



# Chingford Area Masonic Social Group Newsletter No.9

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## “Waka Taua” (a Maori War Canoe)

The article of the “Waka Taua” in edition No. 8 of the Newsletter was credited to W Bro Derek Hanson, this should have been credited to W Bro John Mully PPJGD PZ - our apologies for this error.

## Tsunami Flood Disaster

Those Brethren wishing to support The Grand Charity for the flood disaster, cheques should be made payable to the Grand Charity and sent with a covering letter, stating the donation is for the **“Asian Tsunamis 2004 Floods Relief Chest No. E 0091”** giving your name, Lodge name and number (Essex) and sent to:

The Grand Charity, Freemasons' Hall  
60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ

**The Appeal as at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005 has reached  
£600,000**

## Sixty Years On

The Library and Museum at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street is holding an exhibition which will chart the role played by Masonic Lodges during World War II. On display are photographs, jewels and keepsakes which gives an insight into the role of Masonry across the Home Front and especially in London. Included in the display is the apron bag which belonged to Brother Winston L.S. Churchill, Lodge number 1591.

From the archives it tells the story of how Masonic Organisations catered for the needs of allied soldiers and exiled troops in Britain, and follows the conflict until 6th June 1945. The exhibition runs until mid-August, from Monday to Friday 10.00-17.00 and entry is free.

## OrangeAid Lifesaver Launched by Essex Masons

[www.orangeaid.info](http://www.orangeaid.info)

OrangeAid, a new fund raising initiative by Essex Freemasons and involving their Friends and families, to purchase a new “D” Class inflatable inshore Lifeboat for the R.N.L.I., starts in the New Year.



**There are 231 lifeboat stations around  
the coast of the United Kingdom and Republic of  
Ireland**

## Diary of Events - 2005

### Saturday 21st May

“A Night at the Races” - 7 pm - 11 p.m.  
Contact Dave Clarke 020 8529 9016 for  
further information

### Friday 24th June

“Quiz Night” - 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. - Cost of ticket  
£8.50 to include a supper. Maximum 6  
Members per team. Contact Allan de Luca  
020 7474 7215 for further information

Date to be advised Chingford v Upminster Golf  
Challenge. Contact John Lamb 020 8505  
4444 for further information

Saturday 2nd July The Essex Masonic Ball  
at Stockbridge Manor...bookings required  
very early to avoid disappointment - contact  
John Lamb 020 8505 4444 for further  
information

### Wednesday 27th July

Chingford Combined Craft Meeting, hosted by  
Earlham Lodge 7266 - with speaker Elkan  
Levy Assistant Grand Registrar on the  
subject of “Brotherhood in Conflict -  
Freemasonry in the American Civil War”...cost  
£25.00

### Tuesday 29th November

Combined Chapter - hosts “Shurma Chapter  
No. 2374 - Contact Scribe E : A B Lewis  
telephone 020 8366 7243

Friday 9th December Carol Concert at the  
Methodist Church - Chingford

Friday 16th December Broken Column  
Christmas Luncheon - Contact Bernie Willis  
01582 621496

Lodges who meet at Chingford Masonic Hall can use this diary to  
publish fundraising and Lodge events that are forthcoming - this  
newsletter is distributed to all Secretaries of Lodges who meet and  
Chingford Masonic Hall - Editor

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Combined Rose Croix meeting, Tuesday 21st June 2005, at Chingford Masonic Hall, host Chapter, Stanley Frohnsdorff 1055, Recorder Bernard Willis Telephone : 01582 621496

## **Notice for all Lodge Treasurers and Secretaries**

Please be aware that Grand Lodge dues for 2006 are to rise from £11.40 to £20.00. Lodges need to budget for this forthcoming increase.

### **Leyton St. John's Lodge No. 4860** **Re-Dedication Ceremony** **held at Chingford Masonic Hall** **on Monday 21st February 2005**

The brethren and visiting guests of the Leyton St. John's Lodge No. 4860, were pleased to be attending the Ceremony of Re-Dedication following its "Transference to the Jurisdiction of the Province of Essex" with the ceremony being carried out by the Provincial Grand Master RW Colonel Sir Neil Thorne. The Provincial Grand Master was accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Brian Proctor and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W Bro Bill Gunary, along with the full Provincial Team.

With the Lodge being opened in its usual form, and following a report in the Lodge. W Bro Paul Humphrey the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies was admitted who requested for the admission of the RW Provincial Grand Master Colonel Sir Neil Thorne and the Provincial Team, who then made their procession into the Lodge in full splendour with the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers. On this occasion, the RW Provincial Grand Master, was keen to consent to all the members of the Lodge participating in the Ceremony of Re-Dedication to include Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts.

With the Provincial Grand Master accepting the gavel and the Chair of King Solomon, the ceremony of Re-Dedication commenced. The Provincial Grand Secretary, W Bro Andrew Bishop, then recited the names of the current Lodge members, and went on to read, in detail, the Warrant of the Lodge. The Warrant of the Lodge is dated 26th August 1926, and was signed by the then Grand Master, the MW Brother Duke of Connaught (or more precisely, the 1st Duke of Connaught and Strathern).

The Lodge members were given a presentation of an "Oration" by W Bro. John Simons The Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain. W Bro Simons referred to some important events that occurred during 1926, outstandingly the year that Queen Elizabeth II was born, The General Strike in England started and ended after 9 days, the BBC came into being, Bolton Wanderers won the FA Cup Final, and Prince Albert the Duke of York played tennis doubles at Wimbledon, but not forgetting that during that eventful year the Consecration of Leyton St. John's Lodge No. 4860 took place.

The Consecration was held in the Grecian Temple at the Great Eastern Hotel at Liverpool Street in the City of London. The Lodge have subsequently met at various Masonic venues during their 75 year existence, with their last meetings being held at the Southgate Masonic Temple, before moving to the Province of Essex and Chingford Masonic Hall. W Bro Simons made a special reference to Kings, chapter 6 Verse 1, which was very appropriate for this very important Ceremony. After the ceremony of Re-Dedication in the Lodge, The Provincial Grand Master gave his address, and he was keen that the members of the Lodge take a wider commitment within the community and suggested that a record be made of what has been accomplished during the past 75 years during Lodge's existence, so that when they celebrate their centenary this information will be available at that time. The Provincial Grand Master then congratulated the Lodge and wished them "God Speed" for the future.

The RW Provincial Grand Master was then Proposed as an "Honorary Member" of the Lodge, this was duly seconded and unanimously carried. The PGM thanked the Lodge for their kind honour. There was then an unexpected event when the PGM bestowed the rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon to W Bro Alan Bennett, the Lodge Director of Ceremonies, who was equally surprised with his unexpected presentation.

The Provincial Grand Master and all the Brethren and their guests, a total 80 Brethren, happily dined together with Roast Lamb on the menu.

On his response to his toast, the PGM thanked members of Leyton St. John's Lodge, namely W Bro Phil Bruce, W Bro Vic Jago and W Bro Alan Bennett and to the Organist for his excellent music, and included in his thanks to his Sword Bearer and Standard Bearers, along with the Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens who attended the Re-Dedication Ceremony, not forgetting W Bro John Simon for his research, and W Bro Reverend Martin Howes.

The PGM also referred to W Bro Andrew Bishop for reading the Warrant of the Lodge with much aplomb, and his thanks to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master RW Brian Proctor and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W Bro Bill Gunary, the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies W Bro. Gordon Spindler, and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro Paul Humphrey.

The PGM went on to inform the brethren of "Mentoring", not only for those members who come into the Lodge, but also for those brethren who have been in the Lodge for sometime and to identify those members who have not attended for some time, and maybe does not attend because his "pals" may have passed on or left the area. The Brother should be encouraged to return to the Lodge, and we must show that we are interested in that Brother, offer to pick him up and take him home after the meeting, so that he is able to continue his Masonic interests.....The PGM said "We must be interested in our Brother!", even giving the younger brethren your support in all times of difficulties. We need to find out what has happened to every single member of the Lodge - we must find

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out - and show them that we care.

The PGM praised W Bro Steve Parrish being an excellent Worshipful Master for the Re-Dedication ceremony, and wished him every success during his year as Master of the Lodge.

W Bro Steve Parrish gave a his response, saying that he was initiated in 1983, and felt bewildered, and he was delighted that the Lodge had been accepted into the Province of Essex, and was grateful for Essex Masons for accepting Leyton St.John's Lodge with such warmth. W Bro Stephen stated that there was plenty of work in hand, and hope that the Brethren of Essex will continue with their support to the Lodge on their Re-Dedication into the Province of Essex.

The PGM and the Provincial Team then retired from the Festive Board, and the Brethren continued to enjoy the geniality of the evening.....then we all went home.



*RW Provincial Grand Master, Col. Sir Neil Thorn, and the Provincial Team and members of the Leyton St. John's Lodge No. 4860*

*Article and Picture from W Bro Allan de Luca PPGStwd  
Visiting Guest - Fiducial Lodge 8753*

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## **Financial Scams**

An email scam claiming to be from a Masonic Group offering a share in charity money has been going round the web. Depending on whether the email is from Germany or Brazil it purports to be from the Freemasons of Winchester or Bournemouth, announcing that they are about to distribute their annual charity grants totalling "US\$2.5 million". Needless to say that the recipient of the email has been selected to receive a grant. Neither group exists nor do any of the persons named in the email, including the firm of London Solicitors. The email is simply a scam to gain access to bank accounts.

More serious is the case of a Lodge whose Secretary was contacted by the Lodge's bank. The bank had received an order, which appeared to be signed by the Secretary and Treasurer, to transfer £6.500 to the bank account of a design group. The bank was querying the order because there were insufficient funds in the Lodge's account to cover it. The Secretary was able to demonstrate that the signatures were rather bad forgeries. The matter is now in the hands of the Police.

The signatures appear to have been copied from actual signatures of the Secretary and Treasurer concerned. That suggests, that we should warn brethren that extra care should be taken in destroying correspondence etc., carrying the signatures of those who are authorised signatories on Lodge and Chapter bank accounts, rather than just dumping them in the dustbin.

*Reproduced from an email from the Province of Essex sent to W Bro Allan de Luca, the Editor of the Newsletter*

## **Grand Ranks**

### **Craft**

W Bro James McCreddie - Warner Lodge 2256 - PAGDC  
W Bro Gordon Spindler - Deputy Provincial DC - PAGDC  
W Bro Ray Rayner - Goodwill Lodge 7804 - PJGD

### **Royal Arch**

E.Comp. Cliff Thoms - PGStdB  
E.Comp. Ian Gorman - Re-appointed G.Org  
E.Comp. Brian Proctor promoted PGSwdB

## **Festival 2011**

### **A letter from Laurie Justice Provincial Grand Charity Steward**

Dear Brother,

17th March 2005 marks the launch of the new Essex Festival in support of the Grand Charity.

The Festival will continue until 2011. During this time the Province will endeavour to assist the Grand Charity in meeting its mission to bring relief to distressed masons and their dependants, support Annuitants and other Masonic or non-Masonic Charities and to provide immediate assistance for international humanitarian crises.

To help meet these needs it is suggested that a personal Standing Order of £5.00 per month be donated (or more if it could be comfortably afforded) for the duration of the Festival. ' Gift Aided, your donation will benefit from tax relief, which will greatly assist the Grand Charity in meeting its aims and objectives.

We are aware that some of our members rely on a limited pension or income and many Lodges already regularly support their preferred local charities. With this in mind, any donation a brother can reasonably afford will be thankfully received.

During the next few months, your Group Charity Representative will be contacting all Lodges at your centre in order to present in detail how we can all help. He will explain the tax advantages of the Gift Aid Scheme and provide assistance with the necessary forms. He will also be able to answer any queries you may have regarding the Festival and to inform you about the Help & Advice-lines available. Also, information can always be obtained from the Provincial website ([www.essex-lodges.org](http://www.essex-lodges.org)) on an ongoing basis. I thank you for reading this letter and look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Laurie Justice. Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

**you can visit the website on [www.essex2011.org.uk](http://www.essex2011.org.uk) for further information.**

**Seminar of "Why the Royal Arch" at Chingford  
Masonic Hall - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 at Chingford Masonic Hall, there was a presentation by W Bro Bill Gunary APMG and E Comp Ken Elmes ProvGH about the Order of the Royal Arch. W Bro Bill Gunary addressed those who had assembled, with a paper by E Comp Roy Wells "Why the Royal Arch". The paper contained many references during the history of the Royal Arch. As most brethren will know, the Royal Arch is generally known as the completion of the Third Degree, in fact, it is an extension of the Third Degree, and is neither inferior or superior.

The paper consisted of two themes of before the exile and of the building of the second Temple. According to the Old Institutions known as the "Antients", the Premier and earlier Grand Lodge of 1717 was dubbed "The Moderns", terms that remain in use to this day. Within a year, Laurence Dermott, a most extraordinary, and accomplished Freemason was appointed Grand Secretary, and he dedicated his life to the cause of the "Antients". From the presentation paper we were given many significant dates and information about the formation of the Royal Arch, which to those assembled was proved to be most interesting.

The paper, as with many other "Lectures" is produced by the London Grand Rank Association, and if your Chapter needs to present a lecture, the London Grand Rank Association is an excellent source for obtaining such lectures. There are also interesting booklets for those who are interested in the Royal Arch, known as the "Peterborough Booklets", one of which, is "Why join the Royal Arch".

E Comp Ken Elmes ProvGH then talked to the Brethren and presented some views of the Royal Arch and how the brethren should approach prospective members to the Order. E Comp Ken stated that the Royal Arch depends on the Craft for the flow of the Order. It is better that a Companion should be recruited than be attracted. To be attracted can be achieved by explaining the Royal Arch to a prospective candidate to the Order, and a candidate should take time to consider to join the Order, so that he could become a potential recruit in the future. The Royal Arch has long been recognised as the completion of the Third Degree, which is now not so from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005. In making a consideration for a new prospective candidate, it is best to point out that soon after a Brother has been Raised, he can be Exalted in the Royal Arch.

E Comp Ken the asked the question "do you enjoy the Royal Arch?", the response was positive from the brethren attending the seminar, and he went on to suggest that we should not learn the ritual in a "parrot fashion", but that all the Companions of your Chapter should be participating at the meetings. If there is no complete agenda of Chapter work, the Companions, should perhaps present a lecture on the Royal Arch or he whole symbolism of the Order. If there are other areas of the ritual that can be shared, E.Comp Ken certainly gives his approval as part of the mentoring scheme. E Comp Ken then went on to present information on the Royal Arch Mason's clothing to include robes, aprons, sashes, collars and jewels. The colours of the Royal Arch "blue, purple and

scarlet" are taken from Exodus XXV,v4, and XXVI,v1. In a Royal Arch Chapter the First Principal wears a scarlet robe, the emblem of imperial dignity, the Second Principal, a purple robe, the emblem of union, and the Third Principal, a blue robe, the emblem of universal friendship and benevolence.

It is generally agreed that the Royal Arch "sash" has long been associated with chivalry, and is considered to be a source of inspiration to wearing the "sash" as part of the Royal Arch Regalia. The crimson-and-purple indented sash is worn over the left shoulder, passing obliquely to the right, with a silk fringe at the end. The "tassels" of the aprons of Principals and past Principals is of crimson as is the Royal Arch jewel, and white for Companions who have not yet been installed into the "J" Chair.

The tassels on the aprons of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers is dark blue and the triple tau emblem is on a dark blue background. The Royal Arch Jewel is tri-colour of dark blue, crimson and light blue.

All Royal Arch Companions should wear their Royal Arch Jewel with their Craft regalia, and is normally on the left breast and to the right of any other Craft Jewel, this means that the Royal Arch Jewel would be close to your heart. The new Royal Arch Mason would recognise that a white ribbon on the jewel represents a Companion of the Order, Crimson for the Principals.

Unfortunately, although the presentation of "Why the Royal Arch" was not so well supported, those who did attend were treated to excellent lectures by W Bro Bill Gunary APMG and E Comp Ken Elmes ProvGH.

*W Bro Allan de Luca PPGStwd - Fiducial Lodge 8753*

**HISTORY OF ESSEX**

Preparation of the **HISTORY OF ESSEX FREEMASONRY** is continuing with submissions from Lodges having increased since Christmas. Space has been allocated on the basis of the Lodge age. Lodges up to 25 years old will have room for approximately 200 words plus pictures of their banner and crest. From 25 to 50 years it will be 320 words, 50 to 75 - 500, 75 to 100 - 750, 100 to 125 - 1000, and so on increasing by 250 words for every additional 25 years.

We are still collecting material for the book and members of our team are currently scanning documents and photographing banners and other artefacts, at venues across the province. If you think you can help us in any way, please contact Brian Wright at: <[bwright4609@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bwright4609@yahoo.co.uk)> or on 020-8550 9575

Do you have any old and unwanted copies of the 'Essex Freemasons Handbook/Calendar' or Grand Lodge Year Books, which you would be willing to donate. They are proving to be an invaluable source of information for this and other areas of research.

**THE FOLLOWING LODGES HAVE NOT SUBMITTED DETAILS OF THEIR ORIGIN OR BANNER DESIGN:-**

**697 1421 2063 2374 2442 2734 2903 3079 3104 3147 3399  
3859 3945 4240 4456 4458 4542 4708 4738 5167 5169 5184  
5230 5374 5510 5621 6090 6205 6683 6738 6858 6894 7070  
7101 7423 7529 7561 7580 7623 7881 7975 8139 8147 8326  
8477 8589 8714 8778 8913 8922 8973 9016 9091 9474 9486  
9506 9578 9761 9766 9781 9788**

**List updated 19-04-2005 Please support and encourage your Lodge in responding.**