



The Stag & Acorn



Upcoming Events:

Wed 27 April Craft Grand Investiture (Freemasons Hall London)

Thur 28 April Royal Arch Grand Investiture (Freemasons Hall London)

Mon 17 May The CUBE Tutorial (LMC) 7:30pm

Mon 6 June Combined Chapters Convocation (LMC) 5:15pm

Mon 21 November Sec & Scr meeting (LMC) 7:30pm

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Summer 2016

Editorial

As we move into the summer we reflect on a quiet and warm winter. From the LMC point of view this has been good, as it has not precipitated any major repairs or incidents, and there have been no occasions where meetings have needed to have supplementary heating.

The Loughton Masonic Centre is one of the biggest in the Province with 29 Craft Lodges, 13 Royal Arch Chapters, 1 Mark Lodge, 1 RAM Lodge, 2 Knight's Templar Preceptories, 1 Rose Croix Chapter, 1 Thomas of Acon Chapel and 1 OWF Lodge totalling 49 units.

So it was very disappointing to only see 12 unit representatives in addition to the board at the last AGM and Secretaries and

Scribes meeting. The total number of units represented was therefore only one third of the units meeting there.



The Committee have decided not to have a Christmas Dinner in 2016. In 2015 only 22 tickets were sold, with only 5 widows attending and all from the same Lodge. And this was after a request for support and request for ideas, sent to ALL units twice during the year, to which only 6 units replied

The Board try their hardest to keep the centre in a good condition, keep the prices to a reasonable level and to supply a facility to be proud of, but the apathy from some units in not attending this or other meetings is disappointing.

It is only by units being represented at these meetings and supporting events that the board can respond to issues and act on them.

Let's hope that the upcoming CUBE tutorial attracts a good number, and that the Lodges and Chapters will support the Festival starting in September.

There is another Quiz Night planned for this year, and these events do generally receive good support, and long may it continue.

Chris Hicks

Grand Lodge Appointments and Promotions in Essex

The following Brethren have been honoured by the Grand Master and will be invested at the Annual Investiture meetings at Freemason's Hall Great Queen Street, London on Wednesday 27 April 2016 (Craft) and Thursday 18 April 2016 (Royal Arch).

Craft

First Appointments

Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
R K Jordan 6665

PAGDC
N J Franklin 7561
D A G Harvey 7897
C Hicks 2508
J Rees 8456

PGStB
W A Caten 5935
A P Curtis 6825
S L Petty 9122

PAGStB
T D Morgan 5534

Promotions

PGSwdB
P G Reeves 6825

PSGD
P Hollingsworth 2859
K C Montgomery 9133

PJGD
P B Humphries 1977
S A C White 6096

PAGDC
C D Hellyer 5099
B T Watts 2339

PAGSwdB
P Wildblood 9128

Royal Arch

First Appointments

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

I S Simpson 6994

PGStB
P I Cambell 1817
A C Court 5217
R C Jenkins 3079
R K Pascoe 2734
P G Reeves 2504

PAGDC
C Ager 8477

Promotions

PAGSoJ
J D Davies 1437
P B Humphries 1977



MARK Awareness Evenings

Ever thought of joining the Mark Degree? Or of extending your knowledge of Freemasonry?

Well, the Mark Province of Essex are holding a series of Mark Awareness evenings around the Province. So far there have been three; at Chingford, Colchester and Upminster and over 50 non-Mark Masons have come along to see what it is all about. To date over a dozen have sent in forms for Advancement.

These evenings are a great opportunity to get involved in the friendly degree and to see why other brothers enjoy it so much. The next evenings are:

- Friday 8 April - Chelmsford
- Thursday 28 April - Harlow
- Wednesday 25 May - Saxon Hall

For further details contact the Deputy PGM:
Richard Bowyer 01708 745371,
richardbowyer1@aol.com

Festival 2022

The Festival will be launched in September 2016 at the Provincial Chapter meeting.

The recipient of the Festival will be the new Masonic Charitable Foundation, however the target has yet to be confirmed. Details of targets, honorifics and other initiatives will be communicated later in 2016, once they have been confirmed.

Further information will be placed on the CUBE or from *Barney Bannington* or *Chris Hicks*



The Tercentenary:

*Celebrating 300 years
of Freemasonry*

Essex Tercentenary Legacy Project ***UPDATE***

The amount donated to the Legacy Project for the Scouts in Essex is increasing every day.

The final project has to be confirmed but it will be a capital project at Skreens Park, the main centre for Scouts in Essex.

At the Provincial meeting in March the PGM announced that the total had reached £80,000. The target is to exceed £100,00 by the end of the summer and it looks as if this will be achieved in a short while. It would be great if we could make it £150,000!

Remember the Relief Chest number is **TER2017** and **ALL** cheques should be made payable to **THE FREEMASONS GRAND CHARITY**.

For further information go to www.essex2017ter.org or from *Chris Hicks* 07702 848878,
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Loughton Combined Chapters Convocation 2016

The Combined Chapters meeting this year will take place on Monday 6 June at 5:15pm.

This year the Convocation will not be hosted by an individual Chapter, though it will be organised by Luxborough Chapter, it will be supported by all the Chapters.

A presentation will be given by the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors of Oak View School. This is a school which has been supported for many years by the Centre and units meeting at the centre.

For further information contact:
Simon Higgins,
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E. Comp PETER F RANK, OBE, PPGSSN -65th ANNIVERSARY IN THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH!

E. Comp. Peter Rank will reach the amazing milestone of 65 years in the Royal Arch this year.

He was Exalted into Alma Chapter no. 3534 (Middlesex) on 16th June 1951 and became a joining member of Herongate Chapter no. 4960 (Essex) on 13th February 1963.

Peter is a Past 1st Principal of Herongate Chapter and has been a stalwart supporter of the Chapter over the years, including excellent service as Treasurer for 16 years until stepping down in 2007.

Peter is in fact a link back to the Consecration of Herongate Chapter in 1943 as there were at least 4 founder members still active in the Chapter when he joined. It is also interesting to note that at least 55 Chapters in Essex have been founded after Peter was first Exalted!

Herongate Chapter will be celebrating Peter's 65 years in the Royal Arch at the next Convocation on 11 May (an Installation meeting) and all are welcome to join us in raising a glass or two to the undoubted 'Elder' of the Chapter!

Durolitum Lodge 5613 80th Anniversersary

The Durolitum Lodge 5613 is celebrating its 80th Anniversary this year and to mark the occasion are holding an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 5 June 2016 at the Metropolitan Police Sports Club at Chigwell in Essex.

This venue consists of several acres of grassy sports fields in the heart of Chigwell and it is an ideal safe environmental for children to play freely without going out of sight.

The Lodge members are extending an open invitation to all Freemasons, their families and friends to join them, and the cost will be in the region of £18 to £20 for adults and £8 for children.

Any Brother wishing to attend should contact either the Master Halfteck01@aol.com or the Secretary durolitum5613@gmail.com

Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

The last Sec & Scr meeting on 23 March was disappointing in the number of attendees, but the points raised and discussion that ensued was very interesting. Summary points:

- The renovation of the roof will be deferred until 2017
- Minor repairs and redecoration planned for 2016
- The Board will be meeting with the new caterers to air issues
- LMC Finances are satisfactory, but the building fund needs another year to support large projects
- There will be accounting changes for 2016 as the value of the centre needs to be included in the balance sheet. The building will be revalued during the year.
- A Christmas Event is not planned for this year
- A Quiz Night is being planned for October in aid of the Tercentenary Appeal
- The CUBE continues to attract members and there will be a Tutorial in May at Loughton

The next Secretary and Scribe's meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7:30pm. Details will be circulated closer to the meeting.

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Oak View School

The collection tin raised **£41.31** for the school. It is now ready for refilling and is on the bar.

Loughton Masonic Centre Contacts

Board Members

(full contact details can be found on the LMC website)

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Communication

The Communication representative for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton & Chingford is **W Bro Andy Pearson**.

Andy is your representative on the Provincial Communications (Internal) Committee, details are below



It is Andy's responsibility to facilitate communications between the Lodges and Chapters in the two centres and the Provincial Office. Every month there is a Team Brief with key information which should be circulated to the members of the Lodges & Chapters with selected items read out on the second risings.

If you have an item you want to have disseminated or have any questions Andy is there as your first port of call.

Charity Stewards Committee

The Charity Stewards Committee representative for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton is **W Bro Barney Bannington**

In addition **W Bro Chris Hicks** is the Provincial Deputy Grand Charity Steward.

If you have any questions on how the Charity Steward's role works, on matters dealing with the Masonic Charities or would like a short presentation on these Charities and Charity in general, please do not hesitate to contact Adrian or Chris.



Group Almoner

The Group Almoner looking after Chingford, Loughton and Epping Forest is **W Bro Bill Bangs**.

If you have any questions or queries relating to welfare, assistance for members or their families, annuities etc. please contact Bill directly. He will then be able to advise you, or will be able to either find out or direct you to someone who will be able to help.

He will also be able to help and assist new Almoners in understanding their duties.

Mentor Coordinator

The Mentor Coordinator for Loughton is **W Bro Dave Elliott**.

The Mentor role is a relatively new role in Lodges and Chapters, but it is increasingly becoming a vital one in the retention of members.

If you have any questions on the role please contact Dave directly and he will be able to either answer your question or direct you to a local mentor.





Website: www.loughtonmasonic.org
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Bagshaw Lodge of Instruction

Every Friday, September to July (Bank Holiday weekends excepted), 20:00.

Emulation Ritual

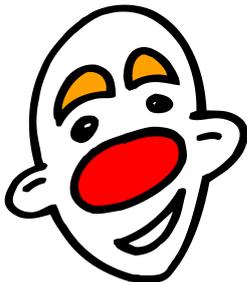
Secretary: *Ron Mail*
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Loughton Combined Chapter of Improvement

3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding July, August & December), 20:00.

Aldersgate, Domestic & Complete Rituals

Secretary: *Chris Smith*
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Quiz Night 2016

A Quiz Night in aid of the Tercentenary Appeal is planned for Saturday 1 October.

Details are yet to be confirmed but it is likely to follow the same format as previously, with teams of eight, a cost of £15 per player and a "Chicken in the Basket" meal included.

To reserve a place or register a team contact *Chris Hicks*

Editorial by *Chris Hicks*, for further information or to submit an article please contact on
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EVENTS

Sponsored Abseil

Members of Duroliutum Lodge will be undertaking a sponsored abseil from the Church Langley water tower at Harlow on Sunday 1 May.

They are completing this abseil in aid of Cancer Research UK, and it will be the second year they will be supporting this event and charity. Last time they raised £3,500.

If you would like to take part, or would like to just go along to support them, please contact



Harold Blissett on:
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Hall Hire & Events

Over the last few months there have been a number of enquiries to hire the Hall for birthdays and other celebrations. This has been the result of a positive decision by the board to increase revenue for the centre.

Of the many enquiries we have had there have been a couple booked and run. Feedback has shown that the attendees were very satisfied and rated the facilities as good. This has added revenue to the Centre. In addition these bookings have been from non-masons.

If you are looking for a venue for a party, celebration or just a dinner remember the Centre. The costs are reasonable and vary depending on date, time, dining, bar support etc.

To enquire or book, contact
Andrew McWhirter