me how much she enjoys seeing tourists in the "shoulder months" as not only does it reduce the environmental impact, it also extends the tourism season to the locals.

Travelling to Paros in April certainly had its benefits. Although at times it feels somewhat isolating being one of very few tourists during this time, there is something charming about watching this very tightknit community of locals slowly preparing for the summer months to come.

Walking the backstreets of the small village of Naousa, gives me a sense of the sheer amount of effort that is put into maintaining the island's much adored beauty. While the women unload boxes of garments and decorate the windows of the many chic boutique clothing stores, the men line the streets with paint brushes and buckets of whitewash

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sheer amount of effort that is put into maintaining the island's much adored beauty. While the women unload boxes of garments and decorate the windows of the many chic boutique clothing stores, the men line the streets with paint brushes and buckets of whitewash filling in the cracks of the ancient cobbles and perfecting the famous aesthetic of the white buildings. Every minor detail is accounted for, and to me there is an ever-present buzz of anticipation in all corners of the island for the long tourist season ahead.



It's 7am on my final day in Paros, I hand over my two-euro ticket on board a coach (part of the island's efficient network of shuttle buses and my chosen method of transport), ready to travel to Lefkes, the Island's former ancient capital to embark on the Byzantine hiking trail. Staring out of the window, I amuse myself with a game of 'spot the goat' (a credit to the many rural farms on the land) while out of the corner of my eye, I spot the bus driver enthusiastically nodding his head to A-ha's 'Take on me' which can be faintly heard over the crackling stereo. Upon arriving, I am stunned by surroundings of olive groves and pine forests and in the centre was the brightly yellow

coloured neoclassical church of Holy Trinity, slightly dishevelled yet beautiful. In the courtyard, there was a gentle hum of the locals sat in the shade of



the pine trees, pastries in hand, exchanging (I imagine) the town's gossip with the usual gusto. Lefkes is a quintessentially historic Cycladic village built in the 17th century, a protected enclave from the rampant piracy that plagued the Mediterranean waters during this period. But there's no sign of pirates these days — in fact, when I went on my hike later on in the day, the only sign of human life I spotted was a farmer who whizzed past on his beat-up push bike, clutching a sack of lemons under one arm and steering with the other, a half-smoked cigarette clinging on for dear life to his lips. Strolling the Byzantine trail between Lefkes and Podromos in the scorching sun, I pass endless olive groves, over intri-



cate stone bridges and collapsing stone brick walls, stopping every so often to take photos of the sweeping views down over the verdant hills of Paros and it's

alluring countryside. This was by far one of my favourite days spent on the island.

To leave the island there are two options: ferry or plane. With the fear of experiencing seasickness, I abandoned the first option in favour of flying (though had you given me the same options mid-flight I would have changed my mind).

Since there are no direct flights from the UK to Paros, I had to take a 30-minute flight to Athens on a tiny propeller plane with just 10 rows and barely enough headroom for anyone taller than myself. Despite being slightly unnerved by the unusually detailed and in-depth safety briefing in case of an in-water landing, the view from the sky was truly breath-taking (although that could have been caused my



gasps at the intermittent turbulence).

As we ascended further into the clouds, the island appeared to get smaller and smaller into the distance creating the perfect snapshot of what had been an incredible trip.

For spectacular views, an authentic Greek village experience and scenery far superior (and more affordable) than anything found on the more popular islands of Santorini, Mykonos and Crete I recommend a visit to Paros.

The Brian Rollitt Memorial Quiz PIE & PIE SUPPER

FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023
6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Tickets
£14**

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.**



"Come Dine With Us" Freemasons of Newark Dining Club

Since our last report in The Newark Password, the "Come Dine With Us" Freemasons of Newark Dining Club has met at four different restaurants in the Newark area to enjoy good food in great company at a maximum meal cost of £25!

The Chequers Inn at Elston catered for us at the last minute in very fine fashion in their recently refurbished restaurant in early September 2022....well worth a try.

The Great Northern Inn at Carlton-on-Trent was our venue in November when once again, mighty portions were on offer – a light lunch is advisable if you are going there for dinner – and the immense Black Pudding & Stilton Burger will not disappoint! In January we returned to the Fabulous Farndon Ferry for another excellent meal and by the time of publishing we will have sampled the eastern delights of the Thai Sabai in Newark Town Centre.

There is routinely great camaraderie and masonic banter on offer on these evenings and if you haven't attended before, get book-

ing next time around....a night out is a night out!

Remember, this is an initiative for Freemasons, family and friends to get together socially, enjoy a meal together and have fun! There are no speeches or raffles, all are welcome and it is a great way to meet up with old friends and of course, a great way to make new ones.

We usually opt for a Tuesday evening to enable us to negotiate a favourable price with the restaurant, we always attempt to avoid a Lodge or Practice nights and have so far succeeded in achieving a sub £25 price point.

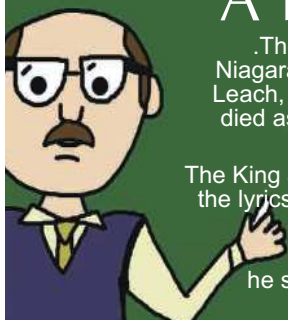
If you enjoy a meal out in good company, give it a try!

Date for the diary Saturday 8th July 2023 Outdoor Barbeque



Watch out for the Flyer - details to be confirmed!

A miscellany of facts



The second man to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel, Bobby Leach, survived the fall but later died as a result of slipping on a piece of orange peel.

The King James bible has inspired the lyrics of more pop songs than any other book.

Fidel Castro estimated he saved ten working days a year by not shaving.

Potatoes were illegal in France between 1748 and 1772.

Is it unsafe for travellers to rely on St Christopher any more? - he lost his sainthood in 1969.

In 1881 there were only six men in Britain called Derek.

In 1894 The Times estimated that by 1950 London would be nine feet deep in horse manure.



As I see it

A perspective on Freemasonry by
W Bro Bill Ashley, Worshipful Master
of Newton Lodge 1661.

In preparing to meet a candidate for Freemasonry, I asked myself questions I thought he might ask me. One very obvious question I couldn't answer was, "What is the purpose of Freemasonry?" So I asked a number of Masonic colleagues, most of whom came back with answers lifted from ritual such as, "Brotherly love, relief and truth" none of which defined the purpose but simply expressed virtues we aspire to, until our Lodge Secretary, Nick Scott, replied, "To make good men better!" That nailed it for me... but then I thought, "So what?" Good men may be good in themselves, but good men alone on an island are only good within their own frame of reference and ethical behaviour seldom extends far beyond our own tribe however large or small that is. Is that also true of Freemasons? And if not, how do Masons demonstrate the fact of them being good men, made better by Freemasonry, to others?

Lost members

During lockdown, Newton lost two elderly members who died and six young members who resigned. This accelerated a decline in membership that's been going on for decades to the point where we often can't field enough officers to put on a meeting without relying on visitors to stand in and we seldom see 'young' members even if they have an office. The same is broadly true of the other craft lodges in Newark and I suspect, nationwide. This is borne out by the fact that UGLE has recently embarked

on a massive recruitment drive. Another concern is the high proportion of elderly, frail Masons who struggle with mobility – some of whom are no longer able to attend lodge or contribute in any meaningful way, as a consequence of which they're often made honorary members – and the fact that the average age of Masons attending lodge is increasing, none of which bodes well for the future of

The purpose of Freemasonry? To make a man better!

Freemasonry. Who are we saving Freemasonry for if not younger Masons? How do we attract young members in the first place? And how do we make Freemasonry sufficiently attractive and relevant to them so that, having joined, they stay and – equally importantly – become regular and enthusiastic participants?

Freemasonry and the Church are suffering many of the same existential threats and for similar reasons. Having been a Mason for more than a decade and now Master of Newton Lodge, I have an opinion based on observation, first-hand experience and talking to others about why the institution is declining in general and why it's failing to meet the expectations of young, accepted or speculative Masons in particular to the extent that they either don't join, or join but don't

stay, or stay but don't engage, which must be reversed if Freemasonry is to survive and thrive. And in order to do so, Freemasonry must be prepared to embrace real change obviously without losing those key, individual and collective principles – Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity – which are its foundation stones.

The first problem at least in Newton – which is ours to fix, but is becoming increasingly difficult with our dwindling membership and loss of more senior and experienced Masons – is that we fail to properly integrate new Masons into the lodge, to the extent that having been initiated they're often neglected and ignored thereafter [unless they already have their own group of friends]; having been feted and at the centre of attention at their initiation, they find themselves isolated and friendless at the periphery in subsequent meetings, which can be very lonely and very confusing when confronted by our bizarre and arcane rituals.

Example

A powerful example of this was commented on by Grand Lodge Officer, Graham Riche [Radcliffe with Hemlock Stone, no.5313] who visited us recently and observed that our newest member, initiated at the previous meeting, was left alone not knowing what to do next because no-one was mentoring him. And it's worse for apprentices whose initiation is followed by a spate of thirds or an Installation, be-

As I see it *continued.....*

cause they end up sitting out most of these meetings in isolation – not very welcoming!

Two things struck me forcibly watching UGLE video 'Discover Freemasonry'. The first was the closing statement, "It [Freemasonry] has evolved to meet the age in which it lives and I hope it continues to evolve today."

Not evolved

Based on first-hand experience, I would argue that Masonry – at least as practiced in Newton Lodge – has not evolved at all. In fact, the opposite is true: It's taken as a badge of honour that Newton ritual hasn't changed at all, which is fine by me if that's what the majority of members want, but our opinions are never canvassed and I think some rational changes are long overdue without losing the essence of our traditions and that such change will not be contemplated deters younger members who fail to see the purpose or relevance of what we do and why – maybe, because it's not been properly explained to them in the first place which, I think, is deeply belittling if we want people to give up their time and commit enthusiastically to Masonry in the expectation of greater personal enlightenment that should come from being a Mason.

Points of procedure

The worst manifestations of this is witnessing senior Masons endlessly arguing about minute points of procedure and strict adherence to ritual that makes little, or no, sense and even obscures the intended meaning but changing the wording will not be tolerated. This is highly demotivating for young Masons who have little, or no, say in how the institution is run today but are expected to take it over and run it tomorrow.

Reciting verbatim

Another aspect of ritual – especially from the point-of-view of a Master having to spend an inordinate amount of time to learn it in order to be able to recite it verbatim, and an Initiate having to follow it in what to him is a totally alien environment especially if his first language is not English – is the insistence that it's recited from memory, often resulting in hesitant ritual poorly delivered that's difficult for the candidate to follow, rather than read out which would be less intimidating and stressful for young people, many of

But how do we demonstrate the proof to others?

whom don't have the time to learn it properly due to other commitments. But these two inward-looking issues deal with the mechanics of Freemasonry – what goes on under the bonnet, so to speak – but do nothing to publicise a positive message about Freemasonry to the outside world in the hope of attracting new members, which brings me to the second thing that struck me about UGLE's video...

It mentioned that as well as donating money and time to charity – £51million and 625,000 man-days last year – one Mason said, "One of our top aims in life is to be charitable and we are extremely successful at it." My opinion, is that charity is the most rewarding aspect of Freemasonry but, due to poor publicity, we fail to demonstrate that Freemasonry makes good men better, thereby missing an opportunity to attract more good men to join our ranks. Which brings me to my final point that stems from our last

Provincial Charity Committee meeting in November 2022...

At the meeting, Barry Woodhead, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, gave us a disturbing report about the work of Nottingham charity, Sharewear, which distributes clothing donated by the public to families in financial distress who suffer, among other things, from clothing poverty. Barry shared two obscene statistics with us: 1.14M people [including children] are in clothing poverty in UK, citing some pitiful local examples, and 2.350,000 tonnes of unsold clothing are sent to landfill yearly. On its website, Sharewear boasts 80,000 people supported in the last nine years and 93 tonnes saved from landfill last year.

Masons could empty their coffers making charitable donations to desperate causes but still make no real dent in today's societal problems... nay, evils. Charity and Social Justice are flip sides of the same coin.

Purpose

The purpose of our organisation should be to bring about changes that ensure social justice for all. How? By speaking to power with a single, collective voice of 250,000 Masons in 7,000 lodges covering the length-and-breadth of our country, to persuade government to put in place intelligent, imaginative policies, enforced by laws, to ensure a fairer, more just distribution of wealth and alleviation of poverty.

There are myriad worthy causes of a societal, non-political nature that Masons could, and should, support. Doing so would also demonstrate the proof of Masons being good men to others, encouraging more good men to join us because they see that Masons can, and do, make a real and tangible difference in society.

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raise money for charity and worthy causes.*

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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 2013.

In this edition the editor talked about the Masonic Hall being refurbished with particular mention of the new ceiling to the dining room, new look cloakroom and new electrics completed.

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Chairman Terry Ward emphasised the need for funds to maintain the Masonic Hall with a reminder that some £50,000 plus was needed alone to fix the buildings central heating. He appealed to brethren to donate money towards these works and whatever donated, large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

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The late W Bro Jack Oliver celebrated 65 years as a freemason and was pictured being congratulated by Newton Lodge Worshipful Master, W Bro A C How, in the presence of three officers of Grand Lodge.

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On the letters page there were two letters from Nottingham masons congratulating Newark on the Newark Password. One of them was received without its envelope so W Bro Aitkin assumed the postman had also been able to have a good read.

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One letter writer comments on a remark by the late W Bro Philip Partridge who, on *Thirty-four*

seeing another "dark blue" brother wearing at least seven or eight medals remarked "he looks like a dray horse". In the days of horse and cart many horses wore a series of horse brasses on their harness. He was of course referring to the custom that once a brother had received his Provincial Honours it was usual to wear just their Royal Arch jewel (if a member) or commemorative medals for the time being.

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Under miscellany it said no English dictionary had been able to adequately explain the difference between the two words "complete" and "finished". One explanation offered was when you marry the right woman you are complete. When you marry the wrong woman you are finished. And when the right woman catches you with the wrong one, you are completely finished!

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This issue marked the introduction of a Lodge Mentor. Their task being to make sure that all members of the Lodge are kept interested in their membership as well as making sure that newly initiated brethren have their own personal mentor to guide them along.

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Miscellany also included an example of British humour at its best. A chap being interviewed on Radio Four recalled many years ago, arriving at the Turnstyle at West Ham United to be told "That will be 10 quid mate". "What" the chap said, "I could get a woman for that".

The turnstyle man replied la-

conically "Not for a full 90 minutes and a brass band at the halfway mark". Radio Four presenter John Humphries could be heard laughing as the programme closed.

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A page featured a crumbling and abandoned Victorian church in Rochdale that was built as a "Temple to Freemasonry". The church interior is covered in symbols of freemasonry including the lectern which features three columns of architecture complete with square, level and plumb rule together with compasses that form the book platform. It is a Grade One listed building handed over to the Churches Conservation Trust.

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Former MP for Newark, Patrick Mercer was pictured receiving a cheque from Fleming Mark Lodge in support of the Newark Patriotic Fund. It was the fourth year the lodge had supported this charity.

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It was noted that Newstead Lodge No 47 would shortly be celebrating their 250th anniversary and that it would be the only lodge in the Province to reach this milestone until 2079.

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Newton Lodge 1661 led the way when they donated £710 to the Masonic Hall Company to help defray the cost of works on the hall. They added to that amount on the evening through raffle and offertory to reach the eventual sum donated to £1,610. A truly magnificent effort.

W Bro Adrian Shaw

PPrSGW - Corinthian Lodge 5528 - Alexander Chapter 1661

W Bro Adrian Shaw, sadly, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Friday 16th September 2022. He was 79 years old

Adrian Shaw was initiated into Corinthian Lodge 5528 and served through the offices before becoming master in 1992. He was duly admitted into Provincial Grand Lodge and in 2018 was promoted to the rank of PPrSGW. He was also a joining member of Minster Lodge 8510.

W Bro Adrian was also a Excellent Companion of Magnus Royal Arch Chapter 1661 having occupied the Z chair in 2015 and with the rank of PPrGStB.

He achieved 31 degrees in Magnus Rose Croix, 109, was Sovereign in 2004 and became a joining member of Persapientium Chapter 1170.

In addition to his progress in the several orders to which gave good service he took an important part in the running of the Newark Masonic Hall premises. He was for a good many years a director of the Newark Masonic Hall Company Ltd board of directors representing the Corinthian Lodge and was appointed treasurer of the company, a post which he held until his passing.



Grand rank

He also a member of the Newark Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners 265, served as Commander in 1995 and received Grand Rank status in this order as RAMGR in 2011.

Adrian Shaw was born in Hucknall in December 1942 and moved to Newark when his father, Police Inspector Shaw became part of the Newark police force.

On leaving school he trained as an accountant and having qualified set up his own accountancy business in the town with additional branches in Ollerton and his home-town Hucknall.

He was keenly interested in working for charity and for many years was secretary of the Newark branch of Macmillan Cancer Support and also involved with the St Leonard's Trust.

He was also the treasurer of St Michael the Archangel's Church in the village of Halam where he lived with his partner, Marjorie, for some 15 years

Being an accountant he was often made treasurer of various organisations, and as such he became readingly involved in fundraising and helping to run local fetes and other events.

Adrian was also a leader of 5th Newark Scouts to which his own two children attended and took the group on several trips to the scout camp at Walesby and further afield to Snowdonia.

His son, Tim described him as a kind gentleman who would try to help anyone if he could and to many of us who numbered him among our friends this was a very apt description of a good man and also a good Freemason who will be sorely missed but whose presence among us will be remembered with great affection.

Philip Ingall



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Bro Raymond Hind

Corinthian Lodge 5528

Bro Raymond passed to the Grand Lodge above on 13th September 2022, aged 92. He was born in March 1930 and when he joined Corinthian Lodge on 8th January 2004 he was already a retired Mental Health Charge Nurse at Balderton Mental Hospital.

Raymond was, during 1980/90, a very keen charity supporter and in the early 2020's he became a supporter of the Balderton day care centre and Newark Macmillan cancer relief.

This will explain Raymond being proposed for Lodge Membership by W Bro Larry Shelbourn and seconded by W Bro John Peet. Also this would explain his

close links to Lodge Member Bro Ken Fletcher who was also involved with Charities as well as his being a long serving Balderton Councillor.

Whilst a regular attendee at Lodge, Raymond's devotion to care for mental patients and his involvement with Local Charity work would explain why he had limited time to advance up the Lodge Masonic ladder. He was also involved with the wellbeing of Newark Air Museum.

Raymond had three brothers and a sister and he was always considered to be a kind and generous person by all who knew him and he certainly left behind an

extended family tree having been married three times, with family in Australia and several children and grandchildren in the UK.

When his health declined he moved from Balderton to Retford to be close to his youngest daughter and he moved again before finally moving into a care home in Ruddington which was very close to his original family business.

Raymond was baptised into a Methodist Church in Newark and something that will surprise our Lodge older members he aspired to becoming a Priest before choosing to become a Mental Health care nurse.

OBITUARIES IN PASSWORD

It has always been the custom to acknowledge the passing of a brother with an obituary in Password which gives those still remaining a reminder of the commitment they gave to the craft and side degrees during their membership. Also to let readers have a reminder of their life outside freemasonry for, as the Grand Director of Ceremonies said in a recent Freemasonry Today, "Freemasonry is first and foremost a hobby. That it is time away from our families and from our work".

Most of us regard it as that and a glimpse of a brother's "out of Masonry" life gives the reader a better idea of how that brother lived that life, often with a look at other charities and activities he may have taken part in.

The Diary

Red type denotes Installation meetings. Green type denotes social functions

APRIL 2023

Sun 2nd - Sunday Luncheon

Tues 4th - Magnus practice

Wed 5th Vernon Bussell install

Thurs 6th - Corinthian Festival

Fri 7th - Good Friday

Mon 10th - Bank Holiday

Mon 10th - Prince Rupert install

Tues 11th - Magnus Lodge

Wed 12th - St John's practice

Wed 12th - Fleming PM's

Thurs 13th - Newark practice

Mon 18th - St John's Lodge

Wed 19th - Cornthian PM's

Wed 19th - Newton practice

Wed 19th - St John's practice

Thurs 20th - Newark Lodge

Mon 24th - Fleming practice

Tues 25th - Newton/St John's Fest.

Thurs 27th - Fleming Mark Lodge

Sat 29th - Saturday Social

May 2023

Mon 1st - Bank Holiday

Thurs 4th - RAM practice

Fri 5th - Provincial Grand Lodge

Mon 8th - Bank Holiday

Mon 8th - King's Coronation

Tues 9th - Pilgrim practice

Thurs 11th - RAM install

Fri 12th - Pilgrim Preceptory install

Fri 12th - Ladies' Luncheon

Mon 15th - Corinthian practice

Mon 15th - Trent Mark practice

Tues 16th - Alexander practice

Wed 17th - Grand Priory

Thurs 18th - Corinthian install

Fri 19th - Provincial Grand Chapter

Sat 20th - Fish and Chip Quiz

Mon 22nd - Rose Croix practice

Tues 23rd - Alexander Chapter

May 2023 continued

Thurs 25th - Trent Mark install

Fri 26th Rose Croix install

Sat 28th - Saturday Social

Wed 31st - Castle Conclave practice

June 2023

Tues 6th - Castle Conclave

Sat 24th - Saturday Social

July 2023

Sat 29th - Saturday Social

August 2023

Sat 26th - Saturday Social

Mon 28th - Bank Holiday

Wed 30th - Vernon Bussell practice

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun 3rd - Sunday Luncheon

Mon 4th - Pilgrim Precept.
practice

Wed 6th - Vernon Bussell
Chapter

Thurs 7th - RAM practice

Fri 8th - Pilgrim Priory install

Fri 8th - Ladies' Luncheon

Tues 12th - RAM Lodge

Sat 16th - Newark Masonic Hall

Open Day

Mon 18th - Newark practice

Tues 19th - Castle Conclave
practice

Wed 20th - Corinthian PM's

**Thurs 21st - Newark Lodge
Install**

Mon 25th - Fleming practice

Tues 26th - Castle Conclave

Wed 27th - Newton practice

**Thurs 28th - Flemng Mark
Install**

Sat 29th - Saturday Social

The Diary

OCTOBER 2023

Sun 1st - Sunday Luncheon

Mon 2nd - Prince Rupert RSM

Tues 3rd - Magnus Practice

Wed 4th - Corinthian L o I

Thurs 5th - Newton Lodge Install

Mon 9th - Corinthian practice

Tues 10th - Magnus Lodge install

Wed 11th - St John's practice

Thurs 12th - Corinthian Lodge

Fri 13th - Provincial Grand Priory

Fri 13th - Ladies' Luncheon

Mon 16th - Newark Lodge practice

Tues 17th - St John's Lodge

Wed 18th - Corinthian PM's

Thurs 19th - Newark Lodge

Mon 23rd - Alexander Chapter practice

Tues 24th - Newton practice

Wed 25th - Vernon Bussell practice

Thurs 26th - Alexander Chapter

Fri 27th - Brian Rollitt Quiz Night

Sat 28th - Saturday Social

Mon 30th - Rose Croix practice

Tues 31st - Newton Lodge

NOVEMBER 2023

Wed 1st - Vernon Bussell Chapter

Thurs 2nd - Corinthian L of I

Fri 3rd - Rose Croix Chapter

Sun 5th - Sunday Luncheon

Mon 6th - Corinthian Lodge practice

Tues 7th - Newark Festival

Thurs 9th - Corinthian Lodge

Fri 11th - Ladies' Luncheon

Sat 11th - St John' Ladies' Night

Mon 13th - Newark Lodge practice

Wed 15th - St John's practice

Wed 15th - Corinthian PM's

Thurs 16th - Newark Lodge

Mon 20th - Fleming Mark practice

Tues 21st - St John's Lodge

Wed 22nd - Newton Lodge practice

Thurs 23rd - Fleming Mark Lodge

Fri 24th - Prince Rupert RSM

Sat 25th - Saturday Social

Mon 27th - Trent Mark practice

Tues 28th - Newton Lodge

Wed 29th - Corinthian L of I

Thurs 30th - Trent Mark Lodge

DECEMBER 2023

Sun 3rd - Sunday Luncheon

Tues 5th - Magnus Lodge practice

Fri 8th - Ladies' Luncheon

Mon 11th - Corinthian practice

Tues 12th - Magnus Lodge

Thurs 13th - Corinthian Lodge

Fri 15th - Carol Service

Mon 25th Christmas Day

Sat 30th - Saturday Social



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