



The Stag & Acorn



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Upcoming Events:

Tercentenary Celebrations
 31st October 2017
 Royal Albert Hall

Provincial Tercentenary
 Celebratory Dinners
 4th November 2017
 Hutton, Saxon Hall, Stoke-
 by-Nayland

Secretary & Scribes Meeting
 20th November 2017

Thomas Ralling Quiz Night
 13th January 2018

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Editorial

Times have been hectic over the last few months and it has been difficult to get this Newsletter out.

At the Centre, external works have been underway for the last week or so and will continue until around the middle of November.

From a staffing perspective two well known characters will be retiring from positions.

Stan Smith has stepped down as Steward for the Centre. He will still be carrying on his Tyler duties, but is not able to fulfil the tasks at the Centre.

Angela Bull will be leaving at the end of the year after

18 years serving us at Loughton. She is moving out of the area and would not be able to get to the Centre.

We wish both Stan and Angela the best for the future and thank them for their years of service.

The Board is looking for a replacement for Stan, not an easy task! In the meantime Peter Robbins will be covering the Stewarding duties while Chris Hicks will be looking after the Bookings. When a replacement has been appointed their contact details will be circulated.

Around the Centre the parking regulations in High Beech Road have now changed. The WHOLE road

is now Residents Parking Only, between **09:00 - 18:00 Monday to Saturday**. These regulations are being aggressively applied and a number of brethren have already received tickets at £70!

The Chairman, Barney Bannington, will be laying a wreath at the Loughton War Memorial on behalf of Loughton Masons on Remembrance Sunday 12th November.

Watch out for Festival 2022 updates! A Seminar for Charity Stewards and Secretaries is being organised for the end of the year, or beginning of next year. We may host one at Loughton, but there will definitely be one at Chingford.

Chris Hicks

Grand Lodge Appointments & Provincial Grand Chapter Appointments and Promotions

The following Brethren and Companions were honoured with Grand Rank earlier this year.

CRAFT

<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>	
P W Tarrant	5916
<i>Ass Grand Secretary</i>	
A G Rayner	4896
<i>Ass Grand Standard Bearer</i>	
E L Chevin	7266
<i>PSGD</i>	
B N Beverley	6994
M G Spencer	7978
<i>PAGReg</i>	
J L Conway	4730
<i>PAGDC</i>	
M J Robinson	2501
J N Clarke	1977
J A Hoeffler	8416
T D Sheern	7978
<i>PGStdB</i>	
D M Bailey	9609
R J Goodwin	8005
W D Spilsted	5376
<i>PAGStdB</i>	
A J Bannington	7311

CHAPTER

<i>Ass Grand Scribe Ezra</i>	
A G Rayner	4896
<i>PAGSoj</i>	
J E R Robertson	697
F Sharp	6205
<i>PGStB</i>	
J R Crudginton	6205
C L Felton	4708
G R Turpin	2256
<i>PAGDC</i>	
A J Lucas	6639

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

CHAPTER

<i>Prov Deputy Grand DC</i>	
J L D Shearer	5705
<i>Prov Grand Steward</i>	
N Mason	4700
<i>PPGSN</i>	
R Carr	2508
R J Dobson	4700
R J Newson	5279
A F Thornton	5705

PPGReg

T Rogers	453
J E T Hibbs	4960
R H Westhorp	5279
<i>PPDepGReg</i>	
M C Matthews	3090
J J Palmer	4263
<i>PPDepGSwdB</i>	
D Mansfield	453
D S Elliott	3394
L T Fretwell	4263
S P Bannington	5705

PPGSoj

T Matthews	2508
W Webb	5279

PPGStB

R Carter	4960
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PPAGDC

D M Carter	453
D Griffin	2508
S M Stokes	2508
M K Dalton	4263
C J Trowse	4700
W Middleditch	4960
B W Rudgley	5279



The Tercentenary:

Celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry

Essex Tercentenary *UPDATE*****

As we approach the end of the Tercentenary Celebrations we can look back on the efforts we have made in Essex, to commemorate this wonderful event.

It all started in late 2014, when details of the Tercentenary were first released and a committee was put together to plan and put into action events around the Province. It was soon realised that as the Province was going into Festival in 2016, the planning would need to be coordinated with the Festival to make sure that there was no confusion or misunderstanding.

So 2015 was to be the planning year. 2016 to be the fund raising year and 2017 the Celebration year.

A legacy item was always going to be something that would help to widen the knowledge and understanding of the 300 Years of Freemasonry that we were about to celebrate. Key to the decision was that the new Provincial Grand Master was keen to help and assist the youth of the county. After a number of projects were put forward it was decided to look at helping the Scouts in Essex, and this is the project that the PGM supported.



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After discussions with the Scouts the preferred option was to support a new activity centre at Skreens Park in Chelmsford, the HQ of Essex Scouts. This activity centre would not only be of use to the Scouts but also to other youth groups in Essex. Skreens Park is open to schools and colleges for projects and activities, so a legacy here would have an impact for many youngsters.

The target for this project was then set at in excess of £100,000, but it was felt that the generosity of Essex Masons would be such as to exceed that, and this could lead to a more substantial activity centre to be constructed. The PGM announced in September 2015 that if each Lodge and Chapter donated £250 then we would achieve our target. As was anticipated the generosity of Essex Masons enabled the final figure to be a fantastic £160,000!



£145,000 was allocated to support the activity centre construction while the other £15,000 went to the Scouts to use as matched funding for projects around the County.

The activity centre will be formerly opened later in the year, but part of it is in operation now!

260 Lodges, 90 Chapters and 20 other units made contributions ranging from £25 to £10,000. All this in a 9 month period to ensure that it was completed before the Festival was started, a great effort.

Once the fund raising for the Legacy was completed the next task was to set up the celebratory events.

These would need to be fun, involve as many people as possible and were not meant to be fund raisers!

First off the blocks was the Cathedral Thanksgiving Service at Chelmsford on Sunday 25th June, where over 300 took part in evensong, and commemorated 300 years of Freemasonry.



This was followed on Saturday 8th July by the Proms at Freemasons' Hall. This was a sumptuous and exciting performance of favourite musical items in the splendour of Freemasons' Hall in London. Over the two performances around 3,000 Masons, their families and friends and the general public witnessed a spectacle like no other in the Grand Temple!



Only 8 days after the Proms was the Teddy Bears' Picnic at Stisted Hall, where over 100 children brought their Teddy's and took part in a great afternoon with a Children's Entertainer, a Magic Show and Majorettes! All of this was funded from monies raised from the sale of Pin Badges, Polo Shirts and Caps.



Lastly the three celebratory Dinners will take place on Saturday 4th November at three venues across the Province. Over 500 people will sit down and celebrate the 300 years.



And finally, on Tuesday 31st October at the Royal Albert Hall and afterwards at Battersea Evolution 5,000 Masons from around the world will celebrate the Tercentenary with Pomp, Ceremony, Brotherly Love and Fun!



Secretaries & Scribes Meeting

The next Secretary and Scribe's meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday 20th November 2017 at 7:30pm. Details will be circulated closer to the meeting.

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Festival Beer IT'S HERE!!!

The CRAFT ALE is going well around the Province and at Loughton. Almost all of the first batch has now either been sold or allocated. This means that the next batch is being planned now.

PLUS, a Lager is on its way!

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 will then get back to you re picking up the beer. If Peter is there when you book he 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 representative for the Lodges and Chapters at Loughton is **W Bro Barney Bannington**

In addition **W Bros Steve Hutton** and **Chris Hicks** will be assisting Barney 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 Barney, Steve or Chris.



Group Almoners

The Group Almoners looking after Chingford, Loughton and Epping Forest are **W Bros Bill Bangs, 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 Elliot**.

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.





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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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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 *Chris Hicks*



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EVENTS

Quiz Night 2018

A Quiz Night in aid of the Festival 2022 will take place on Saturday 13th January at Loughton. These Quiz Nights prove very successful, we had nearly 80 at the last one and had to turn latecomers away! So book early please! Start 7:00 for 7:30, Teams of 8, £15 per player to include a basket meal PLUS Raffle and Bar.



Festival 2022

Festival 2022 is going from strength to strength. As at the end of the summer around £1 million had already been raised for the FEST2022.

Honorifics are now being distributed and the Province has had its first GRAND PATRONS.

At Loughton Brooke Lodge 2005 has been the first to achieve this!

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 *Barney Bannington*, *Steve Hutton* or *Chris Hicks*



6th Annual Quiz Night
 Saturday 13th January 2018
 Loughton Masonic Centre
 7:30 pm start

Teams of 4 - 8
 Basket Meal
 £15 (inc. meal)

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After our very successful Quiz Night, Thomas Billing Lodge will be holding the 6th Annual Quiz Night as part of preparations for the 'Festival 2022'. This will be at Loughton Masonic Centre on Saturday 13th January 2018. The Quiz will start at 7:30pm and teams of 4 to 8 are invited and will be most welcome. Refreshments will be served and a basket meal, which will include drinks, is available for registration. The cost of entry, including refreshments will be £15 per team member. There will be a raffle during the Quiz. For further details and an application form please contact: *Alan Hudd*.

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