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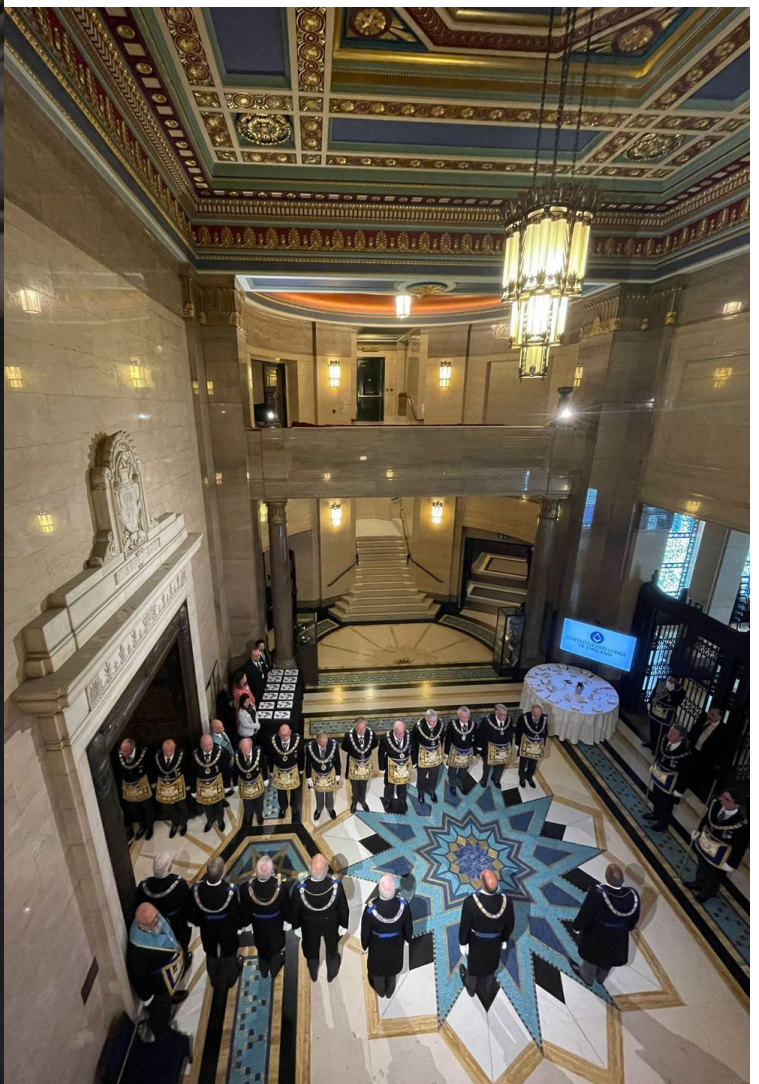


70 *Glorious
Years*

On the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee, we send our most heartfelt congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen.



The MW The Grand Master has appointed RW Bro Sir David Wootton, Assistant Grand Master, to be Deputy Grand Master and RW Bro David Medlock, Provincial Grand Master for Somerset to succeed him as Assistant Grand Master with effect from the September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, when they will be installed.



Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons



RW Bro John Lockley
Provincial Grand Master

V W Bro David J Thomas PGSwdB
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Dear Brother,

By Command of the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro John Lockley, a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire will be held at The County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD on Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 4-30pm. All Officers are required to be seated by 4-00pm.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Dr Matthew Gibbons **PAGDC** Provincial Grand Secretary

All Masters and Wardens are to wear the aprons, collars and jewels of those Lodge Offices. Past Masters to wear the apron, collar and jewel of that rank. Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers to wear Full-Masonic Dress. **Grand Officers to wear tailcoats.** Gloves should be worn. Dark morning dress or uniform with Royal Arch and Festival Jewels to be worn.

AGENDA

1. To Open Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. To welcome the Distinguished Guests.
3. To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Burton-upon-Trent on Tuesday 20th July, 2021.
4. Apologies for absence will be submitted.
5. The roll of Private Lodges in the Province will be called, and attendances recorded. (Brethren are requested to answer for one Lodge only).
6. To receive the Report of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes, and Obituaries.
7. To receive the Registrar's Report for approval and adoption.
8. To receive the Information Officer's Report.
9. To receive the Accounts of Provincial Grand Lodge.
- 10(a). To elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. (Only one nomination W Bro A J Yearsley John O' Gaunt Lodge No. 4054).
- 10(b). To appoint an Auditor.
11. To determine the Annual Subscription for Provincial Grand Lodge, payable from 1st January 2023.
12. To amend the Provincial Grand Lodge By-Laws.
13. To elect four members of Provincial Grand Lodge to act on the Provincial Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year (By Law 13)
W Bro J F Roberts ProvGDC, PPrSGW of Streetly Lodge No. 7448
W Bro A J Mapperson PPrJGW of Etruscan Lodge No. 546
W Bro R G Ritchey ProvSGW of Sutherland Lodge No. 451
W Bro T M Somra ProvJGW of the Lodge of St Matthew No. 539
14. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will re-appoint W Bro P M Molley ProvGSuptWks of North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge No. 8355, W Bro R K Adams PPrJGW of Trent Lodge No. 4269, and W Bro C D Priestley PPrJGW of Andresey Lodge No. 6408 to serve on the same Committee.
15. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will re-appoint W Bro Andrew D Tomblin of Josiah Wedgwood Lodge No. 2214 and W Bro Richard G Parrott of St Augustine's Lodge No. 1941 to represent the Province on the Masonic Charitable Foundation.
16. To receive and adopt the Reports of the Secretary of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, the Provincial Grand Almoner, and the Provincial Grand Charity Steward.
- 17(a). To re-appoint, VW Bro David J Thomas **PGSwdB** as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
- 17(b). To re-appoint, W Bro Michele Santopietro **PSGD** and W Bro John Derry **PJGD** as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.
- 17(c). To re-appoint and appoint Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers and to appoint and promote Brethren within Provincial Grand Lodge.
- 18(a). The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to introduce and present the Travelling Gavel.
- 18(b). The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master to present Golden Alms Purses.
19. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will address Provincial Grand Lodge.
20. A hymn will be sung during which a collection for the 2024 Festival (Gift Aided) will be taken.
21. To close Provincial Grand Lodge after which the first verse of the National Anthem will be sung.

Advice for the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting

Brethren, you may have already received the Summons for the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, to be held at the Stafford Showground on Tuesday 21st June 2022, commencing at 4.30pm.

This meeting is open to all brethren who are Master Masons and above and it is hoped that ALL Lodges within the Province of Staffordshire are represented.

If you are attending the meeting, there are a number of important briefing matters that you should be aware of, as follows:

- There will not be a separate briefing for Appointed and Promoted Officers, as in previous years.
- Please arrive at the Venue in good time to be seated by 4.00pm prompt.
- Worshipful Masters and Lodge Wardens should wear their Lodge Collars of Office.
- Newly Appointed Active Provincial Officers are to collect their respective Collar Jewels, on arrival, in the Reception Foyer from the Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, therefore please arrive in good time to receive them and attach it to your Collar before the commencement of the Meeting.
- Newly Appointed and Promoted Officers will have a designated seat in the Temple, therefore please arrive in good time to locate it.
- There will be a briefing from the Stage by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies at 4.15pm.
- When the Appointment & Investiture of Officers item of the Agenda takes place, if you are the recipient of an Active Provincial Office OR a First Appointment to a Past Provincial Rank, you are required to REMOVE your Collar before being presented to the RWPGM for Investiture.
- If you are being Promoted to a Past Provincial Rank, you are required to wear your collar when being presented to the RWPGM, who will congratulate you and shake your hand.
- The Breast Jewels to be worn, Royal Arch Jewels, 2024 Festival Jewels (if appropriate) OR Tercentenary Jewel are to be worn. No other Breast Jewels are to be worn i.e. Founder's Jewels, Past Master's Jewels or Jewels of other Masonic Orders.
- At the close of the PGL Meeting, Active Provincial Officers are to return to the Temple for a Provincial Photograph to be taken.
- Please be reminded that all Mobile Phones should at least be in 'Silent' mode, however, preferably SWITCHED OFF.

I hope this advice is helpful to all brethren who are attending and I hope you all have an enjoyable meeting.

ProvGDC W. Bro. Jeremy F. Roberts PProvSGW



Universities Lodge of Staffordshire Lodge No. 9907

On May 25th the Lodge were honoured to be able to attend at the Keele and Harper Adams Vet school to present the prize ULS has given to be awarded to the top first year student in the School.

The prize was presented to the lady winner by Head of Staffordshire Freemasonry John Lockley who was accompanied by members of ULS.

The prize has been made possible by a grant from the Association of Medical Legal and Universities Lodges (AMULL) and has been welcomed most warmly by the vet school.

In addition Staffordshire Province has instituted a prize for the School for the best second year student and Shropshire Freemasons a prize for a module of the vet course specific to the Harper Adams campus

This is a most rewarding and inclusive way for Freemasons to reach out to reward the talents and abilities so evident in our younger generations and we look forward to building upon all this in coming years



Derby Royal Hospital Plaque unveiling

In recognition of the support given by Freemasons to Derby Royal Hospital this beautiful plaque was unveiled yesterday by Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire Ian Copestake accompanied by Michael Hitchcock and Steve Frixou, together with the head of Staffordshire Freemasons, Provincial Grand Master John Lockley accompanied by David Thomas, Ralph Howarth, John Skellern and Tony Coates.



Menturia Classic Vehicles Lodge No 418

On Sunday 3rd July 2022

Drive Out into Derbyshire

An Open Invitation to All

Come and join The Menturia Classic Vehicles Lodge for a drive out into beautiful Derbyshire to The Duke of York Pub at Pomeroy for light refreshments and/or lunch.



A suggested route map will be provided or make your own route.

A classic car is not essential so anyone who fancies a pleasant Sunday out in good company is very welcome in their daily car or even on a bicycle !

Partners, Friends and non-Masons equally welcome

DEPARTING:

Arrive at Asda 10.15 am to depart en masse at 10.30 am

From ASDA Wolstanton car park please go to the far end furthest from the store

Wolstanton Retail Park A500

Off Queensway

Newcastle under Lyme

ST5 0AP

ARRIVING at:

12.30 midday approximately

The Duke of York Pub (& Campsite)

Ashbourne (A515)

Pomeroy (near Flagg)

Derbyshire

SK17 9QG



If you would like to book lunch, then please book directly with
Duke of York on 01298 83345

Website: www.thedukeofyorkpomeroy.co.uk

Staffordshire Masonic Choir

The Choir has been active for around twenty-five years and now that the threat from Covid is significantly reduced we would like to have more members.

We are just a collection of masons who enjoy singing. Not all of us can read music very well but we can learn. So we meet on the second Saturday of the month at the Masonic Hall in Gaol Square in Stafford for a cup of tea, a biscuit or two, and an hour of singing.

Our musical Director is the Provincial Organist, Dudley Ray and he is talented, tolerant and has a great sense of humour.

The Choir will sing in support of almost any Masonic function in Staffordshire if we can. We have sung at the Provincial Cathedral Services, at Lodge and Chapter Consecrations, at the Knights' Templar Church service, at several Carol Services and at Concerts.

If you think you might enjoy it, drop an email to David Leigh or contact PGL office so that we know to expect you and to keep the door open for you.

David can also suggest where you can park.

Like all Freemasonry it is 'free' but there is a subscription of £25 a year which pays for the music and makes a contribution towards the conductor's costs.

We would love to welcome you to the choir.



Light Blues host open day

What a fantastic open day at the Compass Suits in Aldridge, even the PGM stopped by to say hi. Thank you to the Provincial Brethren that came to help and the Widows Sons for dropping by and not forgetting Mrs Bailey for the cup cakes. Full book of potential candidates for our Province to sort out.

Thank you all from the LB's Team.



Phoenix Lodge No. 9139 Installation Tuesday 17th May 2022

On Tuesday 17th May 2022, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro Michele Santopietro attended Phoenix Lodge No: 9319 who meet at Wretham Road, Handsworth as presiding officer. He was accompanied by Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.



Bro John Derry, three Grand Officers, the Provincial Junior Grand Warden W. Bro. Tariq Somra, three other acting Provincial officers and nine visitors.

This was the occasion of their Installation meeting and the Lodge, which is already low in numbers, was faced with a variety of unforeseen circumstances which meant that only three current members of the Lodge were present when the lodge was due to be opened. Some of the visitors were invited to occupy various vacant offices so that the lodge could be quorate and be opened in due form. The numbers were further boosted by the first item on the agenda, that being the ballot which proved in favour of W. Bro John William Davis P.Prov.G.Supt.Wks as a re-joining member.

W. Bro. Kenneth Leonard Downes P.Prov.G.Reg, P.Prov.J.G.W (Warks) was installed as Worshipful Master of

the Lodge for the second time, having previously been WM in 2004, in an excellent ceremony by his good friend W. Bro. Nigel Bridges P.Prov. J.G.W. (Warks).

Present to witness this excellent ceremony was W. Bro. Giuseppe D'Anna Pr. J. G. W. the Worshipful Master of Concordia Lodge No: 5131, who will be in attendance on Tuesday 28th June 2022 with other members of his Lodge, when Phoenix Lodge will be performing the raising of Bro. Simbarashe Taderera on behalf of Concordia Lodge.

This meeting will be of special interest to bretheren who find attending a lodge in the winter months difficult owing to driving during dark nights and those who wish to continue their Masonic activities during the summer months.

Please contact Phoenix's Secretary W. Bro J.C. Cairns for a summons and be assured of a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening.





ARE YOU CONSIDERING SHELTERED HOUSING?

WILSON KEYS COURT is a Masonic built and run Scheme situated in Deanery Close, Rugeley only a few yards from Rugeley town centre.

This attractive building, set in mature landscaped gardens, provides 34 one-bedroom flats for applicants over the age of 60, who want to live independently with some support. Applicants over 55 and registered disabled would be considered if our scheme would enable continued independence. Flats have alarm pull cords, providing assistance in an emergency, which are linked to the on-site Manager Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm and connected to an emergency control centre out of hours. Giving residents and families peace of mind.

Our indoor and outdoor social spaces provide opportunities for varied social activities.

For further information please contact:
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