



## Chingford Area Masonic Social Group Newsletter No.11

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### Diary of Events - 2005

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 Earham 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

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**Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup> of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas**

### **District of South Essex**

The Rose Croix Chapters meeting at this Masonic Centre are shown below. Brethren who profess the Trinitarian Christian Faith, have been Master Masons for at least twelve months and are interested in joining the Rose Croix are cordially invited to contact the Recorder of the Chapter or the District Recorder for further details. Michael Howell on 01708 556514

#### Chapters in the District of South Essex

##### **St.Paul - No.295**

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. in Mar (Enthronement), 1<sup>st</sup> Tues July and 4<sup>th</sup> Mon Sept.

Recorder: Roger Search. Telephone: 01708 558988

##### **Holy Mount - No.399**

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues May, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues July, and 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Dec (Enthronement)

Recorder: Geoffrey Snelling, Telephone: 020 8599 8589

##### **Royal Forest - No. 693**

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues July and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues Sept (Enthronement)

Recorder: Norman Jewitt, Telephone: 01983 759334

##### **St.Barnabas of Woodford - No.774**

Meeting Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> Fri Mar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri June (Enthronement) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri Nov.

Recorder: Craig Clark, Telephone: 020 8551 2359

##### **Chingford - No. 850**

Meeting Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> Fri June, 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs Sept and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs Dec (Enthronement)

Recorder: Michael Robinson, Telephone: 01255 852668

##### **Stanley Frohnsdorff - No.1055**

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Feb (Enthronement) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues June and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues Oct.

Recorder: Bernard Willis, Telephone: 01582 621496

### Race Night in aid of the Tsunami Earthquake Appeal. The Essex Air Ambulance and The Broken Column Lunch

It is with great pleasure that I have to inform you of the success of the race night held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2005.

Through your support and the numerous other Lodges and Chapters, together with those who attended the Race Night itself - the magnificent sum of **£1,001.00** has been raised.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Chingford Area Masonic Social Group of thanking you and your members for your sponsorship. Your support will ensure that we can continue to provide financial assistance to the Tsunami Earthquake appeal, the Essex Air Ambulance and the annual lunch held for wives of departed brethren.

*W Bro Dave Clarke*

### Installation of W Bro Brian Frederick Crome as Master for the Second time of Hainault Lodge No. 4367

At the Installation meeting of Hainault Lodge No. 4367 in February W. Bro. Brian Frederick Crome was installed as Master for the second time. W. Bro. Brian is the longest subscribing Master of the lodge and was first installed as Master in 1973.

He is an old Masonian and was initiated into Kingston Temple Lodge No. 4722 in September 1962 aged 24. His father was a Provincial Grand Steward in the Province of Surrey and was a stalwart of the Lodge for many years. W. Bro. Brian became Master of that lodge

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in 1979 and served as Treasurer for quite a few years. In May 2005 he Initiated Adam Ferguson, son of W. Bro. John Ferguson who was called to the Grand Lodge Above in February 2001. W. Bro. Brian's ample experience was illustrated by the fact that the ceremony included the longer version of the presentation of the Badge of a Mason and an explanation of the First Degree Tracing Board. Other "longer versions" of ritual are planned during the year and the members of the lodge are certainly going to be kept on their toes during his year.

## **FREEMASONS WIFE RAISES MONEY FOR BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER CHARITY**

Mrs. Angela James (wife of W. Bro. Paul James) has with the assistance of some of the members of Hainault Lodge who



meets at the Chingford Masonic Centre, raised £1466.82. for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer Charity.

This money was raised from Angies Ladies Night raffle, and a Quiz Night in Downham Village Hall (Essex).

photograph of Angie receiving her certificate.

*With many thanks to W Bro Derek Hanson - Media Rep Chingford  
Masonic Hall*

## **Bro Mike Rose of Hainault Lodge and his Daughter Sam complete London Marathon**



*Bro Mike Rose and Daughter Sam*

Hainault Lodge's Junior Warden, Bro Mike Rose and his daughter Sam, completed this years Flora London Marathon. Their combined efforts raised in the region of £2300 for Vitalize Charity which provides respite care for mentally handicapped patients.

*Article supplied by W Bro  
Derek Hanson - Media  
Committee*

## **Installation of W Bro Martin Smith as the 29<sup>th</sup> Worshipful Master of Fiducial Lodge No. 8753**

Fiducial Lodge 8753 held its annual Installation ceremony at Chingford Masonic Hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, and the Master Elect, Bro Martin Smith was installed in the chair of King Solomon by VW Brian Vickers *PGSuptW*, a Founder Member of the Fiducial Lodge. It may not be nothing unusual about an Installation Ceremony, except of course, for those members of the fraternity who reach the chair for the first time, and who have themselves experienced the pending anxiety of becoming Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

W. Bro Martin Smith was Initiated into Fiducial Lodge on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1997, and is a Lewis, as his father, the late W Bro John Smith *PPGStdB* being a past Master of the Lodge. W Bro Martin Smith was proposed into Freemasonry by his father W Bro John Smith and seconded by VW Brian Vickers.

It was indeed a special night for Fiducial Lodge members and their guests, as W Bro Martin Smith is the first Initiate to be Installed in the Chair for five years, during those years the Masters Chair being occupied by Past Masters of the Lodge. The last Initiate of the Lodge who was installed as Master of Fiducial Lodge was W Bro Allan de Luca *PPGSwd* on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2000, and W Bro Allan was Initiated into the Lodge when W Bro John Smith *PPGStdB* was the Master of the Lodge on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1992.

The Masters Apron with which W Bro Martin Smith was invested, at one time belonged to W Bro Mark Vickers, father of VW Bro Brian Vickers *PGSuptW*, and the apron was then invested to the late W Bro John Smith *PPGStdB* when he became Master of the Fiducial Lodge 8753 on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1992. A piece of history has been continued within the Fiducial Lodge 8753 and W Bro Martin Smith now wears the Masters apron which has been worn by very distinguished members of Freemasonry and the Lodge. W Bro Martin has a son, Will, although he is just now 2 years old, perhaps, and

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who knows, in time, perhaps that Apron will be again be used to invest him as Worshipful Master of the Fiducial Lodge.

*Allan de Luca PPGStwd - Fiducial Lodge*

## **Orange Aid R.N.L.I. Walk from Chingford to Loughton on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

Following on from the success of Freemasonry in the Community Week in 2002 there were various sponsored events taking place throughout the Province to raise £25,000 to purchase a 'D' class lifeboat for the RNLI.

The project has the blessing of the Provincial Grand Master and the support of our APGM Bill Gunary along with the Chingford Area Masonic Social Group.

A Sponsored Walk from Chingford Masonic Centre to Loughton Masonic Centre, approximately 2.5 miles (or to be politically correct 4.02 kilometres) was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2005. The weather could not have been better, it was a warm dry and sunny day, when walkers set out from Chingford Masonic Hall.

Bro Dennis Jane, Chingford Lodge, who unfortunately was hit on his left arm by a missile while driving his car on Friday, and was shaken and severely bruised, but



*Bro Dennis Jane and his daughter Katie*

despite this, and also being involved in a fund raising on the Saturday evening until 3am following the incident, managed to make the sponsored walk accompanied with his daughter Katie, and W Bro Ted Page of Chingford Lodge, and left from Chingford Masonic Hall at 11.30 am to Loughton Masonic Hall.

The walk was very enjoyable, and as they travelled deeper into the forest they met other "Orange Aid" walkers, that were either on their return journey or our brothers and families from Loughton making their way to Chingford, it was a great atmosphere, with good companions, and all for a very worthy cause. W Bro Bernie Willis, Philbrick Lodge, dressed up for the occasion, was looking extremely debonair, sporting a 17<sup>th</sup> Century outfit along with his walking "rod", I am informed was home made from a old carpet sweeper handle painted black, and glass tap top, really looked like the authentic rod of office from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and Bernie would certainly have won first prize for

fancy dress, if there was one ! While the walk was progressing Tony Curtis with family and friends were busy blowing up balloons ready for the balloon race to be launched later in the day by the PGM Col. Sir Neil Thorne.

At the time of writing, Bro Dennis Jane and his daughter Kate have donations of £282.00 so far, of which £182.00 was gift aided, with pledges of more to come.

*Article by Bro Dennis Jane - Chingford Lodge 2859*

## **OrangeAid Event Proves a Huge Success**

Without doubt OrangeAid has delivered an outstanding result. Early estimates indicate that between £35-40,000 will be raised.

OrangeAid was established to raise money for the RNLI and, if possible, to purchase a new "D" Class inflatable inshore Lifeboat for the R.N.L.I. Called OrangeAid after the vivid colours worn by R.N.L.I. rescuers, a target of £25,000 had been set, to be raised by a series of "Fun Events" across the County.

The project was handed over to the Essex Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge to coordinate and was embraced by a team from the Lodge with the full support of the current master, Chris Williams.

At the time of writing the fund raising activities are not quite over but, in the main, the weekend of 4/5 June was the timing for the majority of the fund raising activities.

Across the length and breadth of the Province the events were varied like never before with charity walks, a bus pull, quiz nights, a dartathon, golf days and garden parties to name but a few.

*Neil Beverly - OrangeAid Chairman*

## **Combined Rose Croix Meeting**

Members of the Stanley Fronsdorff Chapter Rose Croix No.1055 held a combined meeting at Chingford Masonic Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005. There were up to 40 members and guests attending and were privileged to enjoy a ceremony of Perfection for Bro. Keith Dunnett.

Having recently myself become a member of the Rose Croix Order it was a delight to watch the ceremony of Perfection, as with all Orders we decide to join, we are always keen to see the ceremony performed on a new candidate, and on this day, despite being a very hot day, the ceremony was superbly conducted by the members assisted by some visiting guests of the Stanley Fronsdorff Chapter.

There were many distinguished visitors on the day to include Very Illustrious Frank Saunders 33<sup>o</sup> Past Inspector General for South Essex. V.III Frank Saunders was pleased to convey the best wishes of the



**The Provincial Mark of Lodge of Essex held their annual meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 and the following brethren were honoured**

**Appointed:**

|                                     |                |                |
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| Provincial Grand Standard Bearer    | D.E. Marney    | Whitestone 864 |
| Provincial Grand Inner Guard        | J.J. Armstrong | Whitestone 864 |
| Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon | R.J. Henney    | Chingford 1252 |

**Promotion:**

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| Past Provincial Grand Junior Overseer | D.E. Ellis | Fillebrook 944 |
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| Appointments to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank (Invested 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2005) |                    |                     |
|  | A.R. Firth         | Royal Oak Tree 1244 |
|  | E.R. Chillingworth | Chingford 1252      |

We express hearty congratulations to all these brethren on their achievements

Inspector General for South Essex the V.III. Bro Alan Kemp 33°, who unfortunately was on other Masonic business on that day, but wished the Chapter every success for the combined meeting

The members of the Chapter and their guests dined harmoniously at the Festive board on a starter of fresh grapefruit segments, followed by ham and chicken salad and new potatoes, finishing with an excellent sweet of cherries and ice cream, coffee and mints.

The combined Chapter was arranged by the Recorder of Stanley Fronsdorff Chapter, Ill Bro. Bernie Willis 30°, and his efforts were well rewarded by such an excellent turnout for the meeting and the Festive Board that followed.

The next meeting of the Chapter is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005, and any member of the Rose Croix are cordially invited to attend the meeting, please contact Ill. Bro Bernie Willis on 01582 621496, you will not be disappointed.

*W Bro Allan de Luca - Newsletter Editor*

**Goodwill Lodge 7904 Celebrations for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day**

Goodwill Lodge celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day with a dinner/dance at Chingford Masonic hall in the presence of our newly elected Provincial Grand Master Bro John Webb. The hall was decorated in red white and blue to create the right atmosphere for what was to be a real good old fashioned knees up.

During the meal of Wartime Broth, Black Market Gammon with Pease Pudding and vegetables followed by Granny's Spotted Dick and Custard and cheese and Biscuits, everybody

was issued with Union Jack hats and flags along with disposable camera's to take some memorable photo's of the night. After the meal all the ladies were treated to something that was hard to come by during the war years - a bar of chocolate.

This was a real Charity Night, a cheque for £1000.00 was presented to the National Children's home on behalf of Goodwill Lodge, then the fundraising began with a super raffle with over 60 prizes plus the auction of a Bell that had been constantly used during the evening and a case of wine that was won by a table for the best dancing in a fun dance contest.

A further 1457-02 was raised on the night with the £257.02 being donated to The Royal British Legion and £1000.00 for the Essex 2011 Appeal.

The event was a sell out, and had a waiting list of 40 wanting tickets.

During the fun dance contest, each table had to select a CD from a sealed envelope and dance to whatever tune was selected, rest assured they were not your everyday tunes, and so as they danced, the other tables roared with laughter.

The night was made even better by the fact that nearly 50% turned up in fancy dress and all the bar and catering staff made a wonderful effort to dress up and join in the fun. Simon behind the bar was in school uniform and Val the Head Waitress dressed as a flower girl sold flowers to guests as they arrived and donated the proceeds to our Charities.

The other girls costumes included Nurses, Dorothy Lamour and factory workers, but the best of all had to be Dougie in his Red White and Blue outfit as the last of the ENSA concert officers. Everyone wants to know when the next one will be, well we don't want to wait for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so perhaps we might have one in October to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

*Article by W Bro Bob Urch*