



## 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 239

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.

[richard.izon@me.com](mailto:richard.izon@me.com)

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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/>

# 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.



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## 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](#)

Dear Brethren,

I have much pleasure in advising you that the Provincial Wardens for the next Provincial year will be:

ProvSGW - W Bro Richard Izon  
ProvJGW - W Bro John Payne

This information will be shared with the brethren of Warwickshire on Saturday and must remain embargoed until then, please.

I am sure you will want to pass on your best wishes to these two worthy brethren in the meantime.

With warmest regards  
Philip

RW Bro Philip Hall  
Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire

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All Freemasons in Warwickshire should have received a personalised invitation to sign up to the brand-new membership platform designed to enhance your Masonic experience.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**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 anyone has any further questions or queries, please contact Kev via 07979381134 or [truebluetaylor@gmail.com](mailto:truebluetaylor@gmail.com) / [truebluetaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:truebluetaylor@yahoo.com), otherwise keep an eye out for further comms in the near future.

Kevin Taylor

Stivichall Lodge 5799





Welcome to 'The Bear', the new look and name for our Provincial newsletter and communications channels. 'In Touch' was a response to the COVID pandemic, and has been an enormously successful tool.

However, as times have changed, it felt appropriate to update and refresh the name, and so 'The Bear' was born. It will still arrive in your inbox every month and contain important messages from the Province and showcase some of our good works.

The change of name also comes with some other changes. We have a Facebook group (which you can join with the QR code below) which we encourage you to join and to post about your lodge meetings, social events and charitable works.

If you wish to share your photos with the Communication Team, then there is a WhatsApp number (details below) which you can use for photos and short write ups about events. We are aiming to build a library of photos and stories which we can use to spread the word about the great work we do as Warwickshire Freemasons.

So why not take photos at your meetings (no photos when the lodge is open please!) and festive boards and share them with us? These photos should be fun and engaging and show the wonderful things we do, just make sure you have the consent of those in the photos to share them.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Provincial meeting in June.

Philip Hall  
Head of Warwickshire Freemasons

[Chat on WhatsApp with +44 7874 487712](#)

## 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.

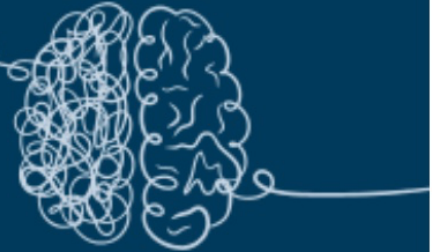
**Please contact the Relief Chest Scheme if you have any queries (see contact details below).**



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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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Roast dinner with Roast Topside of Beef

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

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A selection of desserts

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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](mailto: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 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)

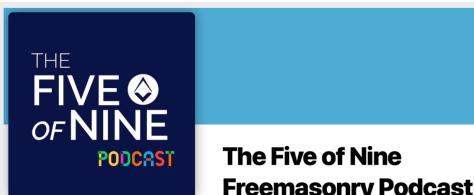


## PODCASTS

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.

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### March 2025

- 20 St Martin's Mark
- 24 St Martin's meeting
- 25 St Paul's meeting: [Talk by WBro Howard L Smith AsstPGM](#)
- 26 Forward meeting
- 28 Alma Mater meeting

### APRIL 2025

- 02 Athol meeting: [Double Initiation Ceremony](#)
- 03 Elkington meeting: [Passing Ceremony](#)
- 04 Concord Mark
- 07 St Martin's RSM
- 08 Loyalty meeting: [Double Initiation Ceremony](#)

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#### Alma Mater Lodge 1644

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

Double Initiation Ceremony

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



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#### Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

682nd Regular Meeting

Wednesday 16th April 2025

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



## Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 2nd April 2025  
Double Initiation Ceremony  
[assistantSec@athol.org.uk](mailto:assistantSec@athol.org.uk)

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



## Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 3rd April 2025

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

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



## Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 26th March 2025

[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

[seanborgazzi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:seanborgazzi@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>



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### Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Tuesday 8th April 2025  
Double Initiation Ceremony  
[ericrymer67@outlook.com](mailto:ericrymer67@outlook.com)

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



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### St Martin's Lodge 4011

721st Regular Meeting  
Monday 24th March 2025

[nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk)

07787 430212



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### St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 25th March 2025  
Talk by WBro Howard Smith AsstPGM  
[richda100@gmail.com](mailto:richda100@gmail.com)

07711 072235



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### University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 18th October 2025

[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 15th April 2025

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

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

Tuesday 6th May 2025 at

5.45pm

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

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

Wednesday 21st May 2025

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

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

Wednesday 10th September 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**

Friday 9th May 2025

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

### **Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix**

Wednesday 14th May 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 24th April 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 16th May 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.