



The Severn Street Masonic Association newsletter

The weekly communication sent directly to brethren providing

- Masonic news
- A summary of lodge meetings
- Special dates
- Social events
- Provincial news

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The SSMA Newsletter is available to all brethren whose Lodges belong to the “Community of Severn Street Lodges”

This is a weekly electronic News Letter that drops into the inbox of your computer, tablet or mobile device with Masonic & non-Masonic news, events that are of interest to all Masons:

- **Lodge News** – a calendar of Regular Lodge meetings with some detail of the labour being carried out, to promote visiting.
- **Masonic News** – SSMA, 5 of 9 Club, Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire
- **Events** – Lodge social events

All brethren whose Lodges meet at the Severn Street Masonic Hall qualify to receive this newsletter, to do so, please update us with your email address.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A place for Lodges and individuals to advertise coming masonic events and greetings

The current Car Park barrier code remains **1923**

Abuse of the car park will result in the immediate loss of usage



Christmas Message From The Directors of Athol Masonic Buildings Ltd.

May I, on behalf of all the Directors of Athol Masonic Buildings wish all those brethren from lodges and orders who join us at Severn Street a very happy Christmas with your families and friends, and may 2025 bring you good health, peace, and everything you wish for.

During 2024 the Directors of AMBL have worked tirelessly on your behalf on a number of projects, and for the first time ever, we have commissioned a complete technical and physical examination of all the buildings at Severn Street.

This has enabled us to identify priorities for replacement, and renovation projects during 2025/26 and we are currently seeking internal and external funding to facilitate these projects.

With Best Wishes

Les

Leslie Graham Leek
Managing Director
Athol Masonic Buildings Ltd



St Paul's Lodge No. 43

Phil Gough, our WM, with Bro Matt Butler on his being raised to the sublime degree of a master mason.

We are holding an emergency meeting on Tuesday 10th December to initiate a candidate from Turkey!



<https://warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk/2028-appeal/>

FISHER HOUSE APPEAL

For Warwickshire Tercentenary 2028

In 2028 the Province of Warwickshire will be celebrating its 300th anniversary.

Fisher House was chosen, for the tercentenary appeal, as it's work supporting the families and loved ones of military personnel and veterans being treated at the Centre for Defence Medicine, based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, is both inspirational and in line with the commitment of the Province to the Armed Forces Covenant.



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Fisher House

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham proudly serves as the receiving hospital for injured military personnel, both from the UK and around the world.

Recognising the specific needs of these families, Fisher House UK was built to offer them a crucial support system during difficult times. This 18-bedroom haven provides a "home away from home" for injured service members and their families, allowing them to stay close to loved ones while receiving treatment at the hospital. Many of these individuals have served in combat, and their injuries often require ongoing care.

A NEW CHAPTER?



Are you interested in forming a Chapter of special interest?

Other Provinces have whiskey Chapters, motorcycle and sci-fi Chapters to name but a few. If you're interested in forming a new special interest Chapter email mikehogarth@aol.com and let him know.

Mark Carol Service 6.00 pm, Sunday, 8th December 2024, At Edgbaston Old Church

The Provincial Grand Master hopes that as many Mark and Craft Masons as possible, along with family and friends, will support this most enjoyable festive event. Light refreshments, including wine and soft drinks, will be provided in church after the Service at an inclusive cost of £8 per adult. There will be no charge for children under 14 years of age and there will be a small gift for young children. No tickets will be issued. Permission has been obtained to use the Edgbaston Golf Club car park adjoining the church.

Payment can be made via bank transfer the preferred option:
Account Name "Warwickshire Mark Social Fund" HSBC Bank: Sort Code 40-11-18 Account Number 32835711 (and using your Name and Christmas as a reference)

Payment can be made via cheque, payable to Warwickshire Mark Social Fund posted to: Nigel Bridges, 3 Ryebank Road, Ketley Bank, Telford, TF2 0EF.

Please use your surname and event name for the reference or email to social@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

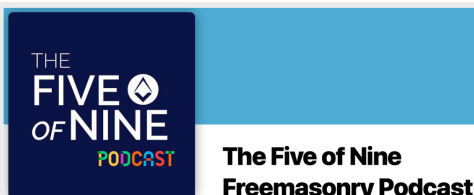
<https://warksmarkpgl.co.uk/warwickshire-mark-carol-service-2024/>

PODCASTS

In the car, on the train or in the comfort of your home are you listening to the wide range of subjects discussed in these masonic podcasts?



<https://www.ugle.org.uk/discover-freemasonry/resources/podcasts>



**The Five of Nine
Freemasonry Podcast**

Welcome to the Five of Nine Podcast
the official Podcast of Warwickshire's New and Young Masons Club.

Each episode we will be sitting down with a special guest to discuss
an important Masonic subject together with sharing our own
experiences and bringing you the latest Warwickshire Masonic news.

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A podcast is essentially a talk radio series on demand. This means that listeners don't need to turn up and tune in live, but can listen any time (and pretty much anywhere) they like.

November 2024

- 23 Freedom Christmas Party
- 25 St Martin's Christmas Party
- 26 St Paul's meeting
- 27 Forward meeting

December 2024

- 3 Security meeting
- 4 Athol Chapter
- 5 Elkington meeting
- 6 Concord Mark
- 7 Matthew Clarke Mark
- 11 Charity Mark

Alma Mater Lodge 1644

887th Regular Meeting
Friday 24th January 2025
Installation Ceremony

almamaterlodge@gmail.com



Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

679th Regular Meeting
Wednesday 15th January 2025

secretary@lodge3857.org



Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 4th December 2024

assistantSec@athol.org.uk

07702 200945

<https://athol.org.uk>



Elkington Lodge 1016

1331st Regular Meeting

Thursday 5th December 2024

elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



Forward Lodge 1180

1209th Regular Meeting

Wednesday 27th November 2024

bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Saturday 23rd November 2024

Christmas Party

kentonmanor@hotmail.co.uk



Lodge of Happiness 7952

Thursday 12th December 2024

secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



Lodge of Israel 1474

Monday 13th January 2025

timburgin@btinternet.com

01889 579039



Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Tuesday 14th January 2025

ericrymer67@outlook.com

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



Lodge of Security 5650

587th Regular Meeting
Tuesday 3rd December 2024

lodge5650@hotmail.com

07944 846537



St Martin's Lodge 4011

720th Regular Meeting
Monday 25th November 2024
Christmas Party
nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk

07787 430212



St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 26th November 2024

richda100@gmail.com

07711 072235



University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 18th January 2025

Please email Bro. Secretary confirming your attendance

c.e.n.sturgess@bham.ac.uk



CHAPTER

Having been raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, you are now eligible to be exalted into the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. A Royal Arch Chapter is a Masonic body which is attached to, but organised separately from, a Craft Lodge and is not in any way directly governed by it. Chapters meetings or Convocations usually meet 3 or 4 times a Masonic season.



<https://www.ugle.org.uk>

Athol Chapter No.74

Monday 17th February 2025

aaron@powell.uk.com

Leigh Chapter No.887

Friday 3rd January 2025

mikehogarth@aol.com

Chapter of Fortitude No.43

Friday 21st February 2025

peter@wellings.me.uk

St. Martins Chapter No.4011

Wednesday 8th January 2025

nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk

Rose Croix

The Rite, one of the oldest orders, consists of 33 degrees, of which the three degrees of Craft Freemasonry are accepted in lieu of the first three degrees of the Rite. The one worked in chapters is the 18°, is known by the grand title of Sovereign Prince of the Rose Croix of Heredom, It is from this that the Order gets its nickname in England and Wales:

Vernon Chapter Rose Croix

Thursday 20th February 2025

d.freshwater@icloud.com

Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix

Thursday 13th February 2025

mikeallcott@gmail.com

MARK

The Order of Mark Master Masons within England is one of the world's oldest fraternal society and seeks to encourage thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and justice and fairness in all things. The Degree of Mark Master Mason is considered the fulfilment of the Fellow Craft Degree; that being the case it is still necessary for the Candidate to be a Master Mason before he can be Advanced to the Degree of Mark Master Mason.

Charity Mark Lodge MMM 430

Wednesday 11th December 2024

430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Concord Lodge MMM 735

Friday 6th December 2024
Installation Ceremony

735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Holte MMM Lodge 1041

Monday 10th February 2025

1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012

Saturday 7th December 2024
Installation ceremony

1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

07817 588031



St Martins Lodge MMM 959

Thursday 16th January 2025

959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Royal Ark Mariners

Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 7th December 2024

Friday 7th March 2025

1012ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

735ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



ORDER OF THE
SECRET MONITOR

St Martin's No.509.
Installation Ceremony
Monday 3rd February 2025




ROYAL & SELECT


St Martin's No.252
Monday 7th April 2025
kdownes1235@btinternet.com



ORDER OF THE SCARLET
CORD


Andrew C
Sweeney No.140
Thursday 6th February 2025
dennispotter@sky.com


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WARWICKSHIRE
&
Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire




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**Do you want to get more from your freemasonry?
Looking for masonic based social events with other new and young
masons? Looking for opportunities to get involved in new experiences?**

We are the club for new and young Freemasons in Warwickshire. Started by seven keen young masons with the aim to build a social network for Freemasons in the Warwickshire area. We aim to bring people from any province who live or work in the Warwickshire area together for the purposes of fun, enjoyment, informal support, development and friendship under the masonic banner.

Over the year we will hold a series of social and masonic activities, which reflect the interests of our diverse members.

Qualifications for Membership:

- You must be a Freemason in a Warwickshire Lodge or Chapter and under the age of 55, and /or be a Freemason under the age of 55 who lives or works in the provincial area of Warwickshire.
- Cost of membership is £10.00 to join and there is no renewal fees. You continue to be a member until the age of 55.
- <https://www.fiveofnineclub.org.uk>



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE &
PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF
WARWICKSHIRE



The joint Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter Website.

warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk

The website is packed full of information, useful resources and information including:

- Yearbook.
- Toast lists.
- Forms and document downloads for Lodge Secretaries and Scribe E's.
- Guidance documents and booklets.
- Members Pathway and Archway links and documents.
- Procedure and information for Lodge and Chapter officers.
- Help and advice on setting up Lodge and Chapter websites and social media.
- Charity information, documents, downloads and links.
- The Book of constitutions.
- Music library.
- Provincial Shop.
- Information on women Freemasons.
- Information for prospective new Freemasons.
- Meeting calendar with details of every meeting in Warwickshire.
- And (of course) much more...

The password for the members area is: WIML4538

Brethren, the data protection regulations came into force on 25th May 2018

We hold your email address which under the new General Data Protection Regulation, GDPR, it is a requirement that we advise you that this is the case.

It is very important that if you wish to change your preference (opt in or out) and have this data removed now or at any future time, that you advise us straight away, by email instruction or by unsubscribing at any time.

This is your data and we do not wish to infringe your rights in any way.

Thank you for your continued support.