



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, Warwickshire Light Blues 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



WARWICKSHIRE FREEMASONS

The Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following Brethren for the ensuing year: -

Provincial Senior Grand Warden: W Bro David J Ingram, Coventry
Foundation Lodge 4543

Provincial Junior Grand Warden: W Bro Roy Dixon, Schola
Warwickensis Lodge 9321

I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating the Brethren receiving preferment this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bernard Foad
Provincial Grand Secretary

Updates to the Book of Constitutions

Approved 10 September 2025

<https://mailchi.mp/bb6ab8776863/royal-arch-announcement-21561154?e=9c2488602e>

What Has Changed

In summary: a single subscribing member may now sponsor a candidate's proposal. The previous requirement for both a Proposer and a Seconder has been removed. The candidate can be an initiate or a joining member – the change applies to both.

Key Rule Amendments –

“Proposer and Seconder” are replaced by “Sponsor” and it specifies that only subscribing members (not Honorary members) can be a sponsor.



Take the leap!

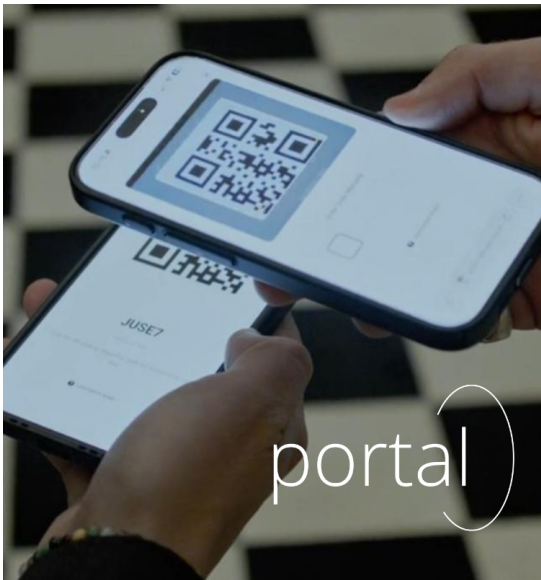
Join Warwickshire Freemasons, their families and friends for a charity skydive day on Saturday 11th July 2026 at Hinton Skydiving Centre, Brackley, a day of adrenaline, fellowship, and fundraising in support of Fisher House, the Provincial Grand Masters nominated charity for the Tercentenary Appeal 2028. We are looking for brave souls who want to take the Leap! and raise money for this worth cause!

- Tandem skydives for participants (no previous experience required, subject to safety guidelines)
- A relaxed, family-friendly airfield environment with ground activities including hog roast, raffle and summer games
- Plenty of open space—children and dogs are very welcome
- A bar open at the end of the day to unwind, share experiences, and enjoy good company

The airfield is easily accessible from across Warwickshire (approximately 35 minutes / 27 miles from Guys Cliffe), with transport options available for those who need them.

[Skydive for Fisher House!](https://www.wlbclub.org.uk/skydiving-for-fisher-house)

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Portal is your gateway to a more connected Masonic journey - [accessible anytime, anywhere, from any device!](#)

Portal is not just a tool that will help you find Lodges and Chapters to visit, it introduces enhanced privacy controls, enabling you to manage who can view your personal data within your own profile.

Exciting new features include **My Friends**, making it easier than ever to stay in touch with Brethren and Companions you meet along the way. [See how it works!](#)

Additionally, the **Quick Links section** serves as a central repository for key digital resources, bringing together *Solomon*, *Craftcast*, *the Book of Constitutions*, and many others.

If you haven't registered yet, now is the time. Over 60,000 Brethren are already on board — join them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIPbPqo2D50>

Portal is our new membership app designed to make Freemasonry more accessible — anytime, anywhere. Manage your details, explore events, and connect with other Brethren.

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

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

General Lodge of Instruction No 587

Founded in the Year 1854

Working under the sanction of the Howe Lodge No 587 and “recognised” by the
Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement No. 256, London
Membership No. 30

The General Lodge of Instruction No 587 is where we learn our ritual, discuss etiquette, procedure, and protocol, and ask our preceptors any questions we have. Laughter is common, gentle mischief is tolerated, and mistakes are allowed. The theory is that members take the office that they are likely to occupy the following year, thus enabling them to be fully prepared for the year ahead.

The Lodge meets at the [Severn Street Masonic Hall \(external rehearsal rooms\), 60 Severn Street, Birmingham B1 1QG](#), every Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. throughout the year, except during the months of June, July and August.

Any Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason or Past Master, being a subscribing member of a Regular Lodge, is eligible for Membership and may join at any meeting.

Terms of Admission

Weekly Fee £1.00

Annual Subscription [pro rata] £10.00 p.a.

Please pay by BACS for the year, [or pro rata], in advance TOTAL £39.00

Bank Details: Metro Bank, General Lodge of Instruction No. 587

Account Number: 48818099 Sort Code: 23-05-80

A Brother who has been an active member may, on becoming a Past Master, become a Life member on payment of £15.00.

Senior Preceptor:

W. Bro. J.R. Emms, **PSGD, PastAPGM**, PM 4563, PM 4538 and PM 9620

Assistant Preceptors:

W. Bro. M. D. Hogarth, **PAGDC** and PM 4563

W. Bro. J. Herrick, PProvJGD and PM 8401

W. Bro. Jasvinder Sambhi, PPGSD and PM 587

Secretary

W. Bro. Terry J. Wood

07767 247896 gloi587warwickshire@outlook.com

Some meeting dates and times are subject to change at short notice, so please refer to your email or the WhatsApp group for any notifications from the Secretary.

The General Lodge of Instruction No 587 undertake to teach the ritual according to the method demonstrated by The Emulation Lodge of Improvement whose Committee are satisfied with that undertaking.



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE

The Excellent Companion PHILIP L HALL
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent
The Excellent Companion DAVID R GRAHAM, PGSwdB
Deputy Grand Superintendent
The Excellent Companion MICHAEL C MORRIS, PGStdB
Second Provincial Grand Principal
The Excellent Companion GEOFFREY WALKER, PGStdB
Third Provincial Grand Principal

General Chapter of Instruction Annual Festival

Wednesday 15 April 2026

5.30pm

Atherstone Masonic Hall

96 Long Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 1AN

Demonstration of the Royal Arch Ceremony of Exaltation

President for the evening

The Excellent Companion Ian R Copestake

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Derbyshire

And afterwards for dinner at

The Red Lion Hotel

Menu

Duck & Orange Pate, Red Onion Chutney, with Toasted Ciabatta or Vegetarian Alternative
Steak & Ale Pie, served with Roast Potatoes and a selection of seasonal Vegetables or Vegetarian Alternative

Apple & Cinnamon Crumble with Custard

Coffee / Tea with Mints

Dinner wine (or Juice) included

£ 38.50

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<https://warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk/event/2026-general-chapter-of-instruction/>

This year's General Chapter of Instruction will be held on Wednesday, 15th April 2026 at Atherstone Masonic Hall, 96 Long Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire CV9 1AN followed by dinner at The Red Lion Hotel, 99 Long St, Atherstone, CV9 1BB.

All companions are invited.



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

A banner for the Fisher House Appeal. On the left, the text "FISHER HOUSE APPEAL" is displayed 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" with "Registered Charity No. 281942" underneath. A blue button at the bottom right says "Click HERE to donate".

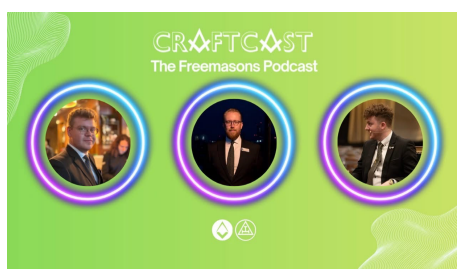
Fisher House

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham proudly serves as the receiving hospital for injured military personnel, both from the UK and around the world.

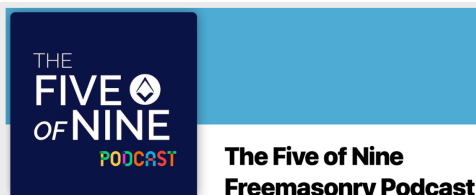
Recognising the specific needs of these families, Fisher House UK was built to offer them a crucial support system during difficult times. This 18-bedroom haven provides a "home away from home" for injured service members and their families, allowing them to stay close to loved ones while receiving treatment at the hospital.

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

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 2026

- 19 St Martin's Mark
- 20 Freedom meeting
- 21 University of Birmingham meeting: [Initiation Ceremony](#)
- 23 St Martin's meeting
- 24 St Paul's meeting
- 25 Forward meeting
- 26 [TEMPLE COUNCIL MEETING](#) 7pm
- 27 Alma Mater meeting: [Multiple Raising Ceremony](#)

April 2026

- 1 Athol meeting
- 2 Elkington meeting

Alma Mater Lodge 1644

894th Regular Meeting
Friday 27th March 2026

almamaterlodge@gmail.com



Aston Old Edwardian Lodge 3857

688th Regular Meeting

Wednesday 15th April 2026

secretary@lodge3857.org



Athol Lodge 74

Wednesday 1st April 2026

assistantSec@athol.org.uk

07784 283991

<https://athol.org.uk>



Elkington Lodge 1016

Thursday 2nd April 2026

elkingtonlodge1016@gmail.com

07976 298768

<https://www.elkington1016.com>



Forward Lodge 1180

Wednesday 25th March 2026

bob.manders@blueyonder.co.uk

07910747326

<https://forwardlodge.org.uk>



Lodge of Freedom No 3914

Friday 20th March 2026

seanborgazzi@hotmail.co.uk



Lodge of Happiness 7952

Thursday 9th April 2026

secretary@LodgeofHappiness.org.uk

<https://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk>



Lodge of Loyalty 4340

Thursday 14th April 2026
Initiation Ceremony
ericrymer67@outlook.com

07785 573554

<https://lodgeofloyalty.org.uk>



St Martin's Lodge 4011

Monday 27th April 2026

nigelbridges44@gmail.com

07787 430212



St Paul's Lodge No.43

Tuesday 24th March 2026

richda100@gmail.com

07711 072235



University of Birmingham Lodge 5628

Saturday 21st March 2026

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://warwickshirefreemasons.org.uk/general-chapter-of->

Athol Chapter No.74

Monday 20th April 2026

aaron@powell.uk.com

Leigh Chapter No.887

Friday 10th April 2026

mikehogarth@aol.com

Chapter of Fortitude No.43

QWednesday 20th May 2026

peter@wellings.me.uk

St. Martins Chapter No.4011

Wednesday 9th September 2026

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 8th May 2026

andymills@chameleoncollection.co.uk

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 23rd April 2026

430mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Concord Lodge MMM 735

Friday 10th April 2026

735mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Holte MMM Lodge 1041

Monday 13th April 2026

1041mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Matthew Clarke MMM Lodge 1012

Saturday 12th April 2026

1012mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

07817 588031



St Martins Lodge MMM 959

Thursday 19th March 2026

959mmm@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



Royal Ark Mariners

Matthew Clarke RAM 1012

Concord RAM 735

Saturday 11th April 2026

Friday 15th May 2026

1012ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk

735ram@warksmarkpgl.co.uk



ORDER OF THE
SECRET MONITOR

St Martin's No.509.

Monday 22nd June 2026

gavin.cumberland@btinternet.com



ROYAL & SELECT

St Martin's No.252

Monday 6th April 2026

kdownes1235@btinternet.com





ORDER OF THE
SCARLET CORD

Andrew C Sweeney No.140

Thursday 28th May 2026


dennispotter@sky.com


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WARWICKSHIRE
&
Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire




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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.
- 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.
- Meeting calendar with details of every meeting in Warwickshire.

For how to log on and the password please contact your lodge secretary

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.