

Provincial Newsletter

Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall

A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL: A Message from Rt.W.Bro Stephen C Pearn, The Provincial Grand Master



Brethren, the year 2020 will without doubt be remembered as the year in which the most significant event in living memory dramatically impacted on the day to day lives of all of us. Our Freemasonry has been curtailed for nearly nine months and it is still uncertain as to when we will be able to return to normality and resume our regular meetings. However, the positive announcements regarding a vaccine must give us all great hope that there is a light at the end of what has been a very long and dark tunnel.

Despite the restrictions on individual members and Lodges, United Grand Lodge of England has been very active behind the scenes and analysing the impact of the pandemic on our organisation as a whole. They have a number of working parties, looking at all aspects of membership recruitment, recovery and retention, in order to ensure that we are ready to meet the challenges facing us once we return.

As well as considering the potential loss of members due to the situation and how to counter this, they are focussing on the opportunities for attracting new members through a centrally developed National Membership Campaign.

The Membership Working Party will be working closely with the Communications and Marketing Working Party to achieve this during the first half of 2021. A new Pathway Working Party has also been set up to review the Pathway and to consider new ideas to enthuse and engage Lodges with regard to this.

Meanwhile, each Province has been asked to undertake a detailed Provincial Membership Survey in order to ascertain what might be considered best practice regarding the approaches being considered by different Provinces to attract and retain members as part of their post Covid-19 membership strategies. These will be consolidated and shared with all Provinces for consideration alongside their local priorities.

Meanwhile, I hope that all of you will have had the chance to reflect on how best to restart your own involvement in Freemasonry and how to capitalise on the opportunities for your Lodges to move forward.

I am pleased to report from our own Provincial survey that there are a number of Lodges who have potential candidates awaiting interview, as well as those awaiting initiation. Clearly there is a lot of ground to be made up and therefore in the coming months it is imperative for Lodges to start planning their detailed strategy. The main objective will be to consider how to achieve a significant increase in new members, whilst at the same time re-enthusing their existing members.

The other main issue that we really need to re-focus on is our 2024 Festival. During the last nine months there has been little opportunity for Lodges to generate monies, neither have there been any major fund-raising events in the Province. This situation is a further challenge for us all and I would ask that you give urgent consideration as to how we can make up lost ground.

Brethren, we are now approaching that special time of the year when normally we would be planning a number of festive events and looking forward to being with our families and friends for Christmas. Whilst this may be somewhat curtailed this year, I am sure that we can still reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Despite the continuing restrictions, I do hope that you and your families will still have very happy Christmas. Please stay safe and God willing, in 2021, we will see that light at the end of the tunnel.

Rt.W.Bro Stephen C Pearn

Provincial Grand Master



“Essa Lodge No. 6278 in the Province of Cornwall would like to invite you to our weekly Thursday Drop-In.”

These words have been written every week since the beginning of lock down.

This fantastic journey started with Essa Lodge members meeting weekly online via Messenger, which was limited to just 9 people. To accommodate more brethren, a free Zoom account was set up so we could all get together virtually.

Somewhat unfortunately, the free account meetings are limited to 45 minute sessions, which we found called the conversation to a premature halt, often just as conversations were beginning to gather momentum. The turning point came when a very kind benefactor donated a subscribed Zoom account to the lodge, which allowed the conversation to flourish.

I tentatively put a small post on Twitter and Facebook Groups inviting Freemasons across the Province and the world to join us for a chat.

We started off with small number of visitors, but now we frequently get between 35 and 40 visitors each week!

The meetings began to gather pace, Brethren asked if it would be possible to invite Freemasons from further afield. We are delighted to welcome any brother from across the globe to the meeting, with the only qualifying factor for admittance, being that you have been initiated into Freemasonry somewhere in the world. We have no set agenda to discuss, and the conversation ebbs and flows naturally between guests, often comparing differences between lodge traditions, both locally, nationally, and of course under different jurisdictions internationally.

The new visiting Brethren were keen to know how to obtain the details for future meetings. At first, I took email addresses, and sent invites to anyone who requested them. Once I began sending over 100 email invites a week, I knew it was time to come up with a better plan. The Thursday Zoom Chat Messenger group was formed. This allows everyone to keep in touch with the weekly meeting, but also allowed the brethren near and far, to socialise throughout the week, this group now has 200 members. As time has passed, brethren have begun posting links to other zoom meetings. These were within Cornwall and across England, but also farther afield including Europe, America, Australia and so on. In fact, thanks to this networking, our group members can now visit another lodge, chat from their sofa, and more importantly chat ‘face to face’ with old and new friends, every day of the week.

Masonic Educational meetings are also posted, encouraging and assisting brethren to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Members have recently had the opportunity to witness lectures on Masonry and the American civil war, the underground railway, Operative Masons, The Lewis, Famous Masons, The Scouting movement, Prisoner of War Lodges, famous lodges of Scotland, the list continues to grow.

The Thursday Zoom meeting and accompanying messenger chat get regular visitors from Bermuda, Bulgaria, Ghana, Cyprus, Turkey, Norway, France, Scotland, Palestine, New Zealand, Isle of Man, Dominican Republic, Canada The U.S

and Australia, and as all Masonic visitors are welcome, I hope this list will continue to expand.

Thanks to the assistance of other brethren, some in different countries, the meeting frequently continues well in to the early hours of the morning, allowing plenty of time to socialise!

Some Brethren have shown great loyalty to the group for instance, just after 9 pm every week we are ‘invaded’ by a large contingent of Scottish Masons who bring with them plenty of craic and merriment! We have brethren from Australia getting up at silly o’clock in the morning just to join us. We also get “high ranking” visitors patronise our meetings.

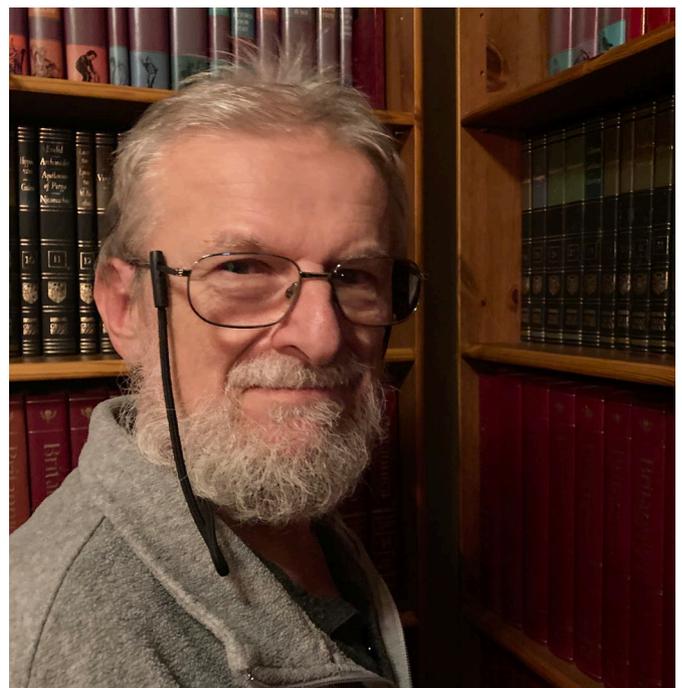
Indeed one occasion, Four Grand Masters popped in, 3 from the US and another from Canada, and I am proud to say that a Past Grand Master of Bulgaria is a regular visitor.

One of our regulars in the United States, keeps a record of Grand / Provincial and District officers who have visited us. I guess it’s the Masonic version of train-spotting!

Sadly, Lodge 488 on St Helena are having problems joining us, they are a small dot in the middle of the Atlantic and use satellites for international communication. Their bandwidth linked with both the weather conditions and time differences are an added challenge, we are ever hopeful to see them online soon. Thankfully though, they, along with the Isle of Man are Covid free, both are meeting regularly in person.

The next part of this story is down to you brethren. One thing which is a little disappointing, is that we don’t get many visitors from our own doorstep.

So “Essa Lodge No. 6278 in the Province of Cornwall would like to invite you to our weekly Thursday Drop-In.” Spend as long or as little as you want. Search for the Essa chat group on Facebook or email Brian Smith using: 6278@pglcornwall.org.uk to be added to the weekly mailing list.



Brian Smith

Secretary Essa Lodge 6278

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL CHAPLAIN, W.BRO. JAMES A. WONNACOTT



Brethren and Companions,

I hope this finds you all keeping safe and well in these most unusual and difficult times. I suspect that, like me, you are wondering where and when it will all end. And so, as we approach the Christmas season, I would like to send to each of you a message of hope and encouragement.

It cannot be denied that this is a distressing time for everyone, our lives have been severely disrupted. At best we might find ourselves inconvenienced or just plain lonely, some may fear for their financial future or that of their children and grandchildren, whilst for some the threat to their lives and the lives of those whom they love is very real. It is a time when we have to acknowledge our own frailty and that of others around us.

At this time when we cannot meet in our Lodges and Chapters as Brethren and Companions and enjoy that friendship and fellowship which is the very foundation of Freemasonry, I am sure you will join me in expressing thanks for all the work put in by the Provincial team and the staff at Provincial Office assisted by many other helpers involved in putting together this newsletter and all the other communications we receive that keep us in touch with each other.

Also, for the unstinting work put in by Lodge Almoners and Secretaries in feeding back to Province information about their Lodge members.

Many Lodges have set up virtual meetings using technology such as Zoom, some of which have even attracted virtual visitors from all over the globe (try Essa Lodge's Thursday evening Zoom for a taster!).

Whilst these meetings cannot replace the fellowship of the work of our Lodges and Chapters or the happiness of the Festive Board they clearly demonstrate the bonds of friendship between us as Freemasons.

These are bonds which are not easily broken or forgotten and, though our meetings may be temporarily suspended, we can take comfort in the knowledge that our loyalty and dedication to each other remains.

Normally, at this time of year, many of us would be looking forward to our annual Christmas Carol Service at St. Petroc's Church in Bodmin; sadly, due to the restrictions, that cannot take place this year and I know many of you, like me, will miss the delight of singing praises and hearing again that joyous Christmas story.

For much of the year our churches have been unable to open and I am sure many of you will have missed attending regular services. Another consequence of this is that churches have suffered considerable financial loss, St. Petroc's being no exception. For this reason, I have spoken to our Provincial Grand Master and he and the Provincial Grand Charity Steward have agreed a donation of £250 pounds to St. Petroc's Church, that being the amount we would expect them to receive at our Carol Service.

On a positive note, as I write this, it has been announced that places of worship will be allowed to open again as from the beginning of December and services can resume. Do not forget though Brethren if you feel unable to attend that the Great Architect is always attentive to our prayers and does not distinguish between the carefully worded prayers we offer in Church and the simple prayers we may offer from our homes.

I would remind you Brethren of what I said at our Carol Service last year: whilst Christmas is a time that many of us will enjoy the company of our loved ones, there are some for whom the days of Christmas can be long and lonely and a telephone call to a brother or widow living alone can make all the difference.

Whatever form your Christmas takes I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe, who loves and cares for each and every one of us, may give you and your loved ones His protection and comfort in these difficult times; and that your Christmas may be a joyous one.

I look forward to that day when we can meet again as Brothers and Companions.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

James

MY MASONRY IN ASIA BY W.BRO. REVD. RAYMOND J.L. WOOD

I had been waiting to join a Sussex lodge since 1954 for in those days one had to live in an area for two years to be accepted and I moved to London in 1955, and then went back to Malaysia in October 1957 as a Chartered Insurer. I had a letter of recommendation but it was 19th March 1959 before I was allowed to join. My company Chairman was Deputy District Grand Master of the Scottish Constitution and, in view of my Scottish ancestry, I joined his lodge; Lodge Tullibardine in the East No: 1118. At that time there were 12 names on the working list so we went through the 1st degree in twos, five in the 2nd degree, and in pairs in the 3rd degree. Since then I have been privileged to attend lodges working under the three premier Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland: in Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak, Thailand, England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland - and of course, the country of Cornwall!



Beaufort Lodge Consecration 1964

There are now in South-East Asia 40 English craft lodges, 21 Scottish lodges, and 3 Irish lodges; also 14 English Royal Arch Chapters, 6 Scottish and 2 Irish with the usual side degrees totalling well over 100 masonic orders. The majority meet in Singapore or Kuala Lumpur, with the remainder spread throughout 13 towns in 5 countries, in an area extending over 1,000 miles from Bangkok in Thailand to Sandakan in Borneo. If the Province of Cornwall covered a similar area, it would stretch to Gibraltar or Moscow. So visiting takes on a whole new meaning compared with Cornwall.



Raymond, Padas Rail Car 1964

In my time, the more remote plantation members had to travel large distances for regular meetings, some 200 miles; including several hours' river travel through the jungle. So it was not uncommon for an officer to be unexpectedly absent owing to sudden pressure of work, hazards of floods or storms, or of Communist terrorism and visitors were liable to be suddenly called upon to 'help out'. In 1960 after driving 150 miles to attend a lodge for an initiation I was greeted with: "Oh good. I'm glad you have come. Please be Inner Guard". When I went to Borneo in 1963, (where it was too hot to wear jackets in lodge) I joined my first English lodge. In 1964 we formed a new English lodge on a rubber plantation in the Interior; the only way to get there was by a three hour train journey. (see photo) We used to travel by the General Manager's private rail car with a case or two of beer, and arrive home in the early hours of the next day - sometimes we were almost sober!

The Scottish 3rd degree is more exciting than the English as each step is dramatically re-enacted. The candidate physically takes the place of our ancient Grand Master in his trials and tribulations. In those days there was no air-conditioning and large fans circulating in the ceiling cooled the heat of the tropical night. Before the lights are extinguished, the candidate is told "that nature prepares you by contemplation for the closing hour of your existence", so she "finally instructs you how to die"! At my third degree, just at that point a bat flew into the fan above my head and I was splattered with its blood. This did not seem entirely out of keeping with what followed!



Beaufort Lodge 1964 (Reg Lawes House)

In Scottish masonry promotion is on merit rather than years and I was Junior Deacon seven months after being raised. Two years later I acted as Director of Ceremonies for the official visit to Malaya of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland. I still have my hand-written notes for the long list of salutes etc. With Europeans being moved at short notice, vacancies in office often occurred suddenly. Four years after initiation, on the evening before the installation ceremony, I was telephoned and asked to be Junior Warden for the whole meeting, and stayed up all night learning my ritual for that office. I would have been in the chair of the Craft in 1966 if I had not moved to Borneo. As it was I had to wait 28 years later in Cornwall!

The Mark degree is not a separate order in the Scottish Constitution. It is worked in either the Craft lodge or the Royal Arch Chapter; after the third degree.

Before the Scottish Royal Arch degree is received, there is a pleasant ceremony called "Passing the Veils" in the Excellent Master's degree. An amusing event occurred in one of my last such ceremonies in Borneo in 1966. Before anyone knew that I was coming back to England to be ordained, I was reading several scripture passages in that degree. Afterwards in the bar, an ex-Indian Army Lieutenant-Colonel called out: "With a voice like that Raymond, you ought to be a ruddy parson". He got a shock when I announced that I would take his advice! But when a Roman Catholic Chinese friend asked whether I was to be "canonised" in England or Borneo, I had to tell him that the correct word was 'ordained' - for one is not canonised until at least 100 years after one's death! It is appropriate that my Freemasonry had a direct influence on my decision to offer myself for ordination.

I was Scribe Ezra in Borneo, when we had an unusual situation. Two months before the installation meeting, we had a full complement of officers including five Past Principals. A month later I was the most senior member of the Chapter as all the Principals had left the country. This was due to Europeans being replaced by local people when Malaysia was formed. If I had not been leaving four months later, I would have then gone into the First Principal's chair. So my promotion to Deputy Grand Superintendent of Cornwall in 1994 was not quite as rapid as it seemed, when I was appointed just four months after being installed as a First Principal!

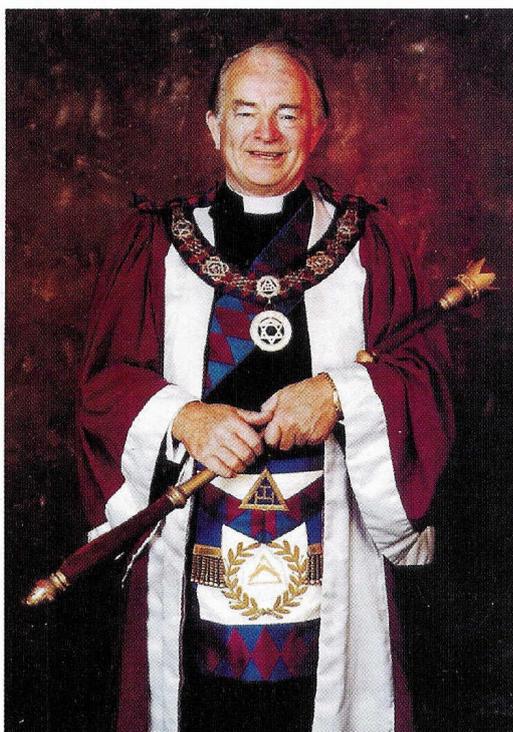
I am a life member of all my Scottish lodges in Asia, having paid the equivalent of 10 years' subscription, so I am automatically welcomed on my return to the East each year. In 1990 I was able to take three month's sabbatical leave, so I returned to Malaysia and renewed my Masonic connections. One highlight was when I was invited to be Consecrating Joshua for the new Elopura Chapter No. 7545EC, consecrated at Sandakan on 18th January 2000. This was whilst wearing my chain of office as Deputy Grand Superintendent of Cornwall and I was elected an Honorary Member

This Malaysian honour was eclipsed in October 2005. Imagine my surprise when the District Grand Master conferred on me the rank of Honorary Senior District Grand Warden, in recognition of my support of the lodge.



Also at the Chapter meeting in November the separate Grand Superintendent, without any prior warning, conferred on me the rank of Honorary District Grand Second Principal.

On 26th February 2010, whilst attending my mother lodge I was unexpectedly elected Proxy Master, in which capacity I still represent them at Grand Lodge in Edinburgh. I thought this was a truly pleasant climax to my Scottish masonic career. However, when I attended the Annual Meeting in Edinburgh on 28th November 2013, without any prior warning whatsoever, I was invested with the Honorary rank of Very Worshipful Grand Bible-Bearer



All these honours were received without having gone through any Scottish Chair. I have been unable to discover anyone else who has received Grand Rank in both Scottish and English Constitutions without having held active grand rank; though I have acted as Grand Chaplain five times in Britain and twice in Malaysia.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CORNWALL

EARLY ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN REDRUTH

You would imagine that communications in England were so poor at the end of the 18th century that it is a wonder that changes made in London ever filtered down to distant communities as “remote” as Cornwall. But Freemasonry flourished in many towns, including Redruth, where for some 40 years before his death in 1828 John Knight was the leading Masonic figure.

In fact, Knight was to correspond at considerable length with leading London masons – Thomas Dunckerley, Robert Gill and Edward Harper for example – with little more difficulty than he would have experienced today.

Weekly at 2pm each Friday the mail coach left Truro for London, where it arrived on Monday morning, and weekly it left London at mid-day on Tuesday and returned to Truro on Thursday. In 1791 Dunckerley, “the Grand Master of Royal Arch Masons”, could reply from Hampton Court on 15 July to a letter written in Cornwall three days earlier.

The letter which Dunckerley wrote on 15 July 1791 provided a Dispensation to open the Druids Chapter of Love and Reality in Redruth – at the time there was a tradition in Cornwall that the Ancient Druids had brought Freemasonry to the country.

After the Druids Chapter of Love and Liberality had been founded in 1791, Knight wrote to Dunckerley wishing to obtain “proper Royal Arch Masons Aprons”, but received the reply that “Royal Arch aprons were directed to be worn by the old Chapters, but to have been discarded for several years, & Sashes being deem’d sufficient.”

In the early 19th century new regalia was designed for Royal Arch Companions, so that John Knight could write to London in 1803: “You mentd. in your last letter that patterns of Jewells & aprons to be worn by officers and companions of the order were to be fixed on & when ready shall be glad to know what they are.” The new aprons had the indented red and blue border with which we are familiar today.

But these were minor changes compared with those imposed by Supreme Grand Chapter when it was formed in 1817, four years after the Union of the Grand lodges. For example, every Royal Arch Chapter now had to be sponsored by a regularly Warranted lodge, the number of which it assumed.

Supreme Grand Chapter then issued “Charters of Confirmation” to each Chapter which complied with this instruction, those formerly Modern and Antient alike. John Knight then summoned the Companions of his Chapter to an especial meeting “for the purpose of framing Bye-Laws, entering into Annual Subscription, Electing members for the Better Regulating & Support of the Royal Arch Chapter.”



Thomas Dunckerley

The records of how John Knight and his Companions reacted to the further changes which were made in his lifetime have not survived, and Love and Liberality Chapter itself did not long survive his death in 1828. His 35-year reign may have made it impossible to find anyone to follow him. Redruth was then without Royal Arch Masonry for nearly 40 years.

Extracted from an MQ Magazine article by John Mandleberg the then Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the premier Lodge of Masonic research drawn from “Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar at Redruth, Cornwall, 1791–1828, C J Mandleberg and L. W. Davies, QCCC Ltd.”

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN BUDE



Five poppy wreaths, one for each Masonic Order meeting in Bude, were duly laid at the War Memorial at 9am on Remembrance Sunday. It was very peaceful with only a few gulls making a noise as a reminder of the memorial's proximity to the sea. A few moments of silent reflection were observed on a day when chaos around the world and the Coronavirus pandemic seem to be on everyone's minds.

The wreaths were laid in what is now the traditional place with all five wreaths facing towards the Masonic Hall.

On this occasion all Covid-19 regulations were strictly observed. Hopefully next year we can get back to our usual gathering of over twenty members, family and friends and resume our tradition of 'tea and toast'.

While over in Spain I would, on a night out, collect a good pocket full. I was observed one evening by a young Dutch girl and she decided to help me and presented me with handfuls at the end of her holiday. Later I received jiffy bags in the post with ring pulls from the Netherlands from this lovely child. I now know that the cost of posting them was way in excess of the rings worth. Vernon sadly passed away, but by then I was well and truly hooked and couldn't stop collecting.

RING PULLS SUPPORTING DOGS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

It started with Worshipful Brother Vernon Hunkin suggesting around the year 2000 that we collect ring pulls from drink cans telling me this was the only valuable part of the can and we could then donate the rings to a charity called Dogs for the Hearing Impaired or "deaf dogs" as Vernon referred to it.



I thought it best to limit the collection to one million rings and then counted out one hundred and weighed them with great accuracy at my old works, Westward Instruments. By multiplying that figure up I worked out that a million would fill a large dustbin. By this time I had roped in many collectors both Masonic and not. Lodges, with my own in Liskeard and also Perranporth, Redruth, Callington, Saltash all passed over carrier bags full with individual collectors W Bro's Angus, Brian, Jim, Dick, family and many others. At the time I was heavily into scuba diving in Spain and the students of the scuba school called Kenna Eco Diving also collected for me. Pubs out there saved rings for me.

About five years ago I decided to investigate for myself, ring pulls for charity and to my horror found that it was an internet scam or wind up. Nobody wanted the rings and in fact the cans were worth many times the value of the rings! I felt that it was too late and we couldn't stop now. I decided to push on and go for the million. A few weeks ago, talking to Sean my builder friend and having reached the million, he suggested we take them to Henry Flashman a local scrap dealer. Sean was donating some scrap that he had and this made me think of scrap I had tucked away; old copper, kitchen fittings, and lead, this was all added to the heap. As a scuba diver in Spain we had carried out Eco or Clean up dives collecting plastic, fishing line, hooks and weights. I had kept the weights and thus added them to the pile. With W Bro Sean Moyse van and trailer now loaded Henry gave me a very fair price for what I thought of as rubbish with the lead giving the best return.

In memory of Vernon I am pleased to donate £250 and even happier to give up collecting worthless ring pulls!

I had the pleasure of meeting Anne and David Hare from Hearing Dogs to make the donation in the lodge at St Austell, W Bro Richard Eslick having opened up for us, Mrs Rosemary Hunkin making the presentation and W Bro Eddie Taylor taking the photos. I am most grateful to you all.

W Bro Mart Winchester. [Pre covid]



NOTHING MORE REMARKABLE...



When Bro. Nicoll and Bro Milliken first Joined Freemasonry, they were given a tour of the St. Agnes Temple. It was explained that many Temples are adorned with great pillars. Upon subsequent visits to other lodges, both Brothers looked on in awe at the various 'flavours' of pillar on display. At this early date they were both Entered Apprentices, and as a result, could not have too much detail of the second degree tracing board explained.

It was clear that they wanted to step up and make a difference, to fill the place that has always been set for pillars absent in the St. Agnes Temple. This is Bro. Nicolls story:

"I was initiated into Freemasonry along with Bro. Milliken mid-2018. We are work mates and had been interviewed together on the same night, so were experiencing Freemasonry and all it had to offer in tandem. After we had both completed our First Degree ceremonies we were told by our new brothers to "get out and visit" which we did with pride in our new black suits and briefcases, (all the gear, no idea comes to mind!). As we experienced ritual in all its different our lodge ways it dawned on us that a few of the lodges we visited had these thumping great pillars standing proud in the West. They intrigued us enough to start asking brethren in our mother lodge, why don't we have any and more importantly, we need to get some. Through discussions at the festive boards and at the bar we discovered that they would be far too expensive to buy, and that brothers had now and again tried in the past to acquire a set to adorn the temple with no joy.

Saying it can't be done to a couple of keen Matlows is like a red rag to a bull, myself and Bro. Milliken (Milky) then decided that we would be the ones that make this happen, and more importantly we were going to do it at minimal cost to anyone or the Lodge. So the next question was, how?

Over the next few weeks we trawled the internet looking for two pillars, we looked at garden centres, ebay, face book, wish, etsy, Amazon, you name it, we looked trying to find something that would work. Eventually we found on Ebay someone in Manchester selling two UPVC pillars that had been dumped in the back yard for years and for a bargain price. Milky organised delivery to my house and we waited in anticipation for them to arrive.

The day they arrived we jumped into the back of the lorry and picked the first one up, why is it so heavy I remember Milky commenting, they were both full of ready-mix concrete and had been painted white with emulsion that had now flaked, peeled and was almost yellow in colour. We didn't realise at the time but these were to become a real love hate relationship between us and the two solid lumps of concrete and plastic that lay on my garage floor. Every day for two solid weeks we spent smashing at concrete to try and break it up and remove it, and sanding down all the old paint to return them to a clean plastic finish ready for stage two. It was the never ending task that seemed to just go on forever.



In the mean time we researched the two pillars at the entrance or porch way to King Solomon's Temple. Not only did we want to make them, we wanted them as correct as physically possible with regard to colour, pomegranates, lily work and globes both terrestrial and celestial. Using the tracing board as our Haynes manual it allowed the new Fellowcraft a reference to physically see whilst receiving the lecture, in turn this should make it a much more interactive experience. We managed to bribe a carpenter with a packet of Ginger Nuts and a jar of Lidl finest coffee to help with the wooden bases that would support the whole structure and what a fantastic job he did for us. They are made so you can dismantle them in less than a minute this will help in years to come if they ever require renovating. We added two rows of screw caps around the top to signify the pomegranates and added plastic wedding lily for the lily work and a few coats of plastic paint. Then on top we attached the two Globes to finish off the project. The total cost was around the £400 mark and we raised the money by placing a "Pillar Fund" pot by the bar, with the generous donations from all Trevaunance brethren and visitors alike we soon managed to pay Milky's Visa card back.

We placed the pillars in the Lodge the day of our regular meeting, and they looked great, like they had always been a part of the room. Milky and I stood back with a real sense of pride and achievement, we had managed the impossible, the too expensive, and the thing we had been told could not be done. There was a real sense of excitement in the Lodge that night as only a few senior members had seen them up until this night and that was just build photographs. We had asked brethren to bring in items for a time capsule that was then placed inside one of the pillars. We had a guest speaker, W. Bro. John Penpraze and gave us a lecture on the history and myths of the two great pillars at King Solomon's Temple.

Such a fantastic ceremony that night, and one I will not forget. I still walk in the Lodge and take a look at our two great pillars that now adorn the entrance to Trevaunance with a sense of "don't tell a sailor it can't be done" or possibly do, if you too want some pillars in your lodge!

Bro Steve Nicoll - Junior Deacon
Trevaunance Lodge No.4668"

In these pillars, two junior Brethren have gone above and beyond and created something special for us all. Their dedication to The Craft, at such an early stage is commendable. To me personally, Bro Milliken signifies in Strength and Bro Nichol Stability. I am supremely confident that with worthy men like this joining our distinguished number, that our precious Craft will go on and stand firm forever.

W. Bro Steve Whatley
Past Master

Trevaunance Lodge No. 4668



CORNWALL 2024 FESTIVAL NEWS

#FEST2024

With the roll out of a vaccine there is now hope for a more normal return to meetings, hopefully in the not too distant future. However, personally I'm not anticipating a return to normal business, our 2024 Festival has of course lost some ground however some of the inspiring ways that Lodges and individuals have embraced supporting the festival never ceases to be a source of encouragement. I know our return will need to be with renewed vigour in supporting you all in achieving our charitable aims.

Since the last Newsletter two further draws of the 1 to 2024 Club have taken place. The results are shown below and the winners will be contacted very soon!

1st Prize £75 – Len Lavender (Carlyon Lodge No. 3324)

2nd Prize £50 – Tregullow Lodge No. 1006

3rd Prize £25 – Cotehele Lodge No. 2166

1st Prize £75 – St. Annes Lodge No.970

2nd Prize £50 – Geoff Bowyer (St. Annes Lodge No. 970)

3rd Prize £25 – Agricultural Lodge No. 9342

The 1 to 2024 Club has been a brilliant success with over £2,000 being raised this year. Mike Barnes (Draw Co-Ordinator) will be writing to all participants shortly in regards to continuing with membership for next year and if any Member or Lodge wishes to partake or increase their membership please get in touch by downloading an application form from the Provincial website.

If you do wish to renew your membership or indeed join the 1 to 2024 club, please do email Mike Barnes or myself at fest2024@pglcornwall.org.uk

As mentioned in previous editions if you do wish to make a single donation or set up a regular payment plan to qualify as a Festival Steward please visit:

<https://mcf.org.uk/donate/?festivalId=1263>

For any information on how you can support the 2024 Festival, the 1 to 2024 club or the MCF in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch my emailing me at:

fest2024@pglcornwall.org.uk

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Lodges, Members and their Families for their continued support for the 2024 Festival, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

David Trevains – 2024 Festival Director



CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM



Brethren and Companions,

W.Bro. Peter Reeve, Charity Steward of Granville Lodge No. 3405, will be taking part in this years annual Christmas Day Swim at Crooklets Beach, Bude. If the main event is cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions or if the sea conditions are too dangerous the swim will take place in Bude Sea Pool. The general rule is: NO WET SUITS ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN FOR THIS EVENT.

Should you wish to sponsor this madness by a rapidly ageing mason all donations will be thankfully received. All proceeds will go to the 2024 Festival in aid of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The annual Lodge Summer Tea Party had to be cancelled so charity donations to freemasonry in general and the Festival in particular have suffered.

How to make a donation :

- a) Email Peter on reevepeter@btinternet.com and pledge an amount. The necessary approved forms for Event Sponsorship and Gift Aid will be completed.
- b) Payment by cheque. Make your cheque payable to 'Granville Lodge 3405 Charity' and send it to 4 Upton Meadows, Lynstone, Bude. EX23 0RB.
- c) Payment by BACs. If you prefer this method please email and I will send you the bank details. Use the word SWIM and surname as the reference.

Good Luck Peter!

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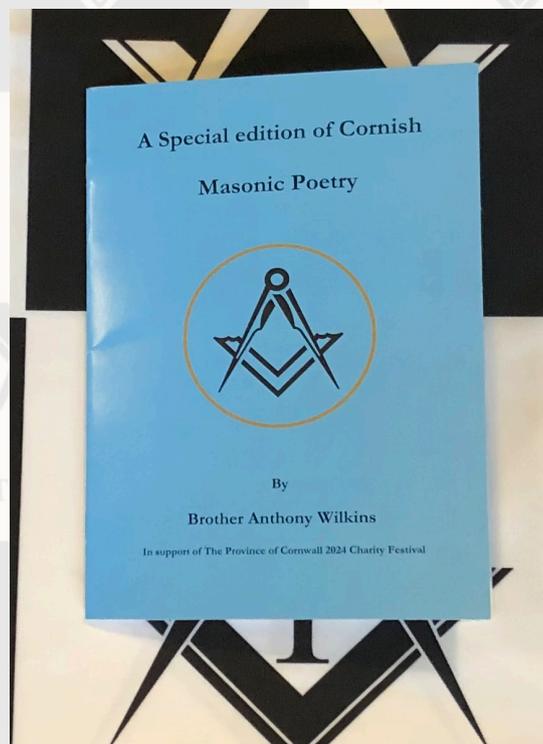
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IN AID OF THE PROVINCE OF CORNWALL 2024 FESTIVAL

Brethren, I am having produced 200, limited edition, small booklets of my poetry. Within, there are 15 chosen poems, for your enjoyment; and I am asking for a minimum donation of £10 for each booklet and implore you to offer £15 for a personalised, signed copy to try and add to the 2024 festival after such a strange year Masonically.



If you would like to buy one please email me your order to my new poetry email: antsmasonic@btinternet.com letting me know how much you would like to donate and details of any personal message you would like, I might knock up a quick rhyme. In turn I shall send payment details and a request for your address for postage.

Remember there are only 200 available.....

DUNHEVED'S ANNUAL HEDGE CUTTING



On December 13th, the weather was cold and wet, but this did not put off the members of Dunheved Lodge as they rallied together to perform “The Annual Hedge Cutting Ceremony”

Split in to two shifts and at all times social distancing to comply with COVID-19 Tier 1 measures, Brethren of Dunheved Lodge armed with racks, shovels, wheelbarrows and a tractor with hedge trimmer attachment set out to conduct the annual event which has brought our brethren together over the years.

Sadly, due to COVID once the work was complete and the park car was looking its best, brethren could not take part in the tradition of the Worshipful Master buying everyone a round in the refectory bar.

However, rest assured all present received an I O U via email from the Worshipful Master for when we are properly able to meet within the temple and its refectory!

The Worshipful Master and all the Brethren of Dunheved Lodge No.789 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



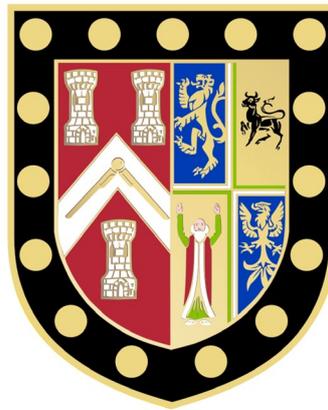
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