



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



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

A banner for the Fisher House Appeal. On the left, the text "FISHER HOUSE APPEAL" is displayed in large white letters, followed by "For Warwickshire Tercentenary 2028". Below this is a short paragraph about the appeal. On the right, there is a photograph of a family (a woman, a man, and a baby) sitting on a couch. Below the photo is a QR code and a call to action: "Please donate now" with a "Click HERE to donate" button. The charity number "Registered Charity No. 281942" is also present.

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.

Please donate now

Registered Charity No. 281942

Click HERE to donate

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.



Masonic Charitable Foundation, The Freemasons' Charity

2023/24 Impact Report

Support where it is needed most

Impact With Your help

On behalf of Freemasons, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) works in partnership with other organisations and the Freemasonry community to provide grants to individuals in need and charities that help communities in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and overseas.

The purpose of the MCF - or the Freemasons' charity as it is increasingly known - is to build better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing. All their work is funded solely through the generosity of Freemasons, including those throughout Warwickshire and those Freemasons who meet in their Lodges.

During 2023/24, the MCF awarded £26.3 million in grants to support some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people in society. This included 4,575 grants in support of individuals or households within our fraternity and 339 grants to local and national charities to help them deliver vital services to around 379,000 people.

https://mcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/4802_MCF_Impact-Poster_24_Warwickshire-1.pdf

Alma Mater Lodge No. 1644



On Friday 24th January 2025, Bro Tom Brookes was installed as the
Worshipful Master of Alma Mater Lodge.

The Burns Night festive board was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

1,327TH REGULAR MEETING & 3RD
CHARITY NIGHT

6TH MARCH 2025 AT 7.00 PM

Severn Street Masonic Hall, 60 Severn Street, Birmingham

B11QG

Raising Funds for
The Joanna Brown Trust
(supporting disabled sports men and women)
& Fisher House 2028 Appeal
(Warwickshire's Provincial Charity)



Warwickshire 2023 Festival
Double Platinum Recipient
2024 Charity Night
donations in excess of £5500

Elkington Lodge's Annual Charity Night

Bring Your Partners, Friends, Brothers and Sisters;
lots of change and lots of money to help raise money for charity.

£35 per head

5 x £250 vouchers to be donated to the charity of the 'winners'
choice .

* Elkington will double all charity money raised on the night

Lots of fun and games with our resident Magician, Bro James Keatley

Head & Tails
Coins Nearest the Bottle
Raffle
Higher and Lower etc etc

Dress: Dark Morning Dress or Dark Suit. Elkington (Preferred), Craft or Black Tie, White Gloves.

Menu: TO BE DECIDED

Apologies and details of any guests to be notified no later than 5 days prior to the meeting to the
Secretary, W.Bro. Mike Raybone.

Email: elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

Phone/Whatsapp: 07855390197

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In the Recent Annual General Meeting for the Five of Nine Club, Sean Phillips stepped down as chairman of the Five of Nine Club and Richard Freakley of Alma Mater Lodge became the new Chair.

In his first address he shared the following:

“Thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to become your chairman for the next few years. We have much to look forward to including a trip to Grand Lodge and a Summer Charity Challenge. I'd also like to thank all our committee and team for all of their hard work last year and in the coming years. Especially Sean, our outgoing Chairman, for all of his hard work too. I'm excited to grow the Five of Nine and make it a valuable part of what our wonderful province of Warwickshire offers. I know with your help we will be growing from strength to strength. Once again, thank you all, let's get to work.”

The New Committee for the Five of Nine Club is as follows:

Chairman Richard Freakley

Deputy Chair & Secretary – Charles Ingram, Coventry Foundation Lodge 4543

Treasurer – George Webbon, Stivichall Lodge 5799

General Committee Member – Issac Leece, Stivichall Lodge 5799

The Five of Nine club invites members to engage in our organising committee, whether its visiting initiations to welcome brethren, or organising events, we need your help in making the club grow into a bigger and better version of itself.

The more the merrier! We meet online every couple of months as a committee and welcome any member who wants to make a difference.



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE &
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Brethren, I am currently preparing a Warwickshire Provincial social media advertising campaign to cover the Birmingham area and wondered if you had any good quality images of charities and/or donations to charities that any lodge in Birmingham may have been involved with.

These do not need to be recent images.

I am not looking for the classic cheque hand over, unless it is particularly spectacular, but after something that represents Freemasons supporting good causes in the Birmingham area. Maybe a food bank, blood bikes, air ambulance, children's park, homeless charity etc.

I would prefer to use genuine images rather than stock or UGLE images for this campaign.

Kindest regards

Roger Green
Provincial Communications Officer
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07783 071912

GAME ON



1st of March
12:15 KO



**EARLSDON RFC,
256 MITCHELL AVENUE,
CV4 8DY**

Making a Donation into a Relief Chest via QR Codes

DID YOU KNOW?

You can now use QR Codes to make personal donations into your own Relief Chest. Each Relief Chest has a unique QR Code, enabling donors to contribute digitally before, during and after meetings. Relief Chest Representatives can request a copy of a QR Code via email, or they can be downloaded via the RC Online service.

QR Code Example:



Sample QR Image only, do not scan.

Making a Digital Donation using a QR Code:

1. Scan the QR Code using the camera on your mobile device.
2. Click on the displayed link.
3. Enter your personal and card details & confirm Gift Aid.
4. Complete your donation.

Please contact the Relief Chest Scheme if you have any queries (see contact details below).



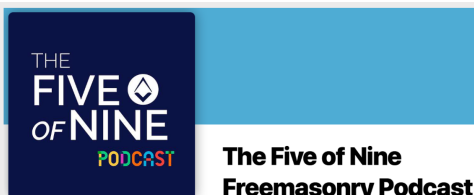
Relief Chest Scheme, Masonic Charitable Foundation,
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ Tel: 020 3146 3352 Email: reliefchest@mcf.org.uk

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>



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.

<https://fiveofnineclub.buzzsprout.com/2006028>



https://solomon-live.zencast.website/?mc_cid=716f885b1f

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.

February 2025

- 03 St Martin's OSM
- 04 Security meeting
- 05 Athol meeting
- 06 Andrew Sweeney Scarlet Cord
- 07 Concord Mark
- 08 Matthew Clarke RAM & Mark
- 10 Holte Mark
- 11 Loyalty meeting: [Installation Ceremony](#)
- 13 Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix
- 15 University of Birmingham meeting
- 17 Athol Chapter
- 18 Chapter of Fortitude

Alma Mater Lodge 1644

888th Regular Meeting
Friday 28th February 2025 at 6.00pm
Double Initiation Ceremony

almamaterlodge@gmail.com



Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

680th Regular Meeting
Wednesday 19th February 2025

secretary@lodge3857.org



Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 5th February 2025

assistantSec@athol.org.uk

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 6th March 2025

ANNUAL: CHARITY NIGHT 7pm

elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Installation Ceremony

bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Friday 21st March 2025

kentonmanor@hotmail.co.uk



Lodge of Happiness 7952

Thursday 10th April 2025

Installation Ceremony

secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Tuesday 11th February 2025
Installation Ceremony
ericrymer67@outlook.com

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



Lodge of Security 5650

Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 6.00pm
lodge5650@hotmail.com
07944 846537



St Martin's Lodge 4011

721st Regular Meeting
Monday 24th February 2025
nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk

07787 430212



St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 25th February 2025
richda100@gmail.com

07711 072235



University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 15th February 2025
Please email Bro. Secretary confirming your attendance
uobl5628@gmail.com



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

Tuesday 6th May 2025

mikehogarth@aol.com

Chapter of Fortitude No.43

Tuesday 18th February 2025

peter@wellings.me.uk

St. Martins Chapter No.4011

Wednesday 12th March 2025

mediumal57@gmail.com

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

andymills@chameleoncollection.co.uk

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

Thursday 27th February 2025

430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Concord Lodge MMM 735

Friday 7th February 2025

735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Holte MMM Lodge 1041

Monday 10th February 2025

1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012

Saturday 8th February 2025

1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

07817 588031



St Martins Lodge MMM 959

Thursday 20 March 2025

959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Royal Ark Mariners

Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 8th February 2025

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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&
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 &
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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.