



## 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 247

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.



## **Fisher House Fundraising Update**

We made a donation of £95,000 to Fisher House in December 2024. We will be making a further donation of £80,000 in March 2025.

We have agreed to make quarterly donations rather than one large donation in 2028 as Fisher House requires donations now in order to sustain their services.

The trustees of Fisher House have agreed that each of the 18 bedrooms and two lounges can be named by those lodges who's members donate most to the appeal.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **PSA Testing 23rd of May**

PSA Testing will take place at Knowle Masonic Center on the **23rd of May 2025**.

### **Five of Nine Grand Lodge Presentation**

The Five of Nine Club have been selected to present at the special Light Blues Quarterly Communication meeting at Freemasons Hall on the 31st of May.

### **Apollo Lodge Fashion Show**

Apollo Lodge 301 are hosting a fashion show on the 1st of June

### **Annual Convocation and Provincial Grand Lodge**

The Annual Meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter will take place on the 7th of June 2025 at the National Conference Centre.

Booking information has been set out please contact your Lodge/Chapter Secretary if you have not received it.

### **Vintage Car Show b28th of June**

Calling all car enthusiasts:

Support W Bro Kevin Hogan and his team and have a fund day out supporting Fisher House.

APOLLO 301 CHARITY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CAR SHOW

# VINTAGE *Wheels*

**SAT 28  
JUNE  
2025  
10AM - 4PM**



**£2  
ENTRY**

# TIMELESS *Appeal*

**CALLING ALL CAR ENTHUSIASTS!**  
Bring a picnic and a chair for a day of fun



**HOGAN BROTHERS**

**71 ARTHUR STREET, LAKESIDE, REDDITCH, B98 8LQ**



Call **07879 086 421** to reserve your stall or car entry.  
£10 per car entry

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## **IN AID OF FISHER HOUSE**

Fisher House UK Charity is 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 QE Hospital, Birmingham.



# Les Misérables

IN SUPPORT OF FISHER HOUSE



To celebrate 40 years of this legendary musical, Les Misérables will be performed at The Alexandra, Birmingham from Tuesday 10 June to Saturday 14 June with matinees on both Friday and Saturday.

For the first time, by special permission from Cameron Mackintosh and Music Theatre International, BMOS Musical Theatre Company in collaboration with Bilston Operatic Society, Bournville Musical Theatre Company and West Bromwich Operatic Society, bring you one of the UK amateur premieres of Boublil and Schönberg's epic musical triumph, Les Misérables.

With kind permission of BMOS Musical Theatre Company and the Alexandra theatre, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, David Butcher will be attend the opening night on Tuesday 10 June and the performance will be in support of the Warwickshire Tercentenary Appeal for Fisher House.

It is hoped that many members of the masonic community will join him for the evening and swell the charity funds accordingly. There have already been successful bike rides and walks on behalf of the charity but this event is one where all our members and their families can make their contribution and have a fantastic night out.

Please come and support your Deputy Provincial Grand Master and his wife Val on the opening night, 10<sup>th</sup> June or any of the other performances.

You can book your tickets direct online. however, if we book together we will receive a discount equivalent to 10% of your ticket price, we can then donate this to Fisher House. A collection for Fisher House will be made on the night of the 10<sup>th</sup> June by members of the armed forces.

Prices start from £40 at the Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Queensway, Birmingham, West Midlands, B5 4DS.

To Book Tickets: <https://www.atgtickets.com/shows/bmos-presents-les-miserables-let-the-people-sing/the-alexandra-theatre-birmingham/>



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.mypsatestests.org.uk/>

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





## 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.

## Lodge of Loyalty No. 4340



At the 720th Emergency Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025, the members of the lodge together with a good number of visitors witnessed the raising of Bro John Imoh Abakasanga, followed by an enjoyable festive board.

The next Regular meeting is on Thursday 25th September 2025, Masonic visitors are warmly welcomed.



## *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.

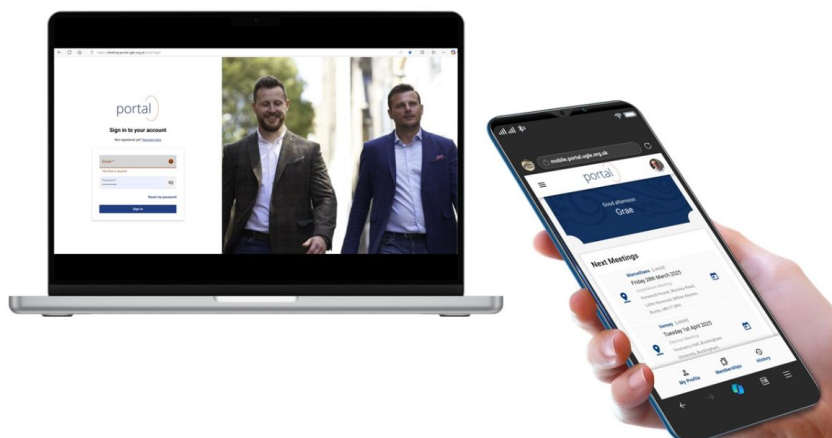
But **Portal** takes it further—straight into the hands of you, the Brethren. It's empowerment in action: control your data, plan your Masonic journey, and connect like never before—all from your computer, tablet, or phone.

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](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](https://mobile.portal.ugle.org.uk/auth/register?mc_cid=7815c19e06&mc_eid=105f78913a)***



## 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)

## 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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### May 2025

22 Andrew Sweeney Scarlet Cord

### June 2025

23 St Martin's OSM

### July 2025

08 St Martin's RSM

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### Alma Mater Lodge 1644

890th Regular Meeting  
Friday 24th October 2025

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



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### Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

683nd Regular Meeting

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Installation Ceremony

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



### **Athol Lodge 74**

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



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### **Elkington Lodge 1016**

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Installation Ceremony

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

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



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### **Forward Lodge 1180**

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

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

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



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### **Lodge of Freedom No 3914**

Friday 19th September 2025

Installation Ceremony

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



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### **Lodge of Happiness 7952**

Thursday 4th September 2025

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

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



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### **Lodge of Loyalty 4340**

Thursday 25th September 2025

Initiation Ceremony

[ericrymer67@outlook.com](mailto:ericrymer67@outlook.com)

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



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### **St Martin's Lodge 4011**

724th Regular Meeting

Monday 22nd September 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 23rd September 2025

[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 September 2025

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

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

Friday 3rd September 2025

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

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

Wednesday 8th October 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:

### **Vernon Chapter Rose Croix**

Friday 12th September 2025

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

### **Aesculapius Chapter Rose Croix**

Thursday 13th November 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**

Wednesday 17th September 2025

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



**Concord Lodge MMM 735**

Friday 3rd October 2025

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



**Holte MMM Lodge 1041**

Monday 13th October 2025

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



**Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012**

Saturday 11th October 2025  
Installation Ceremony

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

07817 588031



**St Martins Lodge MMM 959**

Thursday 18th September 2025

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



Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 6th December 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

Tuesday 8th July 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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**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**



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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.