



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

Issue 238

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/>

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.

Lodge of Loyalty 4340

On Tuesday 11th March 2025 Bro John Hands was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason



St Martin's Chapter 4011

On Wednesday 12th March 2025 E Comps Gavin Cumberland, Nicholas Clarke and David Ore were installed for the ensuing year



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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The MW Grand Master has been pleased to appoint to and promote in Grand Rank the following Warwickshire Brethren: -

Appointments

Jonathan Stephen AMIES to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Andrew Rowland ARMBRISTER to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Promotions

Avtar Singh PANESAR to the rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon

Philip GOUGH to the rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon

Warwickshire Masons receiving First Appointments to and Promotions to and in Grand Rank via other provinces:-

Appointments

Simon Daryl Colin KEY to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Promotions

Andrew Christopher SWEENEY to the rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer

I am sure you will join me in congratulating those brethren receiving preferment in recognition of their commitment and dedication to freemasonry.

Very best wishes,

Phillip L Hall

Notice of activity & Invitation to participate:



What: A 5 day walk from UGLE to Fisher House in Birmingham

Why: To raise money for Fisher House

Where: 2 competing routes, East & West, comprising of 5 individual days/stages

When: Thursday May 1st – Bank Holiday Monday May 5th

Who: The brethren of Stivichall Lodge, some chums and you? – We're particularly eager to hear from current and ex-military service personnel, as well as any physically active people and those able to offer logistical or other support.

How: On behalf of the WM & brethren of Stivichall Lodge, you and any interested parties are cordially invited to a participation in our endeavours.

Our hope is that, because this is a worthy cause:

- Military (& ex-mil) Personnel might want to help us keep us going and augment support for Fisher House
- There might be people in our network with local knowledge, so we can glean information to set more interesting tasks/challenges (for comedy value/masonic & military interest/promotional material)
- We could afford an opportunity for brethren, especially young/new masons to meet and befriend those from other provinces (5 of 9, etc)...
- ...serving as an opportunity to demonstrate/promote direct grass roots masonic activity, making a difference in our communities beyond our immediate masonic cohort...
- ... perhaps precipitating cross provincial visits/cooperation in future events
- We could provide a less formal environment to involve anyone interested in joining, where they can meet masons outside of the rooms or white table events, demonstrating what we do' beyond the square'
- It is also hoped brethren might have contacts to request limited practical support, e.g. access to the rooms to take photos, wash and brush up, general logistical support, etc whilst in a neighbouring Province's 'patch'.

Do you know anybody that fits these descriptions or who you feel might be a good fit for this challenge?

If so, please see the attachment for more details and spread the word ASAP to maximise participation or:

If anyone has any further questions or queries, please contact Kev via 07979381134 or truebluetaylor@gmail.com / truebluetaylor@yahoo.com, otherwise keep an eye out for further comms in the near future.

Kevin Taylor

Stivichall Lodge 5799

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.

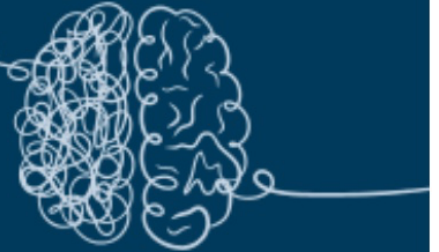
Please contact the Relief Chest Scheme if you have any queries (see contact details below).



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



Mental Health Support via the MCF



We offer mental health support to members of the Freemasonry community – both adults and, since 2023, children and young people aged 5-17, by collaborating with an external provider.

The initial clinical assessment and support is provided by an independent team of registered and accredited professional counsellors and therapists.

In the last financial year, we supported **471** people with their mental health, **68** of which were children and young people.

Mental health support

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/freemasons-and-families/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Alma Mater Lodge No. 1644 The Warden Lodge No. 794



May Bank Holiday Sunday Lunch: 4th May 2025 – 12:30 for 1pm

The Worshipful Master of the Alma Mater Lodge W.Bro Thomas Brookes
and the Worshipful Master of The Warden Lodge W.Bro Roger Cook
Invite you to join them at a joint Sunday Lunch.

Sutton Coldfield Masonic Hall

Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. B72 1TJ

Dress Code - Informal Lounge Suit

Tickets £35.00 per Adult & Children under 12 £15.00

This includes a three-course menu and all drinks

Menu

A Selection of starters

Roast dinner with Roast Topside of Beef

Served with Yorkshire puddings, stuffing, roast potatoes and a selection of fresh vegetables
with lashings of gravy

A selection of desserts

Coffee & Mints

Please consider inviting friends, family and potential members to this event.

Early bookings would be greatly appreciated.

To book please email names to: almamaterlodge@gmail.com

If you require a vegetarian meal or have any dietary requirements, please let us know.

A PSA prostate cancer screening event will take place on **Saturday 24th 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/>

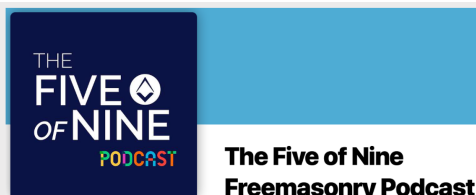
Tel: 01926 419959 - E: info@psatests.org.uk

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.

March 2025

- 15 University of Birmingham meeting: [Initiation Ceremony](#)
- 19 Aston Old Edwardian's meeting
- 20 St Martin's Mark
- 24 St Martin's meeting
- 25 St Paul's meeting
- 26 Forward meeting
- 28 Alma Mater meeting

Alma Mater Lodge 1644

888th Regular Meeting
Friday 28th March 2025 at 6.00pm

Double Initiation Ceremony

almamaterlodge@gmail.com



Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

681st Regular Meeting

Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 6.00pm

secretary@lodge3857.org



Athol Lodge 74

Tuesday 15thnbn. April 2025

assistantSec@athol.org.uk

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 3rd April 2025

elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 26th March 2025

bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Friday 21st March 2025

seanborgazzi@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 8th April 2025
Double Initiation Ceremony
ericrymer67@outlook.com

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



St Martin's Lodge 4011

721st Regular Meeting
Monday 24th March 2025

nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk

07787 430212



St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 25th March 2025

richda100@gmail.com

07711 072235



University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 15th March 2025 at 10.30am

Initiation Ceremony
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 15th April 2025

aaron@powell.uk.com

Leigh Chapter No.887

Tuesday 6th May 2025 at

5.45pm

mikehogarth@aol.com

Chapter of Fortitude No.43

Wednesday 21st May 2025

peter@wellings.me.uk

St. Martins Chapter No.4011

Wednesday 10th September 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

Friday 9th May 2025

andymills@chameleoncollection.co.uk

Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix

Wednesday 14th May 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 24th April 2025

430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Concord Lodge MMM 735

Friday 4th April 2025

735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Holte MMM Lodge 1041

Monday 14th April 2025

1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012

Saturday 12th April 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 12th April 2025

Friday 16th May 2025

1012ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

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




ORDER OF THE SCARLET
CORD


Andrew C

Sweeney No.140

Thursday 22nd May 2025




dennispotter@sky.com

 PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
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.

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Thank you for your continued support.