



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 243

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

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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 bold leap into the future

Picture this: a Masonic community where paper forms are relics, where your next Lodge meeting syncs effortlessly to your phone, and where every Brother's face and name are just a tap away.

This isn't a distant dream—it's here, now, with **Portal**, our ground-breaking new membership platform.

Unveiled at the March QC by the Pro Grand Master Jonathan Spence, DL, Portal builds on the trusted foundations of Adelphi, UGLE's membership database, and Hermes, the Lodge Secretaries' tool.

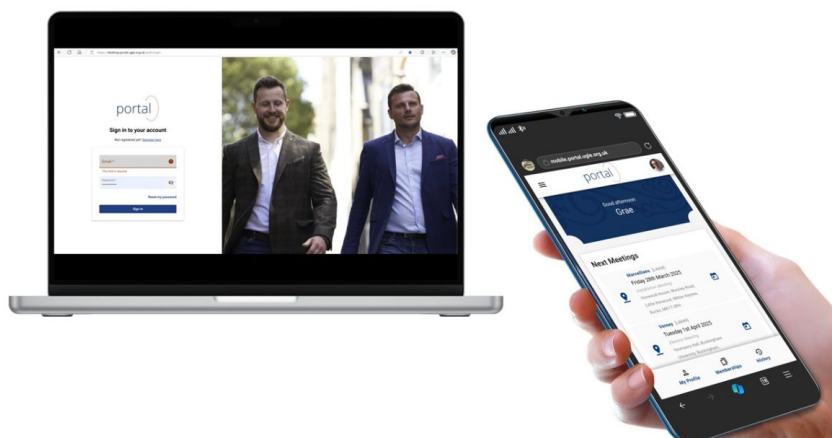
But **Portal** takes it further—straight into the hands of you, the Brethren. It's empowerment in action: control your data, plan your Masonic journey, and connect like never before—all from your computer, tablet, or phone.

And security? Industry-leading privacy features mean you decide who sees what. Your information, your rules.

Never Miss a Moment

Gone are the days of double bookings or forgotten dates. **Portal's** homepage displays your next three meetings, downloadable to your calendar with a click. Want to plan further ahead? See years' worth of events at your fingertips. Visiting a Lodge? Browse chapters, get directions, and let **Portal** guide you there via your maps app.

And it's not just about logistics. Upload a photo to your profile and become the Brother who knows every name at the Lodge. **Portal** turns visits into opportunities—building friendships, strengthening bonds, and making every meeting a chance to belong.





A bold leap into the future

Simplicity Meets Innovation

Worried about the tech? Don't be.

Portal was crafted for everyone—even, as one Brother put it, “olduns” like him. Add it to your phone's home screen, save your password, and one tap opens your Masonic world. From Initiation to today, your journey is all in one place, designed by bright minds who prioritised simplicity over complexity.

The Future Beckons

This is just Phase 1. Future updates promise even more: tools to find ceremonies, connect candidates with Lodges, and streamline membership inquiries.

Imagine a Brother witnessing an Initiation, then finding a nearby Lodge for the next one—all through Portal. This isn't just a tool; it's a growth engine for our fraternity.

Freemasonry isn't content to rest on tradition. With Portal, we're setting a global standard for engagement. It's a revolution, Brethren, and it's live now.

The Pro Grand Master requires us all to register for Portal and to explore our exciting new membership application

Log on by Desktop: https://desktop.portal.ugle.org.uk/auth/register?mc_cid=7815c19e06&mc_eid=105f78913a

Log on by Mobile: https://mobile.portal.ugle.org.uk/auth/register?mc_cid=7815c19e06&mc_eid=105f78913a



2025 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and RA Convocation

📍 Location: National Conference Centre At The National Motorbike Museum, Bickenhill

📅 07/06/2025 10:00

2025 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and Royal Arch Convocation

Saturday 7th June 2025

This year's Annual Meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter will both be held on Saturday 7th June 2025 at National Conference Centre at The National Motorbike Museum, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands B92 0EJ.

This event is open to all Master Masons and Companions.

Event Timings

Doors Open at
09:00

Provincial Grand Chapter Opens

10:30 (*all seated by 10:00*)

Lunch

13:00

Provincial Grand Lodge Opens

15:15 (*all seated by 14:45*)

Finish (approx.)

17:30

Dress Code

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

Morning dress or dark suit. Provincial or Royal Arch Tie. No gloves.

Supreme Grand Chapter Officers and Provincial Grand Chapter Officers are requested to wear Full Dress Regalia. Supreme Grand Chapter Officers are requested to wear morning tailcoats.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Morning dress or dark suit. Provincial or Craft Tie. Masters of Lodges to wear their Collar of office. White gloves.

Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officers are requested to wear Full Dress Regalia. Grand Lodge Officers are requested to wear morning tailcoats.



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Worcs
B60 2LA
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Email: r.mainwaring@rmagb.com
10th March 2025

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Dear Sir & Brother,

St. Georges Night - Saturday 10th May 2025

Our Worshipful Master, W.Bro Mike Powers and his Lady Lesley are holding their Ladies Informal as a St. George's Night celebration on Saturday 10th May 2025 at Severn Street Masonic Rooms, Birmingham.

Reception 6.15pm

Dinner 7pm

Table Games

Traditional Ladies' Night Toasts

Live Entertainment

Carriages 11.30pm

Dress to Impress (Semi-Formal or Cocktail attire) – Evening Wear, Dinner Suit, Lounge Suits, Traditional Dress, or even St. George's themed wear.

The cost will be £45.00 per person including a welcome glass of Prosecco and Wine at the table.

A Charity Collection and Raffle in aid of Dementia UK (www.dementiauk.org) will be held for which prizes brought on the night will be most gratefully received.

Mike and Lesley will be delighted to see you and of course your wives, partners and personal guests at what is intended to be a fun evening.

*Menu to follow separately but booking in the meantime please to me directly by e-mail and payment by BACS in advance to my bank account:
RG Mainwaring Sort code 40-47-86 A/C 20197335.*

Yours sincerely & fraternally

*Richard Mainwaring
Ladies Informal Night Secretary*

A TALK BY SIR DAVID WOOTTON

Monday 12th May 2025

Save The Date

I am pleased to give you advance notice of an important meeting of the Warwickshire First Principals' Chapter No. 4538 taking place on **Monday 12th May**.

The Chapter will be honoured with a talk by the Most Excellent Second Grand Principal, **Sir David Wootton**. His address promises to be both informative and engaging - an event not to be missed!

The meeting will be held at the **Masonic Hall, Elsee Road, Rugby**, and is open to all companions who wish to attend. If you would like to join us, please contact the Chapter Scribe E, using the link below, who will be happy to send you a summons.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire

Office: 0121 454 4422

Web: warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk

Email: masons@warwickshirepgl.org



Two Teams: Two Routes: One Mission

Raising Funds for Fisher House

On Thursday May 1st 2025, brethren from across the province will depart from UGLE in London. In two competing teams, taking different routes, they will cover around 150 miles each (so 300 in total); traversing numerous provinces, stopping off at local Masonic Centres and places of military interest, they will complete a series of fun challenges, concluding their endeavours at Fisher House on the evening of Monday May 5th.

Whilst it isn't too late to get involved, either by walking or with logistics and support, we're now at the stage where we're asking for your support in the form of direct sponsorship.

To support the Brethren taking the Eastern route, please follow this link:

<https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation/warwick300-warwickshire-tercentenary-appeal/mayday-march>

As part of the challenges, points will be allocated to the teams in accordance with how much sponsorship they raise. The two routes are below, so if you aren't sure which team to support, this might give you some idea of their daily schedules:

To the East to:

Day 1 - E1. Essex/ Harlow Masonic Hall, Church Rd, Harlow, Essex, CM17 9AN

Day 2 - E2. Bedfordshire/ Luton Masonic Hall, Bowling Green Lane, Luton, LU2 7HR

Day 3 (Pt 1) - E3. Buckinghamshire/ Bletchley Masonic Centre, 263 Queensway, Fenny Stratton, Bletchley, MK2 2BZ

Day 3 (Pt 2) - E4. Northamptonshire/ Towcester Masonic Centre, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6LD

Day 4 - E5. Leicestershire and Rutland/ Hinckley Masonic Rooms, St Mary's Rd, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 1EQ

Day 5 – E6. Directly to Fisher House

To the West to:

Day 1 - W1. Middlesex/ Uxbridge Masonic Hall, 4a Hercies Rd, Hillingdon, Midds, UB10 9NA, 01895 813 849, office@uxmhl.uk

Day 2 (Pt 1) -W2. Berkshire/ The Guildhall, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3JD

Day 2 (Pt 2) - W3. Oxfordshire/ Witney Masonic Centre, Masonic Hall, 20 Church Green, Witney, Oxon, OX28 4AW

Day 3 - W4. Gloucestershire/ Stow on the Wold Freemason's Hall, Church Street, Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire, GL 54 1BB

Day 4 - W5. Worcestershire/ Redditch Masonic Hall, Easemore Rd, Redditch, B98 8ER

Day 5 - W6. Warks, Knowle Rooms...then proceed to Fisher House

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

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.mypsatestests.org.uk/>

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

PODCASTS

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<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.

APRIL 2025

- 24 Charity Mark: [Advancement Ceremony](#)
- 25 Alma Mater meeting
- 28 St Martin's meeting
- 29 St Paul's meeting: [Initiation Ceremony](#)

May 2025

- 01 Happiness meeting
- 06 Leigh Chapter
- 07 Athol meeting
- 09 Vernon Chapter Rose Croix
- 10 Athol Ladies to dine
- 14 Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix

Alma Mater Lodge 1644

889th Regular Meeting
Friday 25th April 2025

almamaterlodge@gmail.com



Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

683nd Regular Meeting

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Installation Ceremony

secretary@lodge3857.org



Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 7th May 2025

assistantSec@athol.org.uk

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Installation Ceremony

elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Friday 19th September 2025

Installation Ceremony

seanborgazzi@hotmail.co.uk



Lodge of Happiness 7952

Thursday 1st May 2025

secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Tuesday 20th May 2025

Raising Ceremony

ericrymer67@outlook.com

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



St Martin's Lodge 4011

724th Regular Meeting

Monday 28th April 2025

nimar.bridges@tiscali.co.uk

07787 430212



St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 29th April 2025

Initiation Ceremony

richda100@gmail.com

07711 072235



University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 18th October 2025

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 September 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
Advancement Ceremony
Thursday 24th April 2025

430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Concord Lodge MMM 735

Friday 3rd October 2025

735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Holte MMM Lodge 1041

Monday 13th October 2025

1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012

Saturday 11th October 2025
Installation Ceremony

1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

07817 588031



St Martins Lodge MMM 959

Thursday 18th September 2025

959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 6th December 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

Thursday 19th June 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.

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

Thank you for your continued support.