



# The Stag & Acorn



## Upcoming Events:

Pathway Project Launch  
Saxon Hall, 2nd February

Essex Masters Lodge 3256,  
Saxon Hall, 19th February

Cornerstone Lodge Consecration,  
Freemasons' Hall, London, 2nd March

Charity Stewards Conf.,  
Saxon Hall 21st March

Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting,  
Freemasons' Hall London, 28th March

Essex Installed First Principals Chapter 3256, 18th April

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## Issue 10

### Editorial

For those of you who came to the Secretaries & Scribes meeting in December you will have heard that the Centre is in good financial standing. This good position will ensure the stability of the centre and very much reduce the chance of significant increases in rents. Plus by bringing the catering in-house the running costs of Lodges and Chapters should be reduced or at least remain stable.

This was a key aim of the board as they are aware of the difficulties of some of the units meeting at Loughton who have small numbers.

We have lost a couple of Chapters in the last year

and there are a couple more who are struggling. To help the Chapters the APGPs met with representatives from Loughton Chapters to discuss ways to help. Key to saving them will be a "Cross-Visiting" project, enhancing the Combined Chapter and the possibility of a "Red Table" later in the year.

There are also a couple of Lodges very close to closing and a small team is looking to rescue them. If you would like to help please drop me an email and I will be able to direct you to the right person.

The first reports on the new in-house catering have been positive. Please feed back any views to Allan or any board member.

One of the stalwarts of Loughton, Stan Smith, has just received a couple of promotions in Other Orders:

- \* 9th Degree in SRIA
- \* Past Chancellor in KT in Essex - as a reward for his 40 years service.

I am sure that you would all like to congratulate Stan when you next see him.

*And Finally!*  
As always, we are looking for members, who meet at Loughton, to help on the Board, as Group Members of the Charity Steward, Almoner, Mentors and Comms teams etc. If you would like to be considered please drop me a mail or call me.

*Chris Hicks*

## Provincial Grand Chapter & Lodge Appointments & Promotions

The following Companions were honoured with Promotion at Provincial Grand Chapter in September 2018.

### CHAPTER

*Prov Deputy Grand DC*

J Shearer 5705

*PPGSN*

C Hicks 2508

C Keeping 3394

F Mercer 5279

D Dellar 5279

*PPGReg*

F Parr 4263

*PPDepGSwdB*

K Wildman 453

A Armsby 2005

C Burnett 3090

*PPAGSoj*

W Abery 2504

G Morse 4960

A Franks 5705

*PPAGDC*

A May 2508

F Newson 5279

D Jones 5899

The following Brethren will be honoured with Promotion at Provincial Grand Lodge in March 2019.

### LODGE

*Prov Deputy Grand Chap*

M L Bradley 2005

*Prov Grand Orator*

M S Smith 8455

*Prov Grand Steward*

M J Dougall 3090

*PPSGW*

A J McWhirter 4700

*PPJGW*

P J Wingate 4609

S J Higgins 4263

E Collier 4456

D R Moore 4700

*PPGSwdB*

T L McCartney 4456

A R Binks 6012

D C Hunter 7101

*PPGReg*

A E Fry 1457

C R Marshall 4263

M A Alexander 7760

W C Purkis 5899

R C Carter 5613

T L Jones 4456

P J Essam 5705

*PPDepGSwdB*

K J Crisp 8291

A Tilbury 4456

*PPDepGReg*

S J Hatton 2508

L V Shipman 2508

*PPSGD*

P J G Saggars 5099

P A Norrington 5613

G W Penticost 4960

*PPJGD*

J W Stone 2757

*PPAGReg*

A F White 2757

R C Bishop 2757

*PPAGDC*

J G Trowse-King 4700

T W Lloyd 5705

C Solanki 7101

*PPAGStB*

G Ruddick 5099



## The Tercentenary:

### *Celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry*

#### **Essex Tercentenary \*\*\*FINAL UPDATE\*\*\***



In 2017 we celebrated the Tercentenary of organised Freemasonry as we know it, and the RW

PGM decided that Essex should have a legacy project to commemorate this event. The legacy was confirmed as the Aerial Runway and Climbing Centre at Skreens Park.



On Saturday 15th September 2018 the RW PGM opened the facility. This now consists of four parts, high level ropes, low level ropes, zip wire and a restricted abilities area. The last part is revolutionary as it not only enables the less able-bodied to participate but just as importantly, enables the able-bodied to experience the difficulties and obstacles that need to be overcome by the less-able.

Overall the facility cost around £250,000, with Essex Freemasons contributing £161,000. The facility is now in use by both Scouts and other youth groups in the County.



## **New Caterers - LMC Catering**

After a couple of very successful years with e4 Catering the Board have decided to take the catering for meetings in-house.

From 1st January 2019 the catering will be managed by Allan Tilbury under the LMC Catering banner.

There will be advantages with bringing this in-house. Key amongst these are a reduction in cost and a reduction in the minimum dining numbers.

The menu selection has been proposed to reflect the most popular choices over the last couple of years, but this does not mean that you will not be able to ask for a special or themed menu, Allan will be open to requests, just ask!

We have managed to retain the services of the Chef who was used last year by e4 Catering and the serving staff, so we do not anticipate a reduction in food quality. In fact from the first few meetings so far this year, feedback has been very good!

Please bear with us in the first few months as the system needs to bed in. The ordering of meals remains the same as before, with a form containing your planned menu with approximate numbers sent to Allan three weeks before the meeting. This will then need to be followed up three days prior to the meeting with your final numbers. Allan will try and accommodate late changes but this may prove difficult if the menu is costly or the numbers are small.

We have aimed for you to have a good three course meal with wine at a cost of around £24-25 chargeable to your members.

The minimum dining numbers are now 10, and there are no surcharges for small numbers, and it is now possible to pay electronically, details are on the ordering form.

All the forms and menus have been circulated to the Secretaries, Scribes and Recorders and they are available on the LMC website.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Allan, contact details on page 4 of this Newsletter

## **W.B Ron Brand PPJGW "GO Not Out"**

In December, 30 Brethren and guests gathered at the Bagshaw Lodge, 1457, Christmas Meeting in Loughton to celebrate W Bro Ron Brand's 60th Anniversary in Freemasonry and his 87th Birthday!

W Bro Neil Beverley, APGM, was in attendance and presented Ron with a special Scroll, along with a 60 Years lapel pin. He recalled attending Ron's 50th Anniversary meeting, and said that he hoped that the two scrolls would always take pride of place on the mantelpiece.



Ron spent most of his young life in East Ham and was evacuated to Warminster, where he matriculated before returning to East Ham Grammar School. On leaving school he joined Lloyds Bank where he was encouraged to take up running, there he achieved 10 seconds for the hundred yards (Just 3/10ths off the then British Record). Ron left to do his 2 years National Service in Egypt, on air sea rescue duties (and sun bathing!)

He studied hard, becoming a Chartered Accountant in 1960. In 1964 he joined Slater Walker and travelled the world with his good friend Jim Slater, sorting out take-overs, mainly in Australia, America and the Far East. In 1975 Ron ran various companies for Peter De'Savory, and then a computer company which in 1984 introduced the first affordable computer in England.

The Bagshaw Brothers presented him with a set of crystal tumblers, to match the decanter presented



at his 50th celebration.

Ron was introduced into Masonry by his Uncle, Cyril Gathergood and seconded by Len Chapman. The "total score" for Cyril, Ben Ridsdale-Saw (his brother in law) and Ron is over 170 years in the Lodge. Probably a Lodge record!

Ron served as Secretary on the board of Directors for Loughton Centre for many years, and he was supported by several of his fellow directors at the meeting.

## Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

The next Secretary and Scribe's meeting along with the LMC AGM will be held at the Centre on Monday 18th March 2019 at 7:30pm. Details will be circulated closer to the meeting.

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## Festival Beer IT'S HERE!!!

The CRAFT ALE and CRAFT LAGER are going well around the Province and at Loughton. The first batch has now either been sold or allocated.

This means that around £30,000 has already been raised for the Festival!



To get your beer you only need to fill in an envelope found on the table in the Dining Room, (payment by cheque is preferred) and leave it by the till. Peter Robbins or Allan Tilbury will then get back to you re picking up the beer. If Peter or Allan are there

when you book they will be able to supply the beer immediately.

Remember by buying this beer you are supporting the Festival and your own and your Lodge or Chapter's Festival account!

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## Communication

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



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

It is Russell'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 Russell is there as your first port of call.

## Charity Stewards Committee

The Charity Stewards Committee representatives for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton are **W Bros Steve Hutton, David Lee** and **Stuart McMillan**. They will be working as a team to help the Lodges and Chapters during the Festival time.

If you have any questions on FEST 2022 or would like a short presentation on the Charities and Charity in general, please do not hesitate to contact Steve, David or Stuart.



## Group Almoners

The Group Almoner looking after Chingford, Loughton and Epping Forest is **W Bros Bill Bangs**, and he is assisted by the Deputy Group Almoners **W Bros John Mansfield** and **Stephen Gaish**.

If you have any questions or queries relating to welfare, assistance for members or their families, annuities etc. please contact Steve in the first instance as he has responsibility for Loughton, but the other two will also help. They 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.

They 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.



**Provincial Grand  
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## **EVENTS**

### **Events 2019**

The next planned event is **“Wine Tasting Evening”** on Saturday 5th October. Details will follow but save the date!

We are also looking for a Host Lodge to put on a **“Blue Table”** and a Host Chapter to put on a **“Red Table”** in 2019. If you would like to host them please let *Chris Hicks* know.



### **Hall Hire & Events**

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  
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### **Quiz Night 2019**



A Quiz Night in aid of Festival 2022 took place on Saturday 12th January at Loughton.

These Quiz Nights prove very successful, we had around 70 at this. The Quiz was won by “The Glynnys” with a team representing Thomas Ralling Lodge coming 2nd.

The Glynnys were led by Bro Jon Glynn, accompanied by 3 other cricket umpires and family members.



It was a very good evening with all enjoying the basket meal and the bar. Along with the raffle £900 was collected to be added to the FEST2022.

Another Quiz Night will be set in January 2020.



### **Festival 2022**

Festival 2022 is going from strength to strength. As at the end of the year around £2.25 million had already been raised for the FEST2022.

Honorifics are now being distributed and the Province has had its first **DOUBLE GRAND PATRON!**

At Loughton, Brooke Lodge 2005 was the first Lodge to achieve Grand Patron and Undine Chapter 3394 have achieved it as the first Chapter at their Centenary meeting in January 2019.

The key to hitting the Provincial Target of £5 million is Regular Payment Plans (RPP). Once an RPP has been taken out you will be eligible for a Festival Jewel.

Further information will be placed on the CUBE or from *Steve Hutton*, *David Lee*, *Stuart McMillan* or *Chris Hicks*

