



## 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

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

A banner for the Fisher House Appeal. On the left, the text "FISHER HOUSE APPEAL" is in large white letters, followed by "For Warwickshire Tercentenary 2028". Below this is a short paragraph: "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." 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 the text "Please donate now", "Registered Charity No. 281942", and a button that says "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.

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

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**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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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE &  
PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF  
WARWICKSHIRE



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  
pco@Warwickshirepgl.org

### [Provincial dates for your diary](#)

Saturday 7th June 2025

Morning Session: Royal Arch Provincial Annual Convocation: All Companions are eligible to attend

Afternoon Session: Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Meeting: All Master Masons are eligible to attend

[Held at The National Conference Centre, Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road Solihull B92 0EJ](#)

Sunday 29th June 2025 Annual Church Service: All masons including Entered apprentices & Fellow Crafts are eligible to attend

[Held at St Mary's Church, Old Square, Warwick CV34 4RA](#)

## 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](mailto:reliefchest@mcf.org.uk)

A PSA prostate cancer screening event will take place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at **Knowle Masonic Lodge**



Calling all men 40 and over, take a PSA test for prostate cancer and it could save your life.

In its early stages, prostate cancer generally produces no symptoms, so it is important to diagnose the disease before symptoms arise and while it is still potentially curable.

A PSA test is nothing more than a simple blood test. It's currently the best readily available indicator of a possible prostate problem. So for something so simple that delivers such benefits why wouldn't you invest a few minutes of your time taking a test.

**When: Saturday 24 May 2025**

**Time: 09:30 – 12:30**

**Where: KNOWLE MASONIC LODGE**

1621 Warwick Road, Knowle,  
Solihull, West Midlands B93 9LF

**Cost: £26,00**

Book your test now:



For more information visit: <https://gfct.mypsatests.org.uk/>

Tel: 01926 419959 - E: [info@psatests.org.uk](mailto:info@psatests.org.uk)

## Lodge of Loyalty 4340



On Tuesday 11th February 2025 W Bro Greg Parsons was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the third time.

W Bro Peter H Clarke PSGD AsstPGM who presided is an honorary member of the lodge.

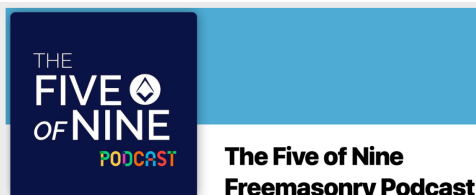
An excellent meeting and festive board was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended

## 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](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

- 13 Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix
- 15 University of Birmingham meeting
- 17 Athol Chapter
- 18 Chapter of Fortitude
- 19 Aston Old Edwardian meeting: [Raising Ceremony](#)
- 20 Vernon Chapter Rose Croix
- 22 St Paul's [German visitors](#)
- 24 St Martin's meeting: [Passing Ceremony](#)
- 25 St Paul's meeting: [Double Initiation Ceremony](#)
- 26 Forward meeting: [Installation Ceremony](#)
- 27 Charity Mark
- 28 Alma Mater meeting: [Double Initiation Ceremony](#)

#### Alma Mater Lodge 1644

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

[almamaterlodge@gmail.com](mailto:almamaterlodge@gmail.com)



#### Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

680th Regular Meeting  
Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 5.45pm  
Raising Ceremony

[secretary@lodge3857.org](mailto:secretary@lodge3857.org)





## Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 5th March 2025

[assistantSec@athol.org.uk](mailto:assistantSec@athol.org.uk)

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



## Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 6th March 2025

ANNUAL: CHARITY NIGHT 7pm

[elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com](mailto:elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com)

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



## Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 26th February 2025

Installation Ceremony

[bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk)

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



## Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Friday 21st March 2025

[kentonmanor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kentonmanor@hotmail.co.uk)



## Lodge of Happiness 7952

Thursday 10th April 2025

Installation Ceremony

[secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk](mailto:secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk)

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



### Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Tuesday 11th March 2025  
Raising Ceremony  
[ericrymer67@outlook.com](mailto:ericrymer67@outlook.com)

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



### Lodge of Security 5650

Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 6.00pm  
[lodge5650@hotmail.com](mailto:lodge5650@hotmail.com)  
07944 846537

Closing meeting, handing in its warrant, visitors welcome



### St Martin's Lodge 4011

721st Regular Meeting  
Monday 24th February 2025  
Passing Ceremony  
[nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk)

07787 430212



### St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 25th February 2025  
Double Initiation Ceremony  
[richda100@gmail.com](mailto:richda100@gmail.com)

07711 072235



### University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 15th February 2025

Please email Bro. Secretary confirming your attendance

[uobl5628@gmail.com](mailto: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>

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### **Athol Chapter No.74**

Monday 17th February 2025

[aaron@powell.uk.com](mailto:aaron@powell.uk.com)

### **Leigh Chapter No.887**

Tuesday 6th May 2025

[mikehogarth@aol.com](mailto:mikehogarth@aol.com)

### **Chapter of Fortitude No.43**

Tuesday 18th February 2025

[peter@wellings.me.uk](mailto:peter@wellings.me.uk)

### **St. Martins Chapter No.4011**

Wednesday 12th March 2025

[mediumal57@gmail.com](mailto:mediumal57@gmail.com)

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## 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:

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### **Vernon Chapter Rose Croix**

Thursday 20th February 2025

[andymills@chameleoncollection.co.uk](mailto:andymills@chameleoncollection.co.uk)

### **Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix**

Thursday 13th February 2025

[mikeallcott@gmail.com](mailto:mikeallcott@gmail.com)

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## 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.

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**Charity Mark Lodge MMM 430**

Thursday 27th February 2025

[430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)



**Concord Lodge MMM 735**

Friday 4th April 2025

[735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)



**Holte MMM Lodge 1041**

Monday 14th April 2025

[1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)



**Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012**

Saturday 12th April 2025

[1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)

07817 588031



**St Martins Lodge MMM 959**

Thursday 20 March 2025

[959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)



Royal Ark Mariners

Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 12th April 2025

Friday 7th March 2025

[1012ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:1012ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)

[735ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk](mailto:735ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk)



ORDER OF THE  
SECRET MONITOR

St Martin's No.509.

Monday 23rd June 2025



ROYAL & SELECT

St Martin's No.252

Monday 7th April 2025

[kdownes1235@btinternet.com](mailto:kdownes1235@btinternet.com)




ORDER OF THE SCARLET  
CORD


Andrew C

Sweeney No.140

Thursday 22nd May 2025




[dennispotter@sky.com](mailto: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>



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**The joint Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter Website.**

[warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk](http://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.