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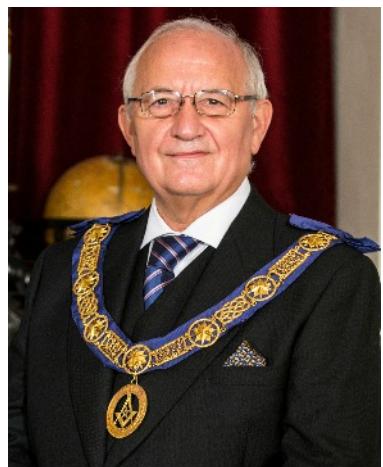
Wiltshire Masonic News

The newsletter for Wiltshire Freemasons

We hope to achieve so much over the coming year.

For Wiltshire Freemasonry, this year promises to be a very exciting and challenging time as we come to the end of the five year Masonic Samaritan Fund 2017 Wiltshire Festival, and start the formal Tercentenary Celebrations of the formation of the first or Premier Grand Lodge.

I am sure you share with me the hope that we can use the wonderful opportunity presented by each of these events to show a sceptical world the positive and beneficial effects of our Ancient and Honourable institution, and in particular the role Freemasonry plays in the wider Wiltshire community.



I am confident that the events we have planned for 2017 will receive your wholehearted support, whether it be the Tercentenary Cathedral Service on Sunday 3rd September, the end of Festival Luncheon on Saturday 23rd September at Trowbridge or the trip to London on Tuesday 31st October. I am also aware that some events for which your support is so vitally important to their success are still in the final planning stages and will be advised to Lodge secretaries during the coming months.

Ian Priest the Provincial Charity Steward has announced the date and venue for the second Charity Awards Event; it will be held on Friday 3rd March at 7.00pm in the Masonic Hall, Chippenham. I look forward to welcoming a number of the charities we support and I am sure they would be delighted to meet Lodge Charity Stewards and members.

Please make a date in your diary to Join your hosts John and Val King to support the **Teddies for Loving Care** concert at St Peter's Church, High Street, Marlborough on Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm. Having previously heard the musicians perform I know you will be superbly well entertained

Chapter of Harmony No.663 and Royal Arch welcome a new Companion

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Team were present at Chapter of Harmony No.663 during January when E Comp John Reid presided at a Banner Dedication. The



Convocation also included the Exaltation of a new member for the Chapter which is enjoying a much welcome renaissance with another three Exaltees scheduled to be welcomed into Royal Arch Masonry during the next few months.

E Comp John Reid was especially delighted to present a Supreme Grand Chapter Certificate to Comp Ryan Hartley (see picture opposite). The evening concluded with an excellent Oration by E Comp Michael Barrett which can be found on the Royal Arch Lectures page on the website.



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Cathedral Service - you can book your place on-line.

I suspect that everyone now knows about the very special service which will take place on Sunday 3rd September in the magnificent surroundings of Salisbury Cathedral. The interest shown in the event by members of the Province has been quite amazing; if you intend to attend and would like to travel by coach please let us know and we will gauge the demand, investigate availability and determine the likely cost involved. You can now book online via the Provincial website www.pglwilts.org.uk or with W Bro Phil Still who is taking bookings for the Service and the buffet reception. If you have not already booked to attend the event and/or the post service reception Phil can be contacted by email on phil.still@btinternet.com



Masonic Charitable Foundation supports Wiltshire hospices.

The good news continues with the Province being advised that as part of a £600,000 nationwide support programme, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) has approved donations of £2,431 to Dorothy House Hospice, £3,290 to Prospect Hospice and £2,431 to the Salisbury Hospice Charity.

Masonic Charitable Foundation goes public in a big way.

And you don't get much bigger than the Radio Times, which is where the Masonic Charitable Foundation launched its newest initiative - Community Awards 2017. A sum of £3 million has been committed to support 300 local and regional charities, and Wiltshire has been allocated four grants. The Province has nominated four charities to benefit from this generous initiative and it is hoped that Freemasons and members of the general public will cast their vote which will decide the amount each organisation receives.



**Vote for your
favourite
local charities**

The four charities will compete for a share of £50,000 made up of individual awards for £25,000, £15,000, £6,000 or £4,000. As you can see, every charity wins something and Provincial Charity Steward Ian Priest will be providing more detail in the next edition of *Wiltshire Masonic News*.

Hello, hello, hello - what have we here then?



It's the 'Old Bill' in the form of Sine Favore Lodge No. 9856 which was Consecrated in London in September 2010 by members of the Police Federation and travels twice a year to locations outside London. The Lodge will be visiting Chippenham Masonic Hall on Friday 10th March when they will be conducting an Initiation. The festive board will be a 'White Table' event where the Lodge will welcome their Ladies and other non masons. A warm invitation to attend is extended to local Freemasons particularly those with an affinity to 'the job'. Further details can be obtained from Harry Smith secretary@sinefavore.com



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New regulation on Craft and Chapter membership criteria.

Regulation 66B came into effect on 31 December 2016 and clarifies the status of a Royal Arch Companion who resigns totally from the Craft, that is, he no longer has a formal association with a Craft Lodge either as a subscribing or Honorary member. A Companion who has at any time been a subscribing member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England who shall have ceased by reason of an event occurring on or after the aforementioned date to be a subscribing member of every such Lodge to which he belongs shall, unless he is (a) an Honorary Member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England or (b) a subscribing member of a Lodge under a recognised Grand Lodge, cease also on the date or dates mentioned below ("the effective date(s)") to be a subscribing member of each Chapter to which he belongs, unless in the meantime he shall have again become a subscribing member of a Lodge under the United Grand Lodge of England. In the case of each such Chapter he shall be treated as though he has resigned from that Chapter, unless at the effective date he is indebted to that Chapter, in which case he shall be treated as though he has been excluded under Regulation 71.

The effective date shall be the end of the next subscription year (he will effectively be removed from the Annual Return) after he ceases to be a subscribing member of every Lodge to which he belongs under the United Grand Lodge of England.

Can you help the Province?

Do you have good presentation skills; can you prepare Powerpoint presentations and would you like to be part of the Provincial Membership and Communication teams. If you would like to know more just contact pco@pglwilts.org.uk

David Davies to be next Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire.

Philip Bullock has announced that David Davies PrGSec will be Invested as DPrGM in October 2017.

John Badger appointed Editor of Provincial Yearbook.

The Provincial Grand Master has announced the appointment of Provincial Grand Registrar John Badger to succeed Bro Colin Cheshire as editor of the Provincial Year Book.

Tercentenary Jewel (see picture).

The Provincial Grand Master is delighted to see the new Tercentenary jewel being worn by Brethren in the Province and would take this opportunity to remind them that, when worn it should be placed after the Royal Arch jewel and before the Provincial Festival jewel, followed by any other jewel you might choose to wear.



Teddies for Loving Care - Concert in Marlborough



TLC Appeal
Teddies for Loving Care

A fundraising concert is being held at 7.30pm on Saturday 18th March in St Peter's Church, High St. Marlborough. Featuring clarinet, recorder and classical guitar music with piano accompaniment, this promises to be an evening of superb entertainment. The concert

will feature a guest appearance by Matilda Wale (Soprano) a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. Tickets are only £10 each which includes a glass of wine.



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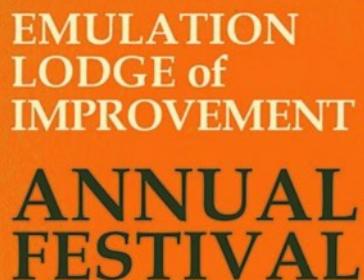
Charity Evening at Chippenham

Provincial Grand Charity Steward Ian Priest invites you to join him at 7.00pm on Friday 3rd March at Chippenham Masonic Hall for the second Provincial Charity Presentation evening. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with the representatives of the charities your Lodge supports and to learn more about the wonderful work they undertake.

Refreshments will be available

Lodge Installation meetings in February and March 2017

Wednesday	February	1	Remembrance	4037	Swindon
Wednesday	February	15	Innocence and Morality	9587	East Knoyle
Wednesday	March	15	Gooch Lodge	1295	Swindon
Thursday	March	16	Fiat Lux	9773	Devizes
Friday	March	17	Fidelity	663	Devizes
Monday	March	20	Chaloner	2644	Melksham
Monday	March	20	City Lodge	5955	Salisbury



Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement will hold its Annual Festival at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London on Friday 24th February 2017 at 17.00hrs.

Ticket costs £41.50 for Temple and Dining and £7.50 for Temple Only. Dinner will be served at The Grand Connaught Rooms. This event is open to all Master Masons and Past Masters regardless of Rank or ritual background.

Enjoy the very poignant 3rd Degree Walking Charge.

Join the Brethren of Highworth Lodge No.9009 on Friday 17th February when they welcome Bro Colin Davies PrAGDC who will present the 3rd degree Walking Charge. If you have never experienced this beautiful and expressive piece of Emulation Ritual, now is your opportunity to be enthralled as Colin holds you spellbound with a display of words and actions replete with emotion and charged with energy. To book a place please contact the Lodge secretary by email johnhudson81@aol.com

Diane Clements to visit Wiltshire in May 2017.

The Director of the Museum and Library at Freemasons' Hall, London will be presenting the 2017 Rectitude Essay entitled *Brethren Beyond the Seas* which will be about the contribution to English freemasonry before, during and after the 1914-1918 war made by overseas grand lodges and their members. The meeting on Monday 15th May is at the Masonic Hall, Pickwick Nr Corsham. Early booking with the secretary is advisable 335@pglwilts.org.uk The jewel shown left issued by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force Masonic Association will feature in Diane's presentation.

