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Thursday 9am Pelham Street, Newark



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Reflections

by the editor

In my very first issue as editor of Password, in Spring 2009, I commented on the work of my previous two successors, the late W Bros Stan Denner and Raymond Spurr. Both of them put some fine work into the magazine and helped to create, without doubt, a well established read within the Province. They too had followed in the footsteps of their predecessors.

But it was not just they who helped to steer its progress. On the production side W Bro John Clarke produced the finished product in his own home before we went full tilt into the world of colour, funded by the generosity of our advertisers. Michael Harbron's articles on the Victoria Cross told readers of these acts of extreme bravery and W Bro Stan Denner as well as editing kept us well up to date with his visits into Turkish history, a subject on which he had written a thesis including the fact that the founder of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Karmel Atterturk was a Freemason.

Many other contributions came from brethren who have, along the years, helped to make the magazine a more interesting read including, not too far back, an interesting piece from the late W Bro Ron Dury who wrote a graphic account of his childhood experiences being "bombed out" in London during World War Two and how bombed sites became their playgrounds.

The current series on Freemasonry around the world gives an insight into how other countries developed the Craft, much of it originating from British troops operating in what was, at that time, our developing British Empire. In this issue we look at Freemasonry in Portugal and in particular a strange building with what is reputedly an initiation tower.

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, W Bro Paul Simpson, keeps Password up to date with reports on their various money raising functions and at the same time advance notice of forthcoming events to encourage more brethren to take part in their activities.

The renovations and improvements to our Masonic Hall mean that we will have a new and more welcoming atmosphere to the building and practical alterations increase the possibility of greater use of the facilities available to Freemasons and their families.

Password is now an integral part of Freemasonry in Newark and welcomes stories about members, their families and their activities, all of which help to bring the Newark Masonic Family together by sharing experiences.



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The chairman writes . . .

Brethren

This long hot summer has seen the end of five months building works ready for the new masonic season. The two phases have not been without problems, not least of which was the discovery of asbestos which held up some works and had to be professionally disposed of.

Phase One was the new extension to the dining room which provides storage for the chairs/tables plus the flexibility to convert to a stage area for functions without the entertainment taking up space in the dining room or having to set up after dining.

At the same time a new disability ramp was installed which will also provide easy access for entertainers and their equipment.

Above the extension is the essential installation of a fire escape from the Temple.

Phase Two was the conversion of the old beer storage to a new gent's toilet off the bar room and gentlemen will not now have to use the toilet on the 1st floor when ladies are present. There is also a new disabled ramp to the side door. Certain signage and accessories have yet to be completed.

Having now complied with Fire/Health and Safety regulations, Phase Three has been deferred with the focus now on decoration and further works to the existing bar room are planned for the closed season of 2023.

The first to take advantage of the new extension and dining room was a small christening event that highlighted what has been and can be achieved. (Please see photograph on page 11) The new ramp to the side of the building was used by guests with prams and pushchairs.

The first large social event to utilise the extension and new look dining room will be the St. John's Lodge Ladies' evening on the 12th November which will be the first such event since lockdown. (Please see page 15).

However, it is anticipated that there will be a large gathering and dining of masons on the 13th October to celebrate the 50 years within masonry of W. Bro. Terry Ward (PGJD) of Corinthian Lodge.

Unfortunately, we are entering into a period of uncertainty with regards to energy prices and services which the board are looking to address. Each Lodge has received a document outlining some proposals in 'change of practices' of both Lodges and the Hall which could ultimately offset future rent increases and it is hoped that this document receives due consideration.

Brethren are reminded that the Hall and its facilities are available for private hire to those with a masonic connection and can be booked through the secretary Fraser Macintyre. The Hall calendar will shortly be available to all secretaries via Dropbox and can currently be viewed on our website.

Letters

A BIG THANK YOU

My husband, who was a Freemason died some years ago but I am most grateful for the attention his Lodge has given me, not only during that very trying period following his passing but also at intervals throughout the year when I believe it is the Lodge Almoner who contacts me to see how I am getting on and do I need any help. At Christmas there is always a little gift to show we have not been forgotten. We did not have children to look after us in our latter years and I don't know of many other organisations who care for their widows as well as Newark Freemasons do and it is really appreciated to know that there is someone there should we need them. I know that how I have been treated would make my late husband proud.

Mrs CT, Newark

THE LIONESSES

At the end of July I was glued to the television watching the England women's team

make their way to Wembley and then the thrilling game to finish up as European champions. You may wonder what this has to do with Freemasonry and I confess very little except that, like Freemasonry, they adapted a sisterhood among their squad and they played with an enthusiasm that was catching. I have to compare their game with the men's I watch on Match of the Day where players seem to be taught to fall over, writhing on the ground in agony, bad language if you are a lip reader and a crowd where many seem to go there to behave like louts.

Not so the women or their crowd. If they were knocked over unless they were really hurt they just got up and got on with it. Likewise there were no catcalls from the crowd. That was how football should be played. Again, what has this to do with Freemasonry? The answer is nothing really but I needed to tell someone how I felt and a letter to Password was simply because it seemed a good idea and it seemed to me

that their belief in their sport is not too far away from the standards we uphold. Hope you use it!

Stephen !!! name and address provided.

A HOBBY

The editors reflections in the last issue quoted the Grand Director of Ceremonies describing Freemasonry as a hobby. To me it is more than a hobby and since my wife passed on it has become a "life saver" for me. I look on things like stamp collecting as a hobby. Freemasonry is, in essence, a way of life and encompasses much more than just a hobby.

Realist, details provided.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The editor welcomes your letters

Although most letter writers do not wish to be identified all letters must be accompanied by a full name and address and a contact telephone number although this will not be used if you do not wish so. Be assured that all pseudonyms relate to real people

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An interesting philosophy

I have always believed that exercise is good for you and this Password has two advertisements extolling its virtue.

On the other hand I had a reluctant exerciser friend who, having researched and rejected all other “anonymous” organisations, considered forming, what in the event never got of the ground, “Athletics Anonymous”. His idea was a very simple and straightforward philosophy, basically to suggest that, in accordance with his own reluctance to exercise, if anyone felt energetic and considered exercise they would telephone the Athletics Anonymous helpline where the person they spoke to would either try and persuade them not to exercise or in extreme cases to arrange for someone to visit them and drink with them until the feeling went off.

So I am now off to watch a half marathon, photograph anguished faces, and perhaps have a little drink with them to explain the philosophy of “Athletics Anonymous” to help them realise that maybe such exercise may not be as good for them as they are led to believe!!

Apprentice Quiz

1. On what purest principles is Freemasonry founded?
2. An apprentice is free and what else?
3. What is his mature full age?
4. How does an entered apprentice enter the lodge?
5. During the ceremony what is the predominant wish of a Freemason's heart?
6. What was an apprentice taught at his initiation?
7. Newly admitted and where placed?
8. What is the first working tool?
9. By what authority does the lodge act?
10. What dictates is an apprentice to indelibly imprint on his heart?

Answers on page 31

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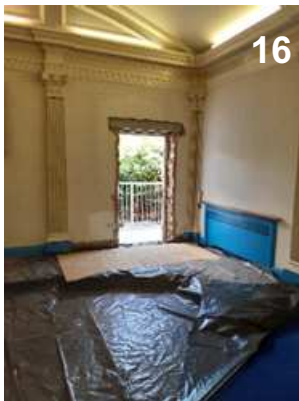
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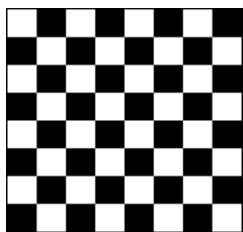


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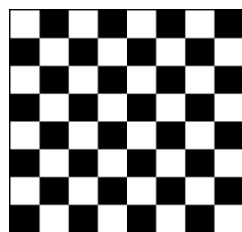


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1. Plasterboarding of extension
2. Dining room decorated
3. Dining room/extension decorated
4. Dining room in use
5. Dining room/extension in use
6. Temple fire escape inserted
7. Fire escape completed
8. Disabled ramp constructed
9. Ramp completed - new roof on old beer store installed
10. Old beer store roof insulated
11. Roof ready for new felting
12. Old beer store with new floor
13. Old beer store insulated
14. Side door with level flooring to bar room.
- 15-17. Fire escape door from Temple



One step beyond



Saturday 17th September 2022 - 10am to 3pm

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One place to demonstrate what else may be available to you at our

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Learn a little about each order, including its history, qualifications, subs, meeting dates and chat with a senior officer who will be wearing the regalia of the order he is representing - should be quite a pageant of Freemasonry!

Newark
Vernon
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Chapter

Whether you are a new Mason just starting your journey, a veteran looking for something new or simply just curious, we hope you can join us on the day.

Alexander
Chapter

Wives, partners, friends and family are all welcome! **No obligation to buy!**

The hall is also open to the public as part of the nationally advertised "Heritage Open Days" initiative which includes a tour of the museum and temple and there will be a Craft display for any interested non-Masons and visiting public.

Fleming
Lodge of
Mark
Masons

Magnus
Chapter
Rose Croix

This is a great opportunity for Newark Freemasonry and we will welcome your support.

****Please contact Paul Simpson if you would like to get involved - paulsimpson@outlook.com or 07538 958750.*

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Miscellany

Foundation stone

In the last issue of Password there was facsimile of the Foundation stone laid at the new extension at the rear of the building. Unfortunately the spelling of W Bro Bert Emerson's name was incorrect. The actual stone is pictured below with, of course, the correct spelling..



Mental health support

Freemasons did their bit for Mental Health Awareness Week earlier in the year by raising more than £1.9m to donate to charities supporting mental health.

Freemasons have so far made over 100 donations, helping more than 1.4 million people experiencing mental health issues.

To help communities achieve a better state of mental health, the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), and the Masonic Charitable Foundation, are supporting various institutions, schools and universities.

According to the NHS's Young Minds Survey 2020, one in six young people have a probable mental disorder, while 83% of young people said the pandemic had made their mental health worse.

Among the institutions receiving support is Young Minds. Freemasons are donating £260,000 to help the charity support more than 1.4 million young people.

The donation will enable the charity to proactively recruit more young Black and

disabled people, to diversify Young Minds' pool of bloggers and expand the experiences and voices on the website. The idea is to create more content on racism and mental health, as well as for those living with bipolar disorder.

Freemasons have also donated more than £250,000 to Mind. The donation funds the costs of an established peer-mentoring scheme in 18 schools, providing recruitment, training and support to mentors and young people with mental health concerns, through one-to-one talking and listening sessions. The donation also supports the production of two annual conferences on children and young people's mental health.

Retirement

This September marks the retirement of Peter Lowndes as Pro Grand Master, a post he has held since 2009. Born in 1948 he was initiated in the Old Etonian Lodge in April 1972 and rose through the Grand Lodge ranks, first as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1983, Grand Steward in 1991, then Director of Ceremonies in 2003 before becoming Deputy Grand Master in 2004.



During his interview in the Summer edition of *Freemasonry Today* it was stated that he is disappointed, that, when completing the Grand Lodge ceremony he hasn't got at least one laugh from his audience. He said "Obviously, it's not my job to be a stand-up comic, but I do think we are there to enjoy ourselves" He says "If somebody gets things wrong, it's not the end of the world".

When asked what he would do in his re-

Miscellany

tirement he said he had no particular plans other than "irritating my wife at home".

During his years as Pro Grand Master and before that, Most Worshipful Brother Peter Geoffrey Lowndes has served the Craft exceedingly well and on Behalf of Newark Freemasons we wish him well in his retirement.

He is succeeded by the current Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Jonathan Spence, who will be installed in September.

Grand Master Concert

HRH The Duke of Kent, KG was Installed as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England on 27th June 1967 at the Royal Albert Hall, during the special 250th Anniversary Meeting of Grand Lodge held on that day.

Brethren under the United Grand Lodge of England, together with their wives, partners, family and friends, are invited to a celebration of His Royal Highness's 55 years as our Grand Master at a concert in the Grand Temple on the evening of Tuesday, 18th October. The invitation is also being extended on a similar basis to members of other organisations of which His Royal Highness is President or Patron.

The concert will feature a wide selection of musicians ranging from those still at one of the Music Conservatoires, (including Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, of which His Royal Highness is Patron); those establishing themselves in the early years of their careers as performers and those at the peak of their careers, such as Rick Wakeman and Christopher Stokes, the Grand Organist.

The concert will feature music by Coates, Fauré, Debussy and Mendelssohn (His Royal Highness is Patron of the UK Friends of the Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Foundation) amongst others. The second half will consist of a performance of Saint Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals", featuring specially written verses linked to each featured animal being read by senior Freemasons well-known to us all.

Fourteen

Starting at 19:00, the concert is expected to be over by 21:15, although the bar/café area will be open until 22:00 for those that wish to stay. Brethren will note that the concert will not be a Masonic meeting and formal dress is not required, but in the presence of the Grand Master those attending will wish to be smartly dressed.

An exhibition of material associated with the celebration will be shown in the Library and Museum and will be open later than normal, until the start of the concert.

The concert will be free to attend and this piece is purely for interest as the tickets for admission were sold out within hours of them being released!

Widowers Group

A group has been formed for all widowers within the Nottinghamshire Province. The aim is to provide mutual support and assistance, if required, to all those brethren who have lost their wives/partners. Many members have found that it helps to be able to socialise with and talk to others who have similar experiences.

Initially the group will be meeting once a month for lunch and have discussed visiting Lodges as a group.

If any one would like further information, please contact W. Bro. Gordon Cowieson via the Provincial office.

Visiting brethren

As one grows older thoughts begin to stray on what is going to happen in the future. This sprang to mind when recently I visiting a good friend who, at a ripe old age of mid nineties has, due to his health, had to resort to being cared for at a care home. He was used to people visiting him at his home and taking part in neighbourly activities such as coffee morning etc.

Now in his new home those local social events have gone by the board and he relies on his friends to come to him and talk about things they have in common. The late Stan Denner once wrote in Password that there are many older Freemasons who either live on their own or in a care home who would all, no doubt, like one of their brethren to visit them from time to time to not lose touch. Food for thought.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE

Ladies Evening

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Come Dine With Us

Barbecue



Did you know..... July 23rd was the day upon which Boy Band "One Direction" was formed (2010). What a day that was.....

More importantly, however, it was also the date of our most recent "Come Dine With Us" event, this time a family BBQ held in Weston.

Glyn Francis, Secretary of the Way & Means Committee, hosted a fabulous afternoon with much assistance from his wife Vicki and daughters Evie & Eloise who all worked tirelessly during the day looking after 54 guests!

Of all the things to worry about in anticipation of an event, the temperature actually being too hot would not normally feature in the Top Ten, but the 40 degrees of the previous week abated and perfect British BBQ weather ensued.

Co Chef, neighbour and Brother Colin Laughton showed us all how BBQ food should be cooked and generous glasses of Pimms & Lemonade ensured there was fun and frivolity well into late afternoon.

Although designed as a social event rather than a fundraiser, a Raffle and "Guess the number of sweets" competition helped to deliver a profit of £120.00 on the day, courtesy of Evie's diligence, which sum is a helpful contribution to the Way & Means Committee's coffers. A great time was had by all!

Did you know.....July 23rd was also "National Gorgeous Grandma Day".....3 likely candidates captured at the BBQ!
writes Paul Simpson



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Royal Arch Masonry

The Royal Arch is the continuation of Craft Freemasonry. Its members are called Companions.....

From the "Reaping the Benefits" presentations held in early 2019 and most recently in September 2020 it is noted the year-on-year decline in Royal Arch Membership across the Province which, regrettably, has lasted for at least a decade, probably longer. The gradient of that decline became shallower in more recent years and was all but arrested at the end of 2019 when Provincial Membership declined by a single Companion. The pandemic of 2020 stifled recovery but nevertheless this has been a positive outcome to be warmly embraced.

Master Masons are encouraged to embrace Royal Arch and this article, reprinted from Password in 2011 explains the order.

Four ceremonies

In England the Royal Arch has four ceremonies: the exaltation ceremony to bring in new members and an installation ceremony for each of the three Principals.

The exaltation ceremony is in two parts: a rather dramatic presentation of the principles of the Order followed by three Lectures in which the history, symbolism and principles of the Royal Arch are further explained. Like Craft Freemasonry, the Royal



Arch is open to men of all faiths.

Why join Royal Arch?

The allegory of the exaltation ceremony is based on the Old Testament telling of the return to Jerusalem from the Babylonish captivity to rebuild the city and temple. In clearing the ground of the original temple for the foundations of the second temple, the candidate makes a number of discoveries which emphasise the centrality of God to man's life and existence and, without transgressing the bounds of religion, lead the candidate to a consideration of the nature of God and his personal relationship with Him, whatever his religion.

In England, the Royal Arch is considered to be the completion of "pure ancient Ma-



sonry". In the Craft the candidate is presented with a series of eminently practical principles and tenets which if he practises them he may

hope to live a life pleasing to his God, however he worships him, and of service to his fellow man. But man is not simply a practical being, he has an essential spiritual aspect to his nature. That spiritual aspect is introduced in the Third Degree, in which the candidate is led to a contemplation of man's inevitable destiny, and becomes the central message of the Royal Arch. In that sense, "pure ancient Masonry" can be seen as a journey of self - knowledge and discovery with the Royal Arch completing the practical lessons of the Craft by a contemplation of man's spiritual nature, not replacing but reinforcing what he has learned from his religion.

How to join

The prime qualification for admission into the Royal Arch is to be a Master Mason, of at least four weeks standing, in a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England, or a Lodge under a Grand Lodge recognised by it.

As in all other Masonic Orders you will need a proposer and seconder who are members of the Chapter in which you seek to be exalted.

In Nottinghamshire every Lodge has a Royal Arch representative who will be pleased to give you further details and point out to you the Royal Arch Chapters which meet in your Masonic Hall or alternately in other parts of the county.

Freemasonry in Portugal

The first known Freemasons in Portugal were the Swiss John Coustos and two other Portuguese members of his lodge, who were arrested by the Portuguese Inquisition and questioned under torture in the 1740s. Coustos wrote a book detailing his sufferings under the Inquisition and pointed to 1728 as being the year of the first Lodge, although nothing is known of the first years of this Lodge and it was not then recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. Today there are several Masonic Obediences in Portugal

On 17 April 1735 Lord Weymouth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England received a petition from Brethren residing in Lisbon. This was granted and a Provincial Grand Lodge was created. The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) is in amity with the GLLP/GLRP, which it recognises as fully regular. However, owing to the sizeable British ex-patriate community in Portugal, there are also several UGLE lodges warranted and operating in the country. These use English rituals, and



Robert Levitt, Portugal Grand Inspector

work in the English language.



Portuguese temple

They are controlled directly from London, and the UGLE appoints a local Grand Inspector for day to day supervision of these English lodges.

Grande Loja Legal de Portugal/GLRP

Following a dispute over the legality of an election to the Grand Mastership of GLRP, the party disputing the election took control of the civil association under which the Obedience had legal existence. In 1996 a large majority of the members of that body created a new civil association under the name "Grande Loja Legal de Portugal/Grande Loja Regular de Portugal" (GLLP/GLRP). The GLLP/GLRP considers itself to be entirely continuous with the Grand Lodge founded in 1991, and unconnected with the body which holds legal title to the original name, and which it considers to be a clandestine organization. This position is upheld by the regular Masonic world, which is acknowledged by the United Grand

Freemasonry in Portugal

Lodge of England which prints the date "1991" in its annual Year Book after the entry for the GLLP/GLRP.

Almost all Regular Masonic jurisdictions worldwide recognise the GLLP/GLRP as the only (native)



Lisbon Masonic

regular masonic authority in Portugal. These include the three Home Grand Lodges, which are

the three original and oldest Grand Lodges in Freemasonry, the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

As the rather cumbersome legal name exists chiefly for legal reasons, the Grand Lodge is often known in English as simply "The (Legal) Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal". This is the name used by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and by the United Grand Lodge of England, although it is further shortened to just "Grand Lodge of Portugal (Legal)" on the UGLE website.

Founded 1923

The Portuguese Federation of Le Droit Humain (Portuguese: Ordem Maçónica Mista Internacional Le Droit Humain - Federação Portuguesa) was founded in 1923 by Adelaide Cabete. After the coup d'état of 28th May 1926 the dictatorial regime Estado Novo forbade masonry in the country and the order faded away. In 1980 a new lodge was opened and a new era for the Portuguese Federation of

Le Droit Humain begins.

The three potencies are represented in civil society through the Grémio Lusitano, a cultural, recreational and philanthropic society whose headquarters are situated at the Rua do Grémio Lusitano, number 25, in Lisbon. This building, the Masonic Palace, also hosts the Portuguese Masonic Museum, which is open to the general public.

Grande Loja Regular de Portugal



The "Grande Oriente Lusitano", founded in 1802, is the oldest Masonic Obedience in Portugal.

The "Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal" (GLRP) was established in 1991 by the Grande Loge Nationale Française (GLNF), in an attempt to introduce regular organised Freemasonry into Portugal. Following internal disagreement, the organisation split in 1996. The founding French authority has since withdrawn recognition, and the residual GLRP enjoys very little international recognition.

Opposing every form of oppression, the Grande Oriente Lusitano has faced throughout its history many moments of fierce persecution by the most conservative and reactionary wings of society. Amongst these moments, the prohibition during the Estado Novo

Freemasonry in Portugal

dictatorship (law number 1901 dated May 13th, 1935, proposed by José Cabral who had recently joined the single state-ruled party União Nacional, National Union, after leaving the Portuguese integralists and the national-syndicalists leadered by Francisco Rolão Preto) which forced Portuguese freemasons into clandestinity and often prison and political exile.

Fernando Pessoa, the renowned Portuguese poet, who assumed himself as a profane (or non-mason) published an article in *Diário de Lisboa* (Lisbon Daily, a daily newspaper) defending Freemasonry and specifically the Grande Oriente Lusitano. During clandestinity (1935-1974), the Grande Oriente Lusitano had its buildings confiscated and the Masonic Palace, in the centre of Lisbon, occupied by the Legião Portuguesa (Portuguese Legion, a para-military political force created for the "defense of the State").

The Revolution of the Carnations on April 25th, 1974 revoked law number 1901 and the Grande Oriente Lusitano could once more see the light of day and have its buildings returned.

Grémio Lusitano

The three potencies are represented in civil society through the Grémio Lusitano, a cultural, recreational and philanthropic society whose headquarters are situated at the Rua do Grémio Lusitano, number 25, in Lisbon. This building, the Masonic Palace, also hosts the Portuguese Masonic Museum, considered by many as one of the best of its kind in Europe. The Museum is open to the general public.

Quinta da Regaleira

Freemasonry in Portugal would be incomplete without mention of a



singularly interesting development close to the town of Sintra that, it is said, has links with freemasonry and a suggested initiation well.

Brainchild

The Quinta da Regaleira was the brainchild of a wealthy Portuguese businessman Antonio Augusto Carvalho Monteiro, who was a well-known Freemason. With the assistance of the Italian architect Luigi Manini, he designed and constructed the four-hectare property with enigmatic buildings, mysterious parks, and underground tunnels.

All of the structures erected in Quinta da Regaleira are filled with many symbols, which are linked to masonry, alchemy, the Rosicrucian and Hermetic legacy, the Knights Templar and Tarot mysticism.

Initiation well

The Initiation Well has a striking spiral staircase supported by carved columns, that lead down to the bottom of the well through its nine landings. It is believed that the spacing of these landings, as well as the number of steps in between, are linked to Tarot mysticism and Masonic principles.



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The initiation well

At the bottom of the Initiation Well is a compass over a Knights Templar cross, which is said to have been the coat of arms of Carvalho Monteiro, pointing to his association with Rosicrucianism.



The construction of the current estate commenced in 1904 and much of it was completed by 1910. It was later sold in 1942 to Waldemar d'Orey, who used it as private residence for his extensive family. He ordered repairs and restoration work for the property. In 1987, the estate was sold, once again, to the Japanese Aoki Corporation and ceased to serve as a residence. The corporation kept the estate closed to the public for ten years, until it was acquired by the Sintra Town Council in 1997. Extensive restoration efforts were promptly initiated throughout the estate. It fi-

nally opened to the public in June 1998 and began hosting cultural events. In August of that same year, the Portuguese Ministry of Culture classified the estate as "public interest property".

Part of UGLE

Since St. Patrick's Day, March 17th 1990, when the Rt. Hon Lord Farnham consecrated Prince Henry The Navigator Lodge No.9360, regular freemasonry has been practised in Portugal as part of the United Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge was consecrated in the middle of the Algarve, under the masonic authority of the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, the oldest District Grand Lodge in the United Grand Lodge of England. The old and the new coming together to fulfill the aspirations of so many expatriate English freemasons living in Portugal.

By 1990 English freemasonry was not the only regular freemasonry in Portugal, Dr. Fernando Teixeira had earlier taken a number of Portuguese freemasons out of the irregular Grand Orient Lusitano in order to practise regular freemasonry. In June 1990 the Grande Loge Nationale Française constituted these as one of their overseas District Grand Lodges, which later became the Grande Loja Regular de Portugal, with Dr. Teixeira as the first Grand Master.

English freemasonry grew steadily. There are now four English Lodges and three Royal Arch Chapters, operating across the Algarve and in the Greater Lisbon area

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Password Travel *Talk* by the editor



In the previous issues Password Travel has featured holidays but there is merit in looking at places that can be of interest nearer to home and perhaps just for a day out. In this issue we are going only 16 miles from Newark to the Roman legionary fortress of Lindum Colonia and once an Iron Age settlement. Better known nowadays as simply Lincoln it was a Roman town rivalling London in importance and many traces of this time in the city's history remain.

The journey starts on the A46 and straight into Lincoln itself but before the city turn right on to South Park, Lincoln City's ground on the left and at the traffic lights turn right up Canwick Hill where on the right you will find the International



Bomber Command Memorial with its tall tower commanding the sky as a memorial to the many RAF stations based in the county during World War Two. Back down the hill retracing steps to the roundabout where you turn right into the start of Lincoln High Street and eventually into Lincoln's main shopping area. Car parks are available within easy distance of both well known

High Street names as well as a many individual shops selling a great selection of goods. The Cornhill quarter is worth a visit and on High Bridge, spanning the River



Witham is Stokes old established coffee house in its medieval timber framed building. Cutting High Street in two is The Stonebow (the southern



gateway to the medieval city) housing Lincoln's Guildhall and at one time allowing traffic through into the remainder of High Street.

Close by the former Roman harbour, Brayford Pool, is now a bustling marina fed by the waters of the River Witham, where you can watch the many colourful narrow boats and pleasure craft. The city's new University, opened in 1996, occupies a waterside plot here and much of the development in this region of the city is devoted to the university.

Here you can make a decision to continue on foot or retrieve your car and drive up Lindum Hill to the

Cathedral Quarter into Lincoln's main tourist area. On foot you will climb up Steep Hill passing the the tiny Jew's House (perhaps



England's oldest domestic residence, a 12th-century Jewish merchant's house).

It is in this area, again with ample car parking, you step back in time.— remnants of the old city wall, aqueduct and well can still be seen. The 3rd-century Newport Arch is believed



to be the only Roman arch still used by traffic. In Viking times Lincoln was an important trading centre producing coins at its own mint. Bailgate is a bustling shopping area, full of small private businesses, many offering specialised items such as the whisky shop where many brands not available through usual outlets make a fascinating experience in the world of the wee dram

But the Normans left the finest reminders of the past – the cathedral and the castle. At the top of the

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by the editor



hill you will find the heart of Lincoln.. This magnificent 900 year old medieval



cathedral crowns the city with its huge gothic beauty and superb music – there are daily church services led by the resident choir. It is the third building to occupy the site, Work on the present gothic structure was begun by St.Hugh in 1192. The vast nave with its limestone and marble columns, vaulted roof, and colourful stained glass windows is an impressive sight. Inside are two famous stained glass windows, the Dean's Eye and the Bishop's Eye, as well as the famous Lincoln Imp.



High in the Angel Choir, at the top of one of the many columns, is the stone carving of a small imp laughing mischievously, sitting with one leg across his knee. According to legend, the Lincoln Imp was a demon, blown into Lincoln Cathedral by a terrible storm. This mischievous imp proceeded to dance on the altar, tripped up the Bishop, knocked over the Dean and teased the choir! The Cathedral's guardian

angels witnessed this chaos and turned the imp into stone, placing him high up above the Angel Choir. Only some 12 inches high, the mischievous imp has probably lured more people to Lincoln Cathedral than anything else. The Lincoln imp has even been adopted as the unofficial symbol of the city. Spotting this emblem of Lincoln takes a little time.

Just across the cobbled square from the cathedral stands Lincoln's Norman Castle, built on the site of



the former Roman fortress. It has long been the centre of the City's judicial and penal systems and the Crown Court still sits here, upholding the principals of justice established by Magna Carta, and Lincoln's original copy of this famous document, sealed by King John at Runnymede in 1215, is the centrepiece of a special exhibition. You can also visit the Castle's unique prison chapel, tour the towers and dungeons, and walk along the walls with panoramic views across the city, stopping to climb down into Cobb Hall where prisoners have left their mark on the walls. In the ground surrounding one of the towers lie the old graves of those convicts who died during serving their time in the prison.

Just a short walk along

Eastgate and into Nettleham Road and you will find the relatively new home of



Freemasons in Lincoln. Formerly the Nightingale public house Lincoln masons converted the build-



ing for their use and moved there from what had been their long term home at the Assembly rooms in Bailgate.

But that is only a glimpse of what is available in Lincoln. It's a diverse city and there is much more to see than this article has room for.

Since the opening of the university the city's night life has taken a dramatic upturn and especially with places to eat. Around the Brayford Pool international cuisines vie with English cooking and in all parts of the city there is a varied choice. In two places, on the inner ring road, close to Marks & Spencer's Food Hall and in Bailgate The Elite fish and chip shops and takeaways cook their fish the good old Yorkshire way with beef dripping although for vegetarians they have alternatives. For my own thoughts, a good way to end your visit to Lincoln, if that food is to your liking.

Twenty-three



Known as "the man to whom English football owes its finest achievement", Sir Alf Ramsey led England to victory in the famous 1966 World Cup.

born on 22nd January 1920 and raised in what was then the quiet Essex village of Dagenham about 10 miles east of London.

although Ramsey's street gradually became something of an anachronism as he grew up. From 1921, London County Council transformed the area into the Becontree estate, a vast urban community that by 1934 was home to 120,000 people and the Ford Dagenham automobile factory. Parrish Cottages remained largely untouched: electricity was not installed until the 1950s, and even then only with the reluctant approval of Ramsey's mother, who, according to a neighbour, was frightened of it. In the recollection of a childhood contemporary, Phil Cairns, the Ramsey house was "little more than a wooden hut".



He was the third of five children, four boys and a girl, born to Herbert Ramsey, a manual labourer who worked a smallholding, kept pigs and drove a horse-drawn dustcart, and his wife Florence (née Bixby). His home, in Parrish Cottages, lacked hot running water and electricity, and the only toilet was outside. Such conditions were typical of Dagenham during this period,

As manager of England from 1963 to 1974, Ramsey guided the team to victory in the famous 1966 World Cup, as they beat West Germany 4-2 in the final. He was knighted for his services to football in 1967.

The young Alf Ramsey was

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Alf Ramsey was initiated into Waltham Abbey Lodge No. 2750 in Essex in 1953, just before he retired as a player. He remained a member for nearly 30 years, but ill health, which had precipitated his retirement from football management, also led to his resignation from the Lodge in 1981.

When his regalia was presented to the Lodge by his widow, it was mounted in a frame and hung on the wall of the Masonic Hall he attended in Chingford.

Alfred Ernest Ramsey was
Twenty-four



BURTON-UPON-TRENT, ENGLAND

A detailed view of the Sir Alf Ramsey Way road sign during the unveiling of Sir Alf Ramsey Way at St Georges Park on October 5th, 2016 in Burton-upon-Trent.

Sir Alf Ramsey

described by his friend Fred Tibble as "a very quiet boy who really loved sport". In his 1952 autobiography *Talking Football*, Ramsey described "living for the open air from the moment I could toddle", spending hours each day in the meadow behind the family cottage, playing ball games with his brothers. He learned skills such as ball control, kicking and heading with a tennis ball. From the age of five, Ramsey attended Becontree Heath School, which had a roll of about 200 pupils aged from four to fourteen. He and his brothers had to walk two hours from their house to get there, and passed a ball between each other on the way to break the monotony. Ramsey was not especially popular socially, nor particularly diligent as a student, but he excelled in sports. In addition to football, he played cricket to a high standard and represented the school in the high jump, the long jump, and both the 100-yard and 200-yard dash. Despite his diminutive stature, he also enjoyed boxing until an incident when he was 10 years old, when a much larger opponent—"as wide as I was tall" in Ramsey's recollection—gave him a severe beating in a school tournament. Ramsey carried a noticeable scar above his mouth, a memento of this fight, for the rest of his life.

Military service

After the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, Ramsey was conscripted into the British Army on 24th June 1940. He was



assigned to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and underwent his initial training in Truro, where he and other recruits were housed in a hotel commandeered by the army. He found the experience a thrilling adventure.

"Until I travelled to Cornwall, the longest journey I had undertaken was a trip to Brighton by train", he recalled. "It was the first time I had ever been into an hotel! Even with us sleeping twelve to a room, on straw mattresses, could not end for me the awe of living in a swagger hotel." "That set the tone for Alf's war", Leo McKinstry suggests in his 2010 biography; attached to his regiment's 6th Battalion, Ramsey spent the entire war in Britain on home defence duties. The training was still physically demanding and, in Ramsey's words, made him "a fitter young fellow than when I reported for duty as a grocery apprentice from Dagenham."

Greatest things

Writing in 1952, Ramsey would call joining the army "one of the greatest things

which ever happened to me", adding "I learnt, in a few weeks, more about life in general that I had picked up in years at home." Military life taught Ramsey about discipline and leadership, and improved his social skills: "I have never been very good at mixing with people but you have to in the army or else you

are in trouble", the journalist Nigel Clarke recalled him saying. Ramsey rose to be a company quartermaster sergeant in an anti-aircraft unit.

Military service also allowed Ramsey to play football more regularly, and at a higher standard than before. In late 1940 he was posted to St Austell, on the south coast of Cornwall, where he manned beach defences and became captain of the battalion football team, playing at centre-half or centre-forward as circumstances dictated. After three years in various seaside postings, Ramsey was, in 1943, moved to Barton Stacey in Hampshire, where he came under the command of a Colonel Fletcher, himself an accomplished footballer. Ramsey's battalion team by this time featured players from a number of the Football League clubs, including the Brentford forward Len Townsend and Arsenal's Cyril Hodges. Ramsey played at centre-half for his battalion team

Twenty-five

Sir Alf Ramsey

as Southampton defeated them 10–3 at the Dell in a pre-season friendly on 21st August 1943, and a week later played again as the battalion took on Southampton's reserve team. The soldiers won the second match 4–1.

On 8th October 1943, Colonel Fletcher called Ramsey to his office to inform him that Southampton needed a centre-half for their first-team match away to Luton Town the next day, and had enquired about the sergeant's availability.

The 23-year-old Ramsey was cautious, saying he lacked experience, but said he would "give it a try" when the colonel suggested that playing might set him on the way to a professional football career. The next day, while en route to Luton by train, Ramsey signed for Southampton as an amateur, making his debut for the club at Luton's Kenilworth Road ground. Ramsey gave away a penalty kick late in the game with Southampton 2–1 ahead, allowing Luton to equalise, but Southampton managed to win 3–2.

He played in three more matches for the team during the 1943–44 season before his battalion's posting to County Durham forced his absence.

Professional contract

After his unit returned to the south coast at the start of the 1944–45 season, Ramsey played in a trial match at Southampton, and performed well enough that the club offered a professional contract on wages of £2 per

match. Ramsey was still uncertain about pursuing a football career; he signed the contract only after Southampton assured him that he could leave at the end of the season if he wished.

Sporting promise

He showed sporting promise from an early age and, after serving in the army he embarked on a football career, primarily as a right-back. He was considered a rather slow but accomplished player with a tremendous grasp of the tactical side of the game. Nicknamed "The General", he played for England 32 times between 1948 and 1953, captaining the side three times, scoring three times and appearing in the 1950 World Cup. He played his club football for Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur and was part of the Tottenham side that won the English League championship in the 1950–51 season.

Manager

Ramsey retired from playing aged 35 to become the manager of Ipswich Town, then in the third tier of English football. Ipswich rose through the divisions over the next six years, winning the Third Division South in 1956–57 and the Second Division in 1960–61. In the 1961–62 season, Ipswich's first ever campaign in the top division, Ramsey's team defied expectations to become champions of England.

England post

Ramsey took charge of the England team a year later. In a distinct break with common practice of the day, he used a narrow formation that led

to his England side being dubbed "The Wingless Wonders". England's World Cup victory at Wembley in 1966 made Ramsey a national hero, though he had his critics, both at the time and since. He lost the England job acrimoniously, following the team's failure to qualify for the 1974 World Cup.

After managing England, Ramsey briefly held football-related roles at Birmingham City and Panathinaikos, before retiring in 1979–80.

He led a somewhat reclusive life in Ipswich over the next two decades and died in 1999, aged 79.



A statue of Ramsey was dedicated at the reconstructed Wembley Stadium in 2009, and various honours have been afforded to him in Ipswich. He is the first person to have been inducted into the English Football Hall of Fame twice: an inaugural inductee in 2002, in recognition of his achievements as a manager and admitted again in 2010 for his achievements as a player. He remains widely regarded as one of British football's all-time great managers.

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The Ladies' Luncheon Club



Ladies' Wot Lunch!

The 2022/2023 season kicks off again next month with our first luncheon on Friday 9th September at The Newark Masonic Lodge. 12 noon for 12-30pm seating.

If you were unable to join us last season then you are most welcome to come along and dine with us this time around.

Good food, good fellowship and good fun guaranteed!

Please contact Linda Simpson on 07942 861952 for details on how to join 'Ladies' Wot Lunch'!

Look forward to hearing from you.

Linda Simpson

Secretary to Newark Masonic Ladies Luncheon Club.

As well as the social aspect on the day we raise money for charity and worthy causes.

Why not give us a try?

The Brian Rollitt Memorial Quiz PIE & PIE SUPPER

FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER 2022
6.30pm for 7.00pm

**Tickets
£14**

Menu
Nicholson's steak pie, mash,
peas, gravy, mint sauce

Followed by apple pie

**Proceeds will be divided equally between
Mark Masons Charities of their choice and
the Ways and Means Refurbishment Fund.
Donations for raffle prizes will be welcome.**



"Come Dine With Us" Freemasons of Newark Dining Club

The Chequers Inn, Elston
Wednesday 14th September 2022.
6.30 for 7.00pm £22.50 per person.

Please choose your selections from the attached Menu & email your orders to paul92.simpson@outlook.com together with the names of your party.

We will try to accommodate any seating preferences.

Please book & pay by **04.09.22** so we can confirm details with the restaurant.

Payment should be made ideally by BACs to:
The Newark Masonic Hall Ways & Means Committee
Sort Code: 05 06 41. Account No: 29611983. Ref: CDWU (your surname)



Menu

Starter Options

- Goats Cheese & Beetroot Salad with tomato, capers and micro herb
- Garlic and Chilli Prawns with parsley and toasted, salted ciabatta
- Potato and Leek Soup with treacle-guinness bread

Main Course Options

- Fresh Haddock & Chips with pea puree, crushed pea & tartar dressing
- Home Made Burge , tomato, baby gem lettuce, relish and fries (Vegearian alternative available)
- Thai Coconut Chicken Curry with rice and mango salsa
- Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli with pesto and micro herbs
- Fillet of Haddock with minted new potatoes, squash, sauteed cabbage, cauliflower puree and tomato salsa

Dessert Options • Chocolate Brownie • New York Cheesecake • Selection of Ice Cream

A miscellany of facts



.The first text message was sent in 1992. 99% of all text messages are delivered within 10 seconds.

The average bed is home to over six billion dust mites.

Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

Did you know that an anagram of "Eleven plus two" is "twelve plus one".

"A man, a pan a canal Panama" spelled backwards is still "A man, a pan a canal Panama".

A person breathes seven quarts of air every minute.

On average right handed people live nine years longer than their left handed counterparts.

The human body contains enough fat to make seven bars of soap.

Sponsored walk enjoyed

A small but committed team embarked upon a 5.1m walk around Balderton raising £332.00 for the Newark Masonic Hall Refurbishment

Small team raises £330

Fund. Following the Walk, refreshments were served at the Hall Bar which was open for its "Saturday Social", the 25th being the

last Saturday in the month of June.

All walkers were encouraged to contribute regardless of distance travelled and W. Bros Jim Brackley and Malcolm Holmes are pictured at the end of the Avenue before passing the baton on to their team mates whilst they retired to the Bar.....Wisdom proving to be the greatest attribute!

The Sponsored Walk was organized in association with the Masonic Charity "Teddies for Loving Care" (TLC) where through the stirring efforts of Bro. Bill Ashley, a remarkable £2000 was raised.

Bernie Bosson, a great supporter of our social events, can be seen enjoying a lovely moment with friends and those of us lucky enough to have seen Bernie on this day, a short time before his passing, will consider ourselves fortunate just to have been able to spend a last moment in time in his ever cheerful company.

Paul Simpson

Thirty



Looking back in Password

In this regular feature we look back at happenings in Newark Freemasonry ten years ago.

This page refers to the Password edition of Autumn 2012.

The editor commented on the celebrations to mark Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and a massive bonfire was set alight at the top of Beacon Hill, similar to one there for Queen Victoria.

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Under the heading of "I wonder why" W Bro Ken Gibson wrote about columns and candlesticks and in particular the three pillars at the masters and wardens pedestals which architecture design depicts wisdom, strength and beauty.

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Thirty Freemasons and their friends were pictured by the Nijmegen bridge at Arnhem on a visit to the World War Two scene organised by the late W Bro Chris Grant. The bridge was made famous in the film "A Bridge Too Far".

The late W Bro Alec Scott sponsored a Queens Diamond Jubilee tree as a lasting memory of his friend W Bro Dick Capeling. The certificate confirming the tree was presented to his widow.

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A special feature explained the origination of the sandwich which was born in 1762. A popular myth suggests that, during his gambling bouts, with no time to have a meal, John Montagu, the Earl of Sandwich asked his servants to bring him slices of meat between two

slices of bread. A more sober alternative is that as he worked hard on commitments to the navy, politics and the arts he took such refreshment at his desk.

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A two page feature dealt with Freemasonry and dictatorships and included such names as Adolph Hitler, Umberto Mussolini, the Portuguese dictator, António de Oliveira Salazar and latterly Sadam Hussain. The article included a view expressed by an American lawyer at the Nurenburg trials who said; "It is not generally understood that among the earliest and most savage persecutions undertaken by every modern dictator are those directed against Freemasons".

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This issue announced the introduction of the office of Mentor in Craft Lodges complete with collar and badge of office.

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Under the heading of "What the papers said" one item related: Commenting on a large gas bill received by a Mr Arthur Purdey, North East Gas said "We agree it was rather high for the time of the year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the use of gas during the explosion that destroyed his house. *Daily Telegraph*

Another quote said; A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coast-guard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common". *The Times*.

To repair the damaged table-

cloth lay the tablecloth flat with the hole uppermost. *Dublin Evening Mail*

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An anonymous Freemason wrote, "As I've aged I have become kinder to myself. And, apart from my brethren in the Craft, I have become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with ageing.

So whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4am or sleep until noon. I will dance with myself to wonderful tunes of the 50's, 60's and 70's and, if I wish to weep over a lost love then I will".

He concluded, "So to answer your question, I like being old, I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever but while I am still here I will not waste time lamenting on what could have been or what will be".
.....*Food for thought*

Quiz answers

1. Piety and virtue
2. Of good report
3. The full age of twenty-one years
4. In due form
5. Light
6. To be cautious
7. North East Corner
8. 24-in gauge
9. Charter or warrant from Grand Lodge
10. Truth, of Honour, and of Virtue

Walking for Alzheimers

PASSWORD CHARITY

Walking the Cotswolds in aid of The Alzheimer's Society

On Saturday 16th July, writes Bro Bill Ashley of Newton Lodge my 16 year old son, Josh, and I did a charity walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society which supports people with dementia. We walked for my Dad, Josh's granddad, who's 90, disabled and touched by dementia which is kept under control by medication so that, most of the time, he lives 'in the moment' which is a blessing for my 85 year old Mum who's his full-time carer. Sadly, some dementia sufferers and their families aren't so lucky...

The 13-mile circular walk started in Postlip, at the foot of Cleeve Hill (330m/1,082ft elevation) the highest point in the Cotswolds, although as we neared the finishing line we decided to add another couple of miles by going to the top of Cleeve Hill "because it's there".



Josh and Bill taking a much-needed breather

Thirty-two

In many ways it was the perfect Cotswolds day, but "boy, it was hot!" with temperatures in the high 20s/low 30s, no cloud cover and very little shade, reminiscent of Ice Cold in Alex.



TLC's Red Ted on the triangulation point on Cleeve Hill

Between us, Josh and I raised almost £1,100 for Alzheimer's Society of which £601 was donated by the five Newark lodges plus NVB Chapter; with Gift Aid, this will come to about £700, so a massive "thank you!" to my fellow Masons for your generosity which made it all worthwhile.

Josh and I each had a mascot – Josh had Kayla (Hindi for 'Banana') for his lovely girlfriend Kayla and I had Red Ted for our Masonic charity, Teddies for Loving Care, which donates teddies to hospitals for staff to give to frightened and anxious children, calming them down, making them easier to treat. No wonder he looks so smug – Josh and I carried him all the way. Not once did he offer to carry us!

Caught early enough, many people showing the first signs of dementia can be successfully treated with medication. If you're concerned that you, or someone you love, may be facing this debilitating disease, I've circulated a letter about my Dad's experience to all Lodge Secretaries which you could use to help open discussion with your own GP; please feel free to request a copy in confidence.

“A Stitch In Time”

- . Dressmaking
- . Clothing alterations
- . Regalia alterations
- . Horse rug repairs



Phone Julie Crampton on 01636 684311

SATURDAY SOCIAL

The Ways & Means Committee invites all Newark Masons, partners, friends & family to join them for the Saturday Socials at The Newark Masonic Hall.

The bar is now open from Midday to 3pm on the last Saturday of the month every month to provide the opportunity to hopefully catch up with friends you haven't seen for a while and they hope you may drop in and say hello

See you there!



W Bro David Hubbard

PPrSGW - Newark Lodge 8332 - Vernon Bussell Chapter 8332

Newark, and indeed Nottinghamshire, Freemasonry is saddened by the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of W Bro David Hubbard who died on 29th August last.e was 74 years old.

David was, without doubt, an very enthusiastic and dedicated Freemason and a well-known and popular figure around the Province of Nottinghamshire and beyond.

A wood turner (he was an expert at making cases for ball pens), brewer, photographer, fisherman, field sport enthusiast and greenhouse gardener to name a few of his hobbies; 'Plantpot Dave' as he was affectionately known in certain quarters immersed into his pastimes and became very proficient in all that he did, especially his masonic activities.

WBro David was initiated into Alston Lodge No2794 in the Province of Cumberland & Westmoreland on 9th Nov 1984 proposed by his lifelong friend, the late W Bro John Winston Snowden and he was duly placed into the Chair of that lodge in 1991.

He was introduced to Newark Freemasonry in 1986 when he joined Newark Lodge 8332 becoming its Master in 1995

The quality of David's ritual and knowledge of our ceremonies was second to none and he took an active role in every order to which he belonged which included Chapter, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Rose Croix, Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal and Select Masters and Knights Beneficent. In total he belonged 13 lodges and side degrees.

He was given Honorary Membership of the Newton Lodge No 1661 in recognition of his services over the years despite being a visitor but then, David was always happy to help and take any active part required and he did this as a guest at Newton.

He served as Company Secretary to the Newark Masonic Hall Company Limited for many years and his services included in being instrumental in seeing through many of the improvements, innovations and maintenance tasks at the London Road Temple.

Freemasonry in general and Nottinghamshire in particular were rewarded by Province when, in 2019, he was promoted to Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden

He certainly lived respected and died regretted.

Adrian Crampton

OBITUARIES IN PASSWORD

It has always being the custom to acknowledge the passing of a brother with an obituary in Password which gives those still remaining a reminder of the comittment they gave to the craft and side degrees during their membership. It is also interesting to let readers have a reminder of their life outside freemasonry for, as the Grand Director of Ceremonies said in a recent Freemasonry Today, "Freemasonry is first and foremost a hobby. That it is time away from our families and from our work".

Most of us regard it as that and a glimpse of a brothers "out of Masonry" life gives the reader a better idea of how that brother lived that life, often with a look at other charities and activities he may have taken part in.

W Bro Ian Charles Josiffe

PPRjGW - Corinthian Lodge 5528

Ian Charles Josiffe passed to the Grand Lodge above on 21st April 2022, ages 87 years. The eldest son of Charles and Elizabeth Josiffe he was born on 7th December 1934 (Pearl Harbour Day as he would often remind us) in Reading and raised in Cheshire. After attending Harper Adams Agricultural College, where he met his first wife Jan and when he started on his successful career in Seed and Plant breeding, eventually setting up his own business in Lincolnshire

Ian was initiated into Free Masonry on 8th April 1968 into the Forest of Bere Lodge in Hampshire. His father was initiated the same week.

Many years later he moved to Lincolnshire where he joined Hermes Lodge in Louth.

On moving to Newark he visited the Newark Masonic Hall Open Day, where he met Terry Ward and decided to join Corinthian Lodge, on 18th May 2006, becoming Master in 2010.

He loved his Freemasonry and joined several other degrees, Mark Mason Urania Lodge, Louth, the Secret Monitor and The Operatives, also in Louth, and the Order of Athelstan in Worksop. He attended Corinthian Lodge of Instruction and would undertake any of-

fice at short notice and was an enthusiastic supporter of new initiates. He was presented with his 50 years certificate in 2018 in Louth with a party from Corinthian Lodge in attendance.

National Service saw him in the army where he was, unusually for National Service, promoted to sergeant. His knowledge of driving saw him instruct others to drive.

Ian spent time working in France where he became a fluent French speaker when working for Nickersons the seed and plant breeder in Paris. He was also conversant in German, both of which stood him in good stead developing warm, lasting business relationships in Europe

He enjoyed the BBC comedy *Allo Allo* which he thought hilarious. Phoning or meeting Ian would invariably be met with the phrase "Good Moaning", followed by "let's go for a pint".

After the stint in France Ian moved to Louth in Lincolnshire where he set up his own business in the late 1970's specialising in promoting varieties of spring barley, sugar-beet and potatoes. On his retirement he was proud to have placed potatoes with both Yorkshire and Walkers amongst others

The new millennium was the start of a new phase

in Ian's life and after meeting Christine, his second wife, they set up home together in Fernwood, enjoying a busy social life and spending time away travelling to many hot and sunny destinations. Freemasonry was always a mystery to his daughters when they were younger, referring to it as "Boy Scouts" with Andrea occasionally attempting to break into the mystery briefcase.

Animals and particularly dogs were a key part of his life and he had a series of Labradors, Cocker Spaniels, Weimaraners and two Jack Russells several of them his companions when shooting.

His passion for cricket saw him attending test matches with his friends. And when getting his feet up he was a lover of music ranging from New Orleans jazz to a pure enjoyment of classical music which he would bring to life as he explained the story behind a particular piece

A man who enjoyed life to the full, exuded pleasure and joy to all around him, and would brighten the room as soon as he entered.

Ian will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

His wife Christine predeceased him. He is survived by his three daughters, Andrea, Anna and Sonia, and their mother Jan.



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W Bro John Knight

PPrJGD Newark Lodge 8332 - Vernon Bussell Chapter 8332

Worshipful Brother John Knight passed to the Grand Lodge above on 3rd May 2022 aged 85 years.

John was initiated into Newark Lodge on 21st February 2003, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised as a Master Mason on 20th November 2003.

He was installed into the Chair of King Solomon as Worshipful Master in 2010 and received Provincial honours as Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 2017.

He was also a companion of Vernon Bussell Chapter 8332 and Ex Comp Bryan Spilsbury, in his eulogy, wrote; "John passed away on the 3rd May 2022. He had been admitted to hospital after a fall and no one within the masonic fraternity was aware.

typical of John. He didn't

like to make a fuss.

I got to know John as well as anyone could over the past few years and Companion John summed up what masonry is all about.

As a young man he was an outstanding sportsman and, whilst serving on the Royal Air Force, had the distinction of escorting Princess Alexander on a Royal Visit.

But fate dealt John a cruel hand and his body has been battered whilst his brain remained alert. The content of his bookcase is testament to this.

John joined the Newark Vernon Bussell Chapter in September 2004. He always said how much he valued the companionship within the fraternity. For me, as Scribe E, John was gold dust. Always willing to do anything asked of him, and he became our permanent

Janitor since April 2015.

Unfortunately, his physical health continued to deteriorate and eventually, in spite of much support, he found it impossible to attend Chapter or Lodge.

But, such was the love felt for John, right across masonry, that it is no surprise that his Lodge, Newark Lodge, saw fit to offer him. Our committee unanimously, and without hesitation or debate, felt we should offer him a similar distinction, which we did in January 2022.

John's private life remained just that, private. At his funeral the Rev. Tony Tucker remarked that, in spite of his serving as Verger of St. Giles for many years, little was known of him, except he was a gentle man with a ready smile. Liked by everyone.

A true Companion. May he rest in peace".

W Bro P B (Bernie) Bosson

PPrGReg Newton Lodge 1661

Patrick Bernard (Bernie) Bosson was born 26th October 1937 and died on the 2nd July 2022 at 84 years of age

He was initiated into the St. Alkmund Lodge No. 2311 in Shropshire on the 9th December 1992, Passed on the 9th September 1993 and Raised on the 13th April 1994

He was a Steward from 1996 until 2001 (5years) before going to Inner Guard and then progressing through the various of-

ficers before becoming master in 2006 having jumped from Junior Warden. He was Master for two consecutive years.

He joined Newton Lodge No. 1661 in September 2011 and resigned from his mother Lodge in November 2012 after receiving his first appointment to Provincial Rank PPrGSuptWks in April that year.

On the same evening of joining Newton Lodge he was made Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon in 2012,

Senior Warden in 2013 for two consecutive years and attained the Masters Chair in 2015. After a year as IPM he performed Mentor until his death.

He received the same rank of PPrGSuptWks from Notts in 2015 and in 2020 promoted to PPrGReg.

He was not Exalted into a Royal Arch Chapter but was received as a Mark Mason into Trent Mark Lodge.

The Diary

Red type denotes Installation meetings. Green type denotes social events

SEPTEMBER

Mon 05 Pilgrim (Prac)
Wed 07 Vernon Bussell Chapter
Thur 08 RAM Lodge (Prac)

Fri 09 Ladies' Lunch

Fri 09 Pilgrim Priory (Inst)

Mon 12 Newark Lodge (Prac)

Tue 13 RAM Lodge

Thu 15 Newark Lodge (Inst)

Sat 17 NMH Open Day

Mon 19 Fleming Mark (Prac)

Tue 20 Castle Conclave (Prac)

Tue 20 NMH CRCF Comm

Wed 21 Corinthian Lodge (PM's)

Wed 21 Newton Lodge (Prac)

Thu 22 Fleming Mark (Inst)

Sat 24 SBSG

Sat 24 W&M Social

Mon 26 St. John's Lodge (PM's)

Tue 27 Castle Conclave

Thu 29 Newton Lodge (Inst)

OCTOBER

Sun 02 Sunday Lunch

Mon 03 Prince Rupert

Tue 04 Magnus Lodge (Prac)

Wed 05 Corinthian Lodge (LOI)

Mon 10 Corinthian Lodge (Prac)

Tue 11 Magnus Lodge (Inst)

Wed 12 St. John's Lodge (Prac)

Thu 13 Corinthian Lodge

Fri 14 Ladies' Lunch

Fri 14 Provincial Priory

Mon 17 Newark Lodge (Prac)

Tue 18 St. John's Lodge

Wed 19 Corinthian Lodge (PM's)

Wed 19 Newton Lodge (Prac)

Thu 20 Newark Lodge

Sat 22 SBSG

Mon 24 Alexander Chapter (Prac)

Tue 25 Newton Lodge

Wed 26 Vernon Bussell (Prac)

Thu 27 Alexander Chapter

Fri 28 BR Memorial Quiz Night

NOVEMBER

Tue 01 Newark Lodge (Fest)

Tue 01 Rose Croix (Prac)

Wed 02 Vernon Bussell Chapter

Thu 03 Corinthian Lodge (LOI)

Fri 04 Rose Croix

Sat 05 SBSG

Sun 06 Sunday Lunch

Mon 07 Corinthian Lodge (Prac)

Wed 09 St. John's Lodge (Prac)

Thu 10 Corinthian Lodge

Sat 12 St. John's (Ladies)

Mon 14 Newark Lodge (Prac)

Tue 15 St. John's Lodge

Wed 16 Corinthian (PM's)

Thu 17 Newark Lodge

Mon 21 Fleming Mark (Prac)

Wed 23 Newton Lodge(Prac)

Thu 24 Fleming Mark

Fri 25 Prince Rupert

Sat 26 SBSG

Sat 26 SRIA

Sat 26 W&M Social

Mon 28 Trent Mark (Prac)

Tue 29 Newton Lodge

Wed 30 Corinthian (LOI)

DECEMBER

Thu 01 Trent Mark

Sun 04 Sunday Lunch

Mon 05 CorinthianLodge (Prac)

Tue 06 Magnus Lodge (Prac)

Thu 08 Corinthian Lodge

Fri 09 Ladies' lunch

Tue 13 Magnus Lodge

Fri 16 Family Carol Service

Sat 17 SBSG

Sun 25 Christmas Day

Mon 26 Boxing Day

Sat 31 W&M Social

JANUARY 2023

Wed 04 St. John's Lodge (Prac)

Thu 05 Corinthian Lodge (LOI)

Mon 09 Corinthian Lodge(Prac)

Tue10 St. John's Lodge (Inst)

Thu12 Corinthian Lodge

Fri 13 Ladies' Lunch

Sat 14 SBSG

Mon16 Newark Lodge(Prac)

The Diary

JANUARY 2023 continued

Wed 18 Corinthian (PM's)
Thu 19 Newark Lodge
Mon 23 Alexander Chapter (Prac)
Wed 25 Newton (Prac)
Wed 25 Vernon Bussell (Prac)
Thu 26 Alexander (Inst)
Sat 28 W&M Social
Mon 30 Rose Croix (Prac)
Tue 31 Newton Lodge

FEBRUARY

Wed 01 Vernon Bussell Wed
Thu 02 Corinthian Lodge (LOI)
Fri 03 Rose Croix
Sun 05 Sunday Lunch
Mon 06 Corinthian Lodge (Prac)
Tue 07 Magnus Lodge (Prac)
Thu 09 Corinthian Lodge
Fri 10 Ladies' Lunch
Sat 11 Race Night
Mon 13 Newark Lodge (Prac)
Tue 14 Magnus Lodge
Wed 15 St. John's (Prac)
Wed 15 Corinthian (PM's)
Thu 16 Newark Lodge
Mon 20 Fleming (Prac)
Tue 21 St. John's Lodge
Wed 22 Newton (Prac)
Wed 22 Castle Conclave (Prac)
Thu 23 Fleming Mark
Sat 25 SBSG
Sat 25 SRIA
Sat 25 W&M Social
Mon 27 Trent Mark (Prac)
Tue 28 Newton Lodge

MARCH

Wed 01 NMH AGM
Thu 02 Corinthian Lodge (LOI)
Fri 03 Trent Mark
Sat 04 Newark (Ladies' Evening)
Sun 05 Sunday Lunch
Mon 06 Corinthian Lodge (Prac)
Tue 07 Castle Conclave (Inst)
Thu 09 RAM Lodge (Prac)
Thu 09 Corinthian Lodge
Fri 10 Ladies' Lunch

MARCH continued

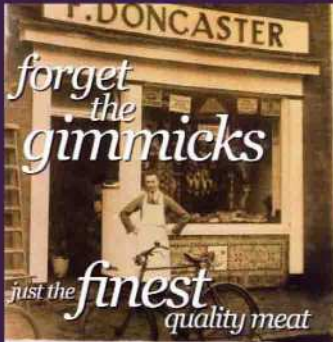
Tue 14 RAM Lodge
Wed 15 St. John's (Prac)
Wed 15 Corinthian Lodge (PM's)
Thu 16 Newark Lodge (SC)
Fri 17 Pilgrim (Prac)
Mon 20 Alexander Chapter (Prac)
Tue 21 St. John's Lodge
Wed 22 Newton Lodge (Prac)
Thu 23 Alexander Chapter
Fri 24 Pilgrim Prec
Sat 25 SBSG
Sat 25 W&M Social
Sun 26 Easter Sunday
Mon 27 Bank Holiday
Tue 28 Dispensation Newton
Tue 28 PGL Mark
Wed 29 Vernon Bussell Ch (Prac)

APRIL

Sat 01 Newton (Ladies' Evening)
Sun 02 Sunday Lunch
Tue 04 Magnus Lodge (Prac)
Wed 05 Vernon Bussell Ch (Inst)
Thu 06 Corinthian (Fest)
Mon 10 Prince Rupert (Inst)
Tue 11 Magnus Lodge
Wed 12 St. John's Lodge (Prac)
Wed 12 Fleming (PM's)
Thu 13 Newark Lodge (Prac)
Thu 13 SBSG
Fri 14 Ladies' Lunch
Tue 18 St. John's Lodge
Wed 19 Corinthian (PM's)
Wed 19 Newton/St. John's (Prac)
Thu 20 Newark Lodge
Fri 21 Good Friday Bank Holiday
Sat 22 SBSG
Mon 24 Fleming (Prac)
Tue 25 Newton/St. John's (Fest)
Thu 27 Fleming Mark
Sat 29 W&M Social

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