



Chingford Area Masonic Social Group Newsletter No.6

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Philbrick Lodge No. 2255

The Philbrick Lodge No.2255 which meets at Chingford Masonic Hall after 116 years of evening meetings is moving to become a Daylight Lodge starting on the 2nd February 2005. It is hoped that being the sole Daylight Lodge serving that part of the Province, new members will be attracted to join Philbrick, for the convenience of attending a meeting at a time more conducive to their lifestyle. Meetings will start about 11.30am, after parking restrictions in the neighbouring streets do not apply.

The success of similar Lodges elsewhere in the Province has helped the decision to make the change, together with the fact that Philbrick Lodge has been undergoing very lean times in the last few years, with little prospect for the survival of the Lodge. We have already picked up new members and welcome enquiries from other brethren.

To celebrate the transition, the Provincial Grand Master has agreed to officiate at a rededication ceremony for the Lodge, to be held at our meeting in April 2005.

Meanwhile anyone interested may visit us on the web at www.philbrick-lodge.org.uk or contact me by telephone on 01376 562817.

W Bro S G MacKay PPJGD - Secretary

Craft Meets Mark

Meeting on Wednesday 29th September at Chingford Masonic Hall

The meeting was addressed by W Bro David Brown an APMG in the Mark Province of Essex followed by a bangers and mash supper.

He gave a short history of the Mark Degree and the formation of Mark Grand Lodge which was formed in 1856 (150th celebrations in 2006), and that the present membership was 47,000.

He then gave reference to the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner degree ceremonies without giving to much away.

He then spoke about the Mark Province of Essex under the leadership of RW Bro J Alan Wright, pointing out that the province consisted of 47 Mark Lodges, and 38 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, totalling 1,400 members, mentioning that Grays Mark Lodge would be celebrating their centenary at the end of October 2004.

He then Spoke of the honours system in both the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner degrees.

Finally, he spoke on the Mark Benevolent Fund, the one Charity which had a festival each year presided over by a different Province, so that the festivals did not come round very often. Essex had its own Provincial Charity Fund which supported each festival, and made donations to many local good causes and supported brethren and their dependents in distressed circumstances.

The evening proved very interesting and enjoyable, and if any

Craft Lodge found themselves without work they might have that paper read to them

W Bro W M A Gunary APMG

FREEMASONRY IN THE COMMUNITY

W Bro Bill Gunary the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Essex, presented a cheque of £1000.00 to Dr Bill Lan , of St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, on behalf of the brethren of Temple Lodge 5279, who meet at Chingford Masonic Centre. This money is for **The Epping Breast Cancer Screening Unit Fundraising Appeal** towards the purchase of a Mammotome Biopsy Unit.

A Temple Lodge member, whose wife, Mrs Norma Fox, was diagnosed as having cancer, and who is now on the road to recovery, received superb care and treatment at St. Margaret's Hospital. To the Lodge and it's members, it was a way of saying thank you to the Hospital, the staff and the community that supports it, for what they have done and are still doing

W Bro Frank Mercer - PPJGD - Charity Steward



Presentation of cheque to St Margaret's Hospital, Epping
From left to right

Frank Mercer, Charity Steward, Dr Bill Lan, Mrs. Norma Fox,
Bill Gunary, and Mrs Janet Skeys

The Newsletter is Online !!!!!

We are pleased to announce, that this Newsletter is now available online. With many thanks to W Bro Alec Hall (often known as "Crusty") and his team at Philbrick Lodge No 2255, they have very kindly allocated space on their website to accommodate our Newsletter. For all those technophobes who are able to get online and visit the web, please take a look at their site, which is has a lot of interesting information about their Lodge, and links to many other Masonic sites. it's a must to be added to your favourites.....Allan de Luca ...Editor.

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Diary of Events

7th November

Provincial Divine Service, Chelmsford
Cathedral at 6.00 p.m.

17th December

Broken Column Christmas Luncheon - contact
John Lamb 020 8505 4444

December - Date to be arranged

Church Carol Concert - United Reform Church

RACE NIGHT SUCCESS



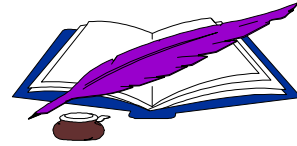
On the 2nd July, brethren and their families together with non-Masonic guests, enjoyed another successful race night arranged by the Chingford Area Masonic Social Group, in aid of the White House and Broken Column Lunch.

With much sponsorship already assured, the evening was well attended and developed with a lively atmosphere during both betting and the races. Appetites were satisfied with a generous sausage and chip supper and a raffle completed the evening.

W Bro Bill Gunary, APMG, chairman of the Social Group, thanked all those for attending, and in particular W Bro Dave Clarke and his team for all their efforts.

As a result, the magnificent sum of **£1,200** was raised for the appeal.

W Bro Dave Clarke



POETS CORNER

I have been sent some poems which I thought the readers of the Newsletter would like to read...if you have any more that you consider are of interest...don't hesitate...and to send them to the Editor of the Newsletter.

REMEMBER YOU'RE A MASON

When the pressures of recession
Make us concentrate on greed,
Take heed, a worthy Mason
Cares about another's needs.

Don't let pressures of the moment
Make your obligations sway,
Stop and help a fallen brother
Or another by the way;

What you give is like a bubble
Whenever you assist,
What it costs in time and trouble
Is, soon after, never missed;

Brother, bear that obligation
You accepted on your knee,
It's in direct relation
To your own security;

Never hesitate, my brother
Square your actions now and say
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,
And behave like that today;"

"With regard to human kindness
And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,
I'll remember I'm a Mason....
And behave like that today"

With thanks to W Bro Derek Hanson, Media Committee

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Congratulations !!

ROYAL ARCH PROVINCIAL HONOURS

Companions who meet at Chingford Masonic Hall

Invested Thursday 2nd September 2004, Freemasons Hall,

Great Queen Street, London by

Col. Sir Neil Thorne OBE, TD, DL Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

<u>Acting Ranks</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Number</u>	
R.C. Leske-Heed	Forest View Chapter	No. 6588	ProvGReg
J.E. Lamb	Chapter of Old Friendship	No. 3907	ProvDepGReg
B.C. Wright	Hainault	No. 4367	ProvDepGDC
B.J. Davies	Shurmur	No. 2374	ProvGStB
M.E. Lamb	Chapter of Old Friendship	No. 3907	ProvGStwd
E.S. Husband	Hainault	No. 4367	ProvGStwd
K.J. Maunder	Hainault	No. 4367	ProvGStwd
<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Number</u>	
B.G. Trend	Mark and Lockwood	No. 3114	PPGSN
P.M. Gardiner	Waltham Abbey	No. 2750	PPGReg
C.G. Riley	Iceni	No. 6066	PPGSwdB
Hollingsworth	Chingford	No. 2859	PPGSoj
J.F. McMahan	Old Parkonians	No. 4709	PPGSoj
K.H. Starling	Venturer	No. 7897	PPGSoj
M.R. Brown	St. Chad	No. 3115	PPAGSoj
I.S. Usher	Fiducial	No. 8753	PPAGSoj
<u>Past Ranks</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Number</u>	
R.A. Thoms	St. Chad	No. 3115	PPGSoj
R.M. Valens	Earlham	No. 7266	PPGSoj
D. Burrows	Iceni	No. 6066	PPAGSoj
D.F. Austin	Forest View	No. 6588	PPAGSoj
D.A.C. Matthews	Fiducial	No. 8753	PPAGSoj
J.E. McMahan	Epping	No. 2077	PPGStB
B.W. Dalton	Waltham Abbey	No. 2750	PPGStB
T.S. Vallis	Mark Lockwood	No. 3114	PPGStB
J. Phillips	Warner	No. 2256	PPAGDC

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The Media Committee



W. Bro Derek Hanson is the Media Representative for the Area of Chingford, and it was their remit to visit all the lodges and give them a short talk on Openness. As Openness as a term is out of favour, we should be talking about "Awareness and Information". W. Bro. Derek has asked to include in our Newsletter that if a Brother has a wife, partner, daughter etc, who belong to non Masonic Clubs, and would like to receive a short talk on Freemasonry, they have permission from the Province to give these talks. Please get in touch with any committee member for further details and availability.

Speeches at the Festive Board

We are an Antient and Honorable Society and all Brethren are encouraged to live to its precepts, so that we do not deteriorate or decline into a decadent society, the road from which is long, arduous and well nigh impossible to escape from, once we have descended therein. Let us therefore take the necessary steps to head in the right direction as soon as possible.

In this regard, Brethren are once again reminded that jokes are not essential to a good speech, although good humour without involving Ladies, politics or religion in general is permitted. Those proposing or responding to toasts at the Festive Board are requested, as far as possible, to limit themselves to the Toast and no more. Thus

1. The IPM in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master at an Installation Banquet speaks about the Worshipful Master and not his views of the Craft in general, and the Lodge in particular. Thanks and appreciation to the officers of the preceding year should be reserved for the Election Meeting or included in the Annual Report.
2. The Worshipful Master on the other hand, may if he so desires, speak of his aspirations for the forthcoming year in addition to the thanks and appreciation to visiting dignitaries, Installing Officers and Brethren.
3. The Junior Warden welcomes the visitors and is NOT required to relate a joke.
4. The reply to the Toast to the Visitors implies thanks and appreciation to the Host Lodge for their hospitality and no more. It DOES NOT INCLUDE a CV on the Worshipful Master, even though the Brother may feel that the IPM has not done him justice and that he himself is the only one qualified to inform the Brethren about their Worshipful Master. The speech is one of appreciation for the hospitality, not to extol the virtues or otherwise the Worshipful Master. Today the tendency is to wax eloquent on various attributes of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge, but do remember that as a guest, the harmony of the Lodge should never be disturbed or disrupted, with ribald personal tales,

however true they may be. It is incorrect to request the visitors to stand and drink a toast to the Host Lodge.

Humour at the Festive Board is permitted, but on no account should anything be said that would upset the sensitiveness of Brethren or their Ladies, whether present or not. Ladies should never be mentioned in any context unless it is to appreciate their floral decorations and to congratulate them for their support to their husbands.

In general, stories relating to the fairer sex, politics and religion are in bad taste and are unacceptable in a Society that places moral virtues as a pre-requisite for Initiation into the Craft, which also forbids the discussion of both politics and religion.

Brethren are requested to comply with this direction, so that we may all enjoy a more conducive atmosphere at Festive Boards, with lewd insinuations or bawdy stories, allowing all of us to confidently report every speech verbatim, not only to our families but to society at large.

An article from "Freemasonry in Australia", which would apply just as well in this country. W Bro Bill Gunary APM

Some Guidance that has recently been published on the Province of Essex Website

Following the meeting of United Grand Lodge on 9 June 2004 and a speech by the Most Hon the Marquess of Northampton, the following topics were mentioned:-

Rules 105 and 112 It is suggested that Essex Lodges be encouraged to use this wording to appear on the summons of the election meeting.

Election of a Master in accordance with Rule 105(a) Book of Constitutions

WBro being the only nomination the WM will declare him so elected.

Election of Treasurer

WBro being the only nomination the WM will declare him so elected.

Circulation of Minutes etc

It is suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting and the current Reports of the Almoner and Charity Steward be circulated to all brethren before the meeting.

Investiture of Officers at Installation meetings in Private Lodges

Officers to be invested for the first time in a particular office, receive the full ceremony appropriate to that office. Officers to be invested into an office they have previously held are appointed to that office and invested with the collar. No further ceremony is necessary. Officers re-appointed to office stand when their name is called, give a court bow then sit.

The After proceedings.

Lodges be encouraged not to wait until the staff are clear of the room before commencing speeches. If this is the case "fire" is not given.
