



**From Bro Secretary .....**



Dear Sir and Brother,

Here we are again, coming up to the end of the Masonic year with our fourth meeting coming up in April. We are to Raise Brother Richard Gasgoine who unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting in December non account of illness. It should be a great occasion for us and I sincerely hope that all of you who can will attend the meeting.

The February meeting was quite unusual in so far as we were treated to a video presentation on the evolution of Scottish masonry set at a meeting of a U.S. lodge so we learned a little history of the U.S as well. Speaking afterwards to members I believe this was well received. The Festive Board also had a few difference to our normal arrangements with a Scottish styled meal including Haggis served up with tatties and neeps! The WM reading the address to the Haggis, the Selkirk Grace and even 'auld Langs Syne' being sung? Many thanks to W.Bro Norman for his efforts in arranging the meeting.

Also at the meeting W.Bro Peter Miller reported on an informal meeting with three potential candidates which have been directed to us by North Harrow Lodge—many thanks to them. W.Bro Peter outlined our approach to getting to know them over the summer so that we can 'legitimately' propose them into membership. Accordingly we hope to arrange a couple of social events during the summer—so please join us if you can.

Finally our Visiting Officer W.Bro David Ruben was in attendance and we enjoyed his company.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and wishing you a great summer,

Faternally and sincerely,

*Mike*

Mike Colin LGR  
Secretary

### **LODGE Meetings 2014 at a glance**

1. Saturday 5th April 2014 - Third Degree
2. Saturday 4th October 2014 - Installation Ceremony
3. Saturday 6th December 2014 - First Degree Ceremony



## RockRide 2 Gibraltar to Bucks

**Rockride2** is an Ultra Cycling Challenge for 18 cyclists to ride from the Rock of Gibraltar to Buckinghamshire, a distance of 1500 miles, in 14 days during June 2014.

**Rockride2**, as the name implies, is the second time this challenge has taken place. The first Rockride took place in 2010 with 9 riders completing the ride and raising £75,000 for a number of charities.

**Rockride2** is a much bigger event with the 18 riders raising funds for 10 charities.

As in the case of the first ride, the event is organised overall by Buckinghamshire Freemasons together with the assistance of non-masons. Such a ride requires a great deal of support for the riders en route and this is being provided by a team from E Coy 7th Rifles who have a fleet of motorcyclists and army chefs and medics to keep them well looked after.

Each rider is raising funds for one of the ten charities, so take a look at the rider's profiles to get information on them and the charities they are supporting.

**Peter Lawrence PProvGStwd of Faith and Honour Lodge, No. 7142** will be representing the Province of Middlesex and riding on behalf of The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys (website: [www.rmtgb.org](http://www.rmtgb.org)).

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### ***Notification of Attendance and Visitors***

**A strong reminder that all Brethren must notify Bro Secretary that they are attending or not by the preceding Tuesday. We need more visitors so please invite your Masonic Friends. I am on E-mail! M.G.Colin@gmx.com**

### ***Lodge Subscriptions***

Brother Treasurer reminds the brethren that the 2013/14 subscriptions were due on Oct 1st !.

### ***Lodge of Instruction***

The subscription invoice for 2013/14 is now due and following HDMC price increases from September, it has needed to be increased to £15.00 for the year to cover costs. All members of the Lodge including non dining and country members are automatically enrolled as members of the L.of I. and liable to pay the subscription. Please pay your subscription to enable the Lodge of Instruction to function for the benefit of the Lodge in general.

Lodge of Instruction meetings are held on alternate Thursdays at 7.45pm at the Centre. The WM is seeking to ensure that as many as possible of the Brethren take an active role in the Ceremonies

## Events



# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX

## **SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING 2014**

**Sunday 2nd November 2014  
3.00pm**

## **MIDDLESEX PROVINCE RELIEF FUND**

### **FAMILY FETE**

**Sunday 20th July, 2014  
At the  
Royal Masonic School for Girls  
Rickmansworth Park  
WD3 4HF**

**Prize Draw tickets available now from Charity  
Steward**

## **MIDDLESEX 2020**

The Festival has not been officially announced yet! So why mention it? Well, as your Charity Steward it becomes incumbent on me to encourage you to support this. The last Festival 2008, for a number of reasons we did not participate to the level of support we did for the 1998 Festival when we became a vice Patron Lodge. My predecessor W.Bro Bill Wignall did a fantastic job of extracting money from you Brethren for the 1998 Festival and keeping you informed of how well we were doing. I hope that I and my successor will do as well ! But that is down to you.

So from October I expect you all—including country members to complete a gift aid form and direct debit/ standing order for £5 per month ( or more) in favour of the Grand Charity and our Relief Chest Account and the gift tax rebate increase the total value of our giving. We can then transfer the monies to the Festival 2020 Account.

So far the response to my appeals has **still** not been encouraging in terms of numbers of members submitting forms but perhaps it is early days— please support us.

W.Bro Norman Williams PPDepGReg  
Charity Steward.

## **50 Years in Freemasonry**



Stan with his Certificate from Province

Congratulations to W.Bro Stan Mills SLGR on his 50 years in Freemasonry.

Stan has been suffering with a broken leg and has had some infections and has spent the last three months in Watford General Hospital followed by a spell in Langley House also in Watford , a care centre catering for people who have been discharged from Hospital but still need some nursing care. He is in high spirits and by the time you read this he is expected to be home again.

Stan , get well and we look forward to seeing you again at our meetings.

W.Bro Richard Heap PPJGW has also spent a period in Watford General Hospital following a blood infection. He is now back at Prince Michael of Kent Court and is recovering . Best wishes to you Richard and likewise we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

# TIMEOUT

Many thanks to W.Bro Peter Miller for organising a Social Evening at a Chinese restaurant in Pinner in February. As we have been given three potential candidates through North Harrow Lodge we invited them to attend so we could start to get to know them and in return offer them the opportunity to meet us and ask a few questions informally before the formal process of interviewing and finding out more about them. Thanks to Bro Ian Warr a fourth potential candidate was also invited!



The evening was a success and all four potential candidates are keen to join us! And we of course enjoyed the meal as well as their friendship.

At the next meeting in April we shall be reporting on the progress and will read out completed application forms. All four candidate should have been interviewed by the Lodge Committee before this meeting.

We therefore can look forward to the beginnings of a revival of our fortunes so please go out of your way to welcome our new members.

A further social evening is being planned .

## **STOP PRESS :**

**At the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th March 2014 all four candidates were formerly interviewed and invited to join the Lodge.**

# LADIES FESTIVAL 2014

9th – 11th May 2014



*Mayfair Hotel : 27 Bath Road ,Bournemouth BH1 2NW*

The Ladies Festival 2014 is to take place in Bournemouth. You should have received the information pack by email or post in mid July but if not please ask W.Bro Mike for a copy or go on line to [www.hegestonlodge.org.uk/festival2014](http://www.hegestonlodge.org.uk/festival2014) and down load or view a copy.

There are three options to choose from:

**Option One:** Saturday evening, 6 course banquet, including entertainment. £45.00 per person

**Option Two:** Saturday evening, 6 course banquet, including entertainment & overnight stay with breakfast prior to departure. £80.00 per person

**Option Three:** Friday evening dinner, including overnight stay, followed by Saturday at your leisure. Saturday evening, 6 course banquet, including entertainment with overnight stay and breakfast prior to departure on Sunday. £125.00 per person

..... So as you can see there is something to suite every one.

It is essential that that you confirm your intentions to come and your options so that the booking can be finalised. We do have to provide a minimum guaranteed number of members and guests for the event to be successful. For those who have given a deposit the balance is now due. If you have not advised us and are intending to come, the whole cost is **payable now.**

The festival promises to be a great evening and week end ... please support it.

## **THE LANDMARKS OF THE ORDER**

(This is the 3rd portion of Paper no 2)

### **QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES.**

No. 18 deals with the necessary fundamental qualifications of a candidate for Freemasonry-not any special or local qualifications which a private Lodge may see fit to impose-or rather, inflict (in some cases). So far as the landmark is concerned a candidate must be a man, free born, and of mature age. Regulations have been made upon this subject in order to explain the general principles created by the landmark.

No. 19. It is absolutely fundamental that a Freemason must believe in the Supreme Being-God, the G.A.O.T.U. Furthermore, it is also a condition precedent that a Freemason must believe in the life to come. (No. 20.) Such a belief permeates the whole of our ritual.

### **OUR GREAT LIGHTS.**

I have already commented upon No. 21, but coupled with the V.of S.L. must be the other two Great Lights in Freemasonry-the square and compasses- and I therefore add them to this Landmark without fear of contradiction. There can be no doubt that they are the three Great Lights--and each one of them can rightfully claim to be enumerated as an unmistakable landmark.

Can you imagine anything Masonic-Whether a building, a Lodge, or literature of any kind, Without the distinguishing symbols of the square and oompasses being amply illustrated thereon. They comprise our Badge and reveal the glory of the Craft. Time will not allow me to dilate upon them and their symbolic teachings.

### **EQUALITY OH FREEMASONS.**

No 22 -the equality of all Freemasons is a landmark which I fear is recognised by some in theory rather than in practice, but it is a fundamental principle which must be accepted and practised. Any brother Mason violating this landmark *ipso facto* becomes a spurious Freemason. Interwoven with this landmark is the grand principle of our Institution-brotherly love. A snob cannot be a real Freemason-it is impossible. The two states are paradoxical.

### **SECRECY.**

No. 23. The secrets and secrecy of the Institution comprise another landmark Without question.

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Thomas Carlyle wrote "Thought will not work, except in silence; neither will virtue work, except in secrecy."

The ancients regarded silence and secrecy as virtue. Mystery is the divine order of Nature. Unity and strength cannot be obtained except by secrecy. One Writer says "This common secrecy in Freemasonry makes for universal brotherhood, and creates a family feeling; and though centuries and oceans may divide Brethren, they do not weaken the bond, and neither time nor distance can break the chain."

Dr. Ashe in his manual says :-"Such is the importance of our secrecy, Were there no other ties upon our affections or consciences than merely the sense of the injury we should do to the poor and wretched by a transgression of this rule, We are persuaded it would be sufficient to seal the lips of every man who proposes himself to be a Mason."

*( The final part of this paper on the Landmarks continues in the next newsletter with the conclusions..... Space permitting editor )*



## **PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MIDDLESEX**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2014**

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street., London commencing at 3.45pm and finishing around 6 pm.

This is a very special occasion as V.W.Bro Alastair Mason PGSwdB, DepProvGM will be installed as the Province's Pro Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro Alastair was at one time our visiting Officer!

Apart from the usual AGM business there will be the Investitures and Promotions of Brethren in the Province.

If you are able to go, please put this event in your diary.

Congratulations are extended to W.Mike Colin LGR who will be invested with the past rank of Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon PPJGD.

( Now, there is good reason to go and support Mike ! And represent the Lodge)

In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called *Great Learning*, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."



## *Last Words.....*

# **The Work**

*by Brother Montford C. Holley*

The gavel sounds and all is still:  
The Master speaks, proclaims his will:  
Each one obeys, takes up his tools.  
Inspects the plan, consults the rules

With trowel and level, plumb and square,  
Each stone is set exactly where  
The plan provides, the drawing shows  
And day by day the Temple grows:

The porch is finished, pillars placed;  
The strands of net-work interlaced;  
The chambers furnished, pavement laid,  
The sacred vessels all displayed:

The walls are standing straight and true;  
The roof is on, the labour through:  
The Master speaks,  
The work is done: The gavel sounds,

God calls us home.

## HDMC

### Fabric Fund

Will those who are not founders please support our centre by becoming founders and have their name enscribed on the rolls— Cost £10.50

(See Charity Steward or Secretary).



*We hope you have found this Newsletter interesting, Please let us have your comments.*