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THE ROYAL VISIT





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During the summer the Lord Lieutenant, Peaches Golding OBE, proposed the idea, that if she could persuade HRH Duke of Kent to come to Bristol, would the Province welcome him and provide lunch. We naturally said that we would be delighted, but were given strict instructions that news of his visit must be kept “under wraps”. Planning for the event was therefore carried out under a high level of security and it also became apparent that this visit was in HRH’s capacity as a member of the Royal family and not as Grand Master.



On the day, the party comprising HRH, the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff and the Lord Mayor arrived a little behind schedule due to traffic, but were duly escorted around the building by the PGM and DPGM. On arriving at Lodge Room 1, they were greeted by a packed room of active Bristol masons and their partners. The invitees, being restricted in number for logistical reasons, represented the brethren who have active provincial duties developing the initiatives set out by the PGM in his address to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

After being welcomed by the PGM, VW Bro Chris Williams delivered a very interesting short history of the Province and the building. The PGM then escorted HRH to Lodge Room 2 to demonstrate where the Royal Arch ceremonies are carried out.

Descending to the lobby, HRH was then introduced to small groups of Bristol Masons representing the Festival, charity and volunteering, Membership and the Dunckerleys, development and Past Provincial Grand Masters of the Province.

HRH thoroughly enjoyed the splendid lunch which Fredy had prepared, before being whisked away to his next engagement at the Cathedral.

It was a great and significant honour to host the Grand Master in Bristol and it is a shame that we couldn’t include all of our members in the event. Nevertheless, the Province was well represented and my thanks go to the secretariat and my deputy for excellent planning and execution

Jonathan M W Davis
Provincial Grand Master



PGM Message

Brethren, to say that this year has been unusual, is something of an understatement. We are dealing with a pandemic which has affected the life of every single person on the planet. We are quite used to events which disrupt our normal daily activity for a short time, whether it is a freak weather storm, or economic downturns, or leaving the EU, but the Corona Virus is at a whole new level and society is changing rapidly to cope with the wider implications. Our thoughts go out on a daily basis to those families affected with the loss of loved ones and, particularly, those who have died seeking to save the lives of others.

However, there have been some truly transformative acts of bravery and community regeneration. Captain Tom's walk, the Thursday night applause for NHS workers, meals and shopping for neighbours in need are all examples of our community responding to a crisis. We, as Masons, have a dual responsibility. We have pledged to support our brethren in distress, and I hear of many excellent initiatives where Lodges are staying in touch with brethren on a regular basis and supporting those in need. Our other commitment is support those within our community and, again, I have been told of a number of programmes which members are supporting. We are also working with the Bristol Sports Foundation in providing meals and essential supplies to the most disadvantaged in our society.

My message to all brethren is simply this: life will return to some degree of normality, our Lodges will meet again and the friendship and brotherhood, which is so characteristic of our order, will be once more fill Freemasons' Hall. Until then, I ask you all to stay safe, help others as far as you can and stay in touch with your Lodge brethren.

**R W Bro Jonathan Mark Walker
Davis - Provincial Grand Master For
Bristol**

IIITYD DONALD FOSTER

29/04/1926 to 05/10/2019

RED OAK (*Quercus Rubra*)

Don was born in Gilfach Goch in South Wales as the second child of IIITYD and Hilda Foster

He married Joan Foster on March 24th 1951 and went on to have 2 children, Adrian and Amanda.

He joined Lyle & Scott in 1959 and moved to the Bristol area initially in Backwell and stayed with the company until his retirement in 1991. Not long after moving to Backwell he joined the Bristol & Clifton Golf Club and was very proud to have been elected Captain in 1987.

Amongst his many golfing successes were that he won The Three Niblicks Cup, The Summer Foursomes Knock Out with Peter Peynton and the Bristol Tankards together with 2 Gentlemen's invitations with his son.

He joined the Masonic Society in 1967 and was a member of the Francis Rawdon Lodge No 6726 for more than 50 years being Worshipful Master twice in 1977 and 2002.

During that period Don Foster took over the running of the Bristol Masonic Golf Society lifting its fortunes greatly.

The Don Foster Trophy is now played for annually in recognition of his efforts in making the Society the success that it is today.

Don and Joan moved to Kent in 2008 to be near their son and joined Bearsted Golf Club until 2012 when the onset of Alzheimer's curtailed those activities.

Don Foster and The Bristol Masonic Golf Society

A tree planting ceremony took place on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at Bristol & Clifton Golf Club in memory of Worshipful Brother Don Foster. The ceremony was witness by Don's wife Joan her family and friends, together with Past Captains of The Bristol Masonic Golf Society, Worshipful Brethren Ron Brunton, Allan Badman and Mike Biggs, who said a few words about Don after the tree was planted beside the 12th Fairway.

Don was born in near Bridgend in South Wales and was married to Joan and had two children. Don joined Lyle & Scott in 1959 and eventually moved to Backwell. As a keen golfer he joined Bristol & Clifton Golf Club where he became club captain in 1987 and continued his membership until 2008 when he moved to Kent to be nearer to his son, Adrian.

Worshipful Brother Don was a member of The Francis Rawdon Lodge for 50 years and was Worshipful Master in 1977 and again in 2002

He was instrumental in reviving the fortunes of the Bristol Masonic Golfing Society. At the time Don became secretary the membership had dwindled and the society only played fixtures against a couple of neighbouring provinces.

Thanks to his efforts and the continuing stewardship of Worshipful Brethren

Ron Brunton and Arthur Grannan the society has thrived and now have matches against Somerset, Monmouth, Gloucester, Wiltshire and Cornwall Provinces as well as number fixtures for the brethren and their guests.

As an esteem of their regard the members of the society introduced a competition in Don's honour, "The Don Foster Trophy" which along with the "Doug Marshman Trophy" and "The Clive Farrow Trophy" are played for annually.

The Bristol Golf Lodge No. 9980, which was consecrated in November 2019 probably owes its existence to the efforts in the reviving of the Bristol Masonic Golf Society's fortunes by Don, Ron and Arthur.

Wor. Bro. Allan Badman
Past Captain Bristol Masonic Golf Society



Joan Foster with Mike Biggs



W Bro David Whiteley 50th Anniversary

On the 24th January 2020, it was a great celebration, when W Bro David Whiteley was presented with his 50 Year Certificate in the Redcliffe Lodge meeting by the Deputy PGM, Richard Lewis. David had seven colleagues with him from Shropshire who enjoyed the presentation and who found the Bristol Third Degree Ceremony fascinating.

David was Master of Redcliffe Lodge in 1980 and has remained a member ever since despite moving away from Bristol.

David was brought up in Bristol and through working in the aerospace

industry he was moved to the North West of the country, and subsequently settled in Whitchurch, Shropshire almost 20 years ago where he continued his love of masonry.

In March 1995 David joined Talbot Lodge No 2231 (Province of West Lancashire), and was Worshipful Master in 2000, but resigned when moving to Whitchurch.

In 2004 David became a joining member of St Alkmund Lodge No 2311 in Whitchurch. David has not been through the chair in St Alkmund Lodge, but has held the position of Treasurer for eleven years, and now secretary for the past two years.

By coincidence, W Bro John Standerline, Provincial Grand Treasurer for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Bristol, moved to Whitchurch in 2019 and it was in attending Lodge meetings that he met David, and regularly sees him at Lodge meetings.

In recognition of his masonry in Shropshire, the PGM also presented David with a Shropshire 50 year Certificate and the photograph is a memory of that presentation.

50's year service on the same day and date!!!

St Augustine Lodge and Lodge of Harmony, both not only share the same night for their meetings but shared a special occasion for one of their brethren on 12th March 2020.



W Br Ian Macintosh and W Br Peter Ferguson were both initiated, passed and raised into their respective lodges on the same nights during the year in 1970!!!



The PGM R W Br Jonathan Mark Davis doing the presentation to W Br MacIntosh in St Augustine and The DPGM V W Br Richard Lewis undertaking the pleasurable task at Lodge of Harmony meeting.

Both brethren during their 50 years have been highly regarded not only in their lodges but also in the Province. Each serving their lodges holding various offices, but more importantly being active members.

W Br MacIntosh serving the Province as PJGW in 2003 and as PSGW in 2006. He was awarded his Grand Rank in 2008.

Our wonderful Province, whilst being classified as a small one in numbers, has occasions such as this which match the very best and memorable Masonic events in the world.

Article by Prakash Dewani PPJGW

PROVINCE

50 Year Service Watch returns to the Province of Bristol

Francis Stephen (Frank) Creswell was initiated into Powell Lodge on 23rd June 1941. He was installed as Worshipful Master in 1961 (Note: In those days even with natural progression it took 20 years to reach the Chair!). He became a founder member of Bristol Installed Masters Lodge in 1967 and was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1976.

Frank was renowned for his distinctive booming voice as Lodge Chaplain and in delivering the Proclamation at Installation meetings. His experience as a chorister over many years at St Alban's Church, Redland stood him in good stead to lead the singing of "The Sweet Nightingale" song at Lodge After Meetings. In 1991 the lodge presented Frank with a masonic gold watch to mark his 50 years in the Craft. Frank was still actively involved with the Lodge well into his nineties.

On his passing to the Grand Lodge Above at a Nursing Home in Almondsbury at the age of 98 in 1996, his personal effects, including his 50 Year watch, were passed to his brother in Hampshire. When he died the watch was passed on to his son, Peter – Frank's nephew. Although not a mason himself he was anxious to learn of his Uncle

Frank's time and achievements in the Craft and in Powell Lodge and the Province of Bristol in particular.

Peter contacted Gary Williams, Provincial Grand Librarian and Archivist and arranged to visit Freemasons' Hall. He was given a short tour of the Hall and several members of Powell Lodge met him and shared fond recollections of dear Frank. He decided that the watch should be returned to it's rightful place – to Powell Lodge and the Province of Bristol.

The Provincial Grand Master, Jonathan Davis and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Richard Lewis, Past Master of Powell Lodge thanked Peter for his generosity and were pleased to receive the watch on behalf of the Lodge and the Province.



PARK STREET

Original Water Colour by Ron Coleman Jerusalem 686

Intention: To produce a run of numbered signed prints, limited to fifty only, complete with mounts and frames by Edge2Edge Framing company who are kindly supporting this charity project by heavily discounting the cost of framing

The cost will be £95.00 complete

There will be no deduction from this sum other than the framing, mount and printing costs.

Object: To raise money for Verses Arthritis – Research

There are some two hundred types of Arthritis and 10 million people, including children, suffering the debilitating effect of this condition.

Verses Arthritis 2018 Charity Nos. 207711 and SCO41156. This is the main charity dealing with arthritis in the UK, however it does appear to be a low-profile organisation.

The success of this project is wholly dependent on a positive response.

In anticipation of a wish to order one of these limited prints please get in touch with me leaving name and contact details

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Payment via bank transfer to be arranged

The Freemasons of Bristol have been busy supporting a local charity, The Matthew Tree Project (TMTP)



Here is the story in pictures so far ...

October 2019

Mark Goodway, CEO delivering the TMTP food collection basket and Richard Lewis presenting a cheque for £1000.00 at Freemasons Hall, Bristol.



November 2019

Chris Cook from St Nicholas Lodge started volunteering in TMTP Warehouse. His role includes collecting donated food from baskets in supermarkets (see picture) as well as driving to Brakes, Portbury to collect fresh fruit and vegetables on a weekly basis.



December 2019

Chris Williams, Mike Parsons and Bob White from the Baily Lodge visit the TMTP warehouse bringing with them a trolley full of essential supplies to the value of £50.00, fundraised at their lodge Christmas dinner. Photographed above with Amy Sinclair, Logistics Manager and Michelle Dron, Chief Operating Officer.



January 2020

Mike Whitworth, Provincial Charity Steward and Chris Cook visit Filwood Centre, Knowle, where the clients receive support and collect their weekly food parcels. Graham Pegg, Richard Lewis and Creagh Warren also attended. Photograph is with Sue Brooks, Filwood Manager.

February 2020

Weekly donations continue as pictured above with cash injections ranging from £5 - £100.00 from individuals and lodges.



March 2020

This month we must thank everyone for the following items, jars of mayonnaise, a considerable amount of biscuits, cereals, a large selection of crisps and nuts and the list goes on. A special thank you to Freddy (Resident Chef), who swiftly diverted fruit and veg set for a lunchtime event called off because of the Coronavirus to TMTP.

Which brings us up to date (end of March), when Mike Whitworth collected 50 boxes of liquor chocolates from the warehouse. These chocolates were then grouped into small bunches with a TMTP logo and were used to play games of heads and tails. This proved to be a huge success and a grand total of £545.00 was raised. This was then match funded by a very generous Mason bringing the total to £1090.00. This will come to TMTP in the form of food as well as much needed funds to fix one of their fleet vehicles, integral to running important food deliveries.

The generosity outlined above by Bristol Masons has been integral in supporting Bristol City's most vulnerable people who are in crises more than ever and The Matthew Tree Project are most grateful.



John thanks members of the GWAAC Critical Care Team

John says a Big Thank-You

It was an ordinary August day when John Stokoe of Temple Lodge set off from home to meet with fellow members of his Master's Circle at Berkeley. But the day ended far from ordinary.

John was driving northwards towards Stroud in the outside lane on the M5 when suddenly he became very unwell. What was going on? John had to rely on the recollections of others to put the remaining pieces of the jigsaw in place. A series of coincidences then ensued. John was in fact suffering a cardiac arrest. Pressure had come off the accelerator and he began to lose power. He had also drifted into the middle lane. The power had decreased significantly enough for the engine control system to cut power completely and he came to a halt. An off-duty policewoman who was travelling just behind John knew that something serious was happening. She stopped and went to investigate. As it happens, two other off-duty police officers weren't far behind and they managed to block the inside and outside lanes. They smashed the window of John's car and tried to extricate him from the vehicle. By this time John had stopped breathing so they began CPR and called for emergency medical assistance. It just so happened that an ambulance was already on the motorway and was in the queue which had begun to build. It came up the hard shoulder and was quickly on the scene. They quickly

realised John was in a very serious condition and needed more specialist care than they could provide.

The Great Western Air Ambulance was scrambled from its base at Almondsbury and was on the scene in a matter of minutes. Both carriageways of the motorway were closed to enable the helicopter to land safely. The Critical Team got to work to stabilise John's condition. He was then carefully

loaded onto the stretcher and into the helicopter and prepared for take-off. Fourteen minutes later they were touching down on the heli-pad on the top of the Bristol Royal Infirmary and John was whisked off and into the Heart Institute where he received immediate attention and care.

Following several weeks of treatment John was allowed to go home and is well on the way to a full recovery. John has subsequently spoken to the off-duty policewoman who filled him in on the details of the day. John said, "Had it not been for her quick thinking and actions I wouldn't be here today."

John visited the GWAAC base at Almondsbury to personally thank the Critical Care Doctors and Paramedics whose expertise and skills again significantly contributed to him still being here to tell the tale. John said "Just saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough for what everyone did for me that day, but it comes from the heart and I am eternally grateful."

John was just one of 2001 incidents GWAAC attended in 2019. This averages out at about 5 each day with one cardiac arrest every day. GWAAC needs £4M each year to stay operational is entirely charity funded – it receives no Government money for day to day running costs and no money from the National Lottery. It relies on the generosity of the public. If you would like to find out how you can donate visit www.gwaac.com



John being shown the position of the stretcher and where he would have been located the last time he flew in the helicopter.

60 Years a Mason

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Brother Royston William Malone Howes
60years a mason

At the Canynoges Lodge meeting held on Saturday 7th December 2019 attended by The PGM for Bristol, The PGM for Somerset, The DPGM of Bristol, The two PDPGM'S for Bristol, The SGW of Bristol, The SGW of Gloucestershire and a number of Grand officers.

After, an excellent second degree ceremony. The PGM for Bristol RWBroJonathan Mark Walker Davis presented to The PDPGM of Bristol VWBroRoy Howes a certificate along with label pin to mark 60yrs being a mason.

The PGM stated that VWBroRoy had made a significant contribution To the Province of Bristol.

He was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary in May 1983, Master of the Bristol Installed Masters Lodge in 1988 and Deputy Provincial Grand Master in May 1994. In April 1986 he was appointed to Grand rank of PAGDC in UGLE and progressed to PGSwdBr, he also progressed through the Royal arch Chapter offices becoming Deputy Grand Superintendent in May 2001 and was appointed to Supreme Grand Chapter rank of PGStdBr and progressed to PGSwdBr.

The WM WBroJohn Geater JP Then gave the following tribute:

"VWBroRoy it is an honour for me to be Master of Canynoges during your Sixtieth year as a member of this lodge. You were initiated on the 7th December 1959 and raised as a Master Mason in January 1960.

You progressed through all the offices of the Lodge becoming the Master On 1ST March 1976.

Your library of Masonic experience has been a great asset to this lodge. Indeed at the age of 92yrs you still regularly attend our committee meetings and are always proacted in ensuring we

maintain the original Bristol ceremony.

You were instrumental along with other Senior Masters in creating the Lodge Social committee which included ladies. This has been the backbone of the Lodge fund raising for charities for many years.

On behalf of the Brethren of Canynoges Lodge I present you with this Engraved Masonic pocket watch to mark this special occasion with our Gratitude and affection"

The Senior Past Master and Chaplain of the lodge W Bro Robert Woodman PPrSGW proposed an eloquent toast to VWBro Royston William Malone

Howes PGSwdB. This was followed by a rendering from the Brethren of "HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW".





UGLE Digital Workshop

The Province was fortunate to receive Shaun Butler and Rosa Blakelock from the UGLE Communications Team to give us a very informative Digital Workshop. They have visited many provinces throughout the country advising and engaging with brethren on how to get the best out of their internal and external communications. Although primarily aimed at Provincial Communications Teams, those who have a particular interest in communications for Lodges were also invited to attend. The presentation was very well received by all who attended, and some relevant points were made throughout but there is still work to be done! There certainly are some new and exciting developments at UGLE with the new Communications strategy! It is good to see the “CommsComm Team” developing in Bristol and much progress is already being made.

We probably need to work on the angle of our content, i.e. the importance of the language we use and broadening our stories to have both masonic links but also links that the general public would find interesting. Hopefully this would make it easier and more interesting for lodges to create content. We also need a consistent and recognisable branding of our organisation. There is so much capacity out there to be made use of to market Freemasonry. The Powerpoint presentation from the evening is available on the Provincial website.



The amazing Captain Tom Moore

Baily Lodge impromptu NHS fund raising

We live in unprecedented, challenging and thought provoking times. With lodges closed down across the country and ritual books put to one side in favour of staying safe and simply surviving. Our normal practice of raising charitable funds for those less fortunate than ourselves have all but dried up, yet never has there been a greater need for help in our communities up and down the country.

However brethren, idle hands and minds can become very inventive, and so it was on the evening of Saturday 18th April. Baily Lodge had formed a WhatsApp group a few weeks earlier to keep in touch socially, talk on masonic subjects, as well as checking on well-being of brethren and share humour.

Large Oaks from little acorns grow and what started out as mutual recognition of the exploits of Captain Tom in his efforts to raise money for the NHS, started a challenge within the Lodge which, grew out of all proportion. £10 turned to £20 to £50 until by close of play at 9.30 p.m. when we all drank a toast to each other and absent brethren the total was in its hundreds of pounds however by the following day and in less than 24 hours the brethren of Baily Lodge had raised £1,650. I am eternally grateful and proud of them.

**Yours S & F Mike Parsons WM
Baily Lodge No 5239**



RICHARD SWEET (Powell Lodge) – 50 Year Certificate Presentation

Richard William Sweet was initiated into Powell Lodge on 22nd September 1969. In those days the symbolic penalties were still included in the obligations. He was Passed and Raised in following months.

He progressed through the lodge offices and was Installed as Worshipful Master in 1978. During his year in the chair he invited the brethren to join him at the Oasis Club which he owned in Park Row. He was a good supporter of Lodge Ladies Festivals often bringing a complete table.

He was a diligent Lodge Treasurer from 1991 for 5 years. In this role he regularly proposed the toast to the visitors where he recounted his humorous anecdotes about his work and travels. They were always worth listening to!

He moved to Cornwall and set up a hotel in Porthcurno and entertained many guests for a number of years. He later returned to the Bristol region and settled in Bath where he revisited his childhood hobby of bellringing and became Captain of the Tower at Bath Abbey. Ill health has prevented him attending Lodge as much as he would have liked.



Cyber Crime Workshop

We were pleased to welcome Mr Fraser Keith from the National Cyber Crime Agency to visit Freemasons Hall to run two Cyber Crime Seminars. As part of our Freemasonry in the Community initiative one session was to invited representatives of local charities and the other to Lodges and Chapters. The event was organised following UK government report research into the fraud and cyber-crime which finds that over half of charities think hackers are a “major risk to the charity sector.”

The research, commissioned by the charity regulator, the Charity Commission and in partnership with the Fraud Advisory Panel, said that almost a quarter believe cyber-crime is a greater risk to the charity sector than other sectors.

Larger charities are generally more likely to appreciate the risk of cyber-crime and take action to prevent it.

In a report, charities see phishing and malicious emails as the greatest cyber-threat (39 percent), followed by hacking/extortion (15 percent) and Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks (two percent).

Everyone must be cyber aware. The top 6 tips are:

1. Create a separate password for your email
2. Create a strong password using three random words
3. Save your passwords in your browser
4. Turn on two-factor authentication
5. Update your devices
6. Turn on backup

Further information can be found at: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>



Bristol Golfing Lodge

TEXAS SCRAMBLE PLAYED AT COTSWOLD HILLS - Friday 21st June 2019

On one of the best days of the year so far, 42 brethren and friends arrived at the wonderful Cotswold Hills Golf Club for the first ever competition organised by the Bristol Golfing Lodge.

As players arrived, they were greeted by Paul Moody who explained the rules for the day's play – they were also greeted by Sam Glenn, who took money from them for the raffle!!!

Teams of four had been pre-selected and assembled at the first tee for the 11.45am first tee time. The course started explained the rules for the day and pointed out the chart showing pin positions.

All players took their first shots and then selected which of the four they would play their next shot from – this continued until the ball was put into the hole. Each team had to make sure that all players had at least three shots from the tee used.

There was sighs of relief from some of the players at these rules as some of the holes were narrow with plenty of trees to make second shots almost impossible.

Although playing in groups of four, there were few hold ups throughout the round and play continued at a pace throughout the day.

The format for the day chosen, suited the occasion and kept all players interested on each hole and feeling that they contributed to the team score.

There a couple of additional prizes on offer with a nearest the pin on the short par 3 ninth hole.

It looked for a long time that our Worshipful Master Elect, Alan J Vaughan, would win this prize, but he was pipped by a mere 9 inches by visitor, Alex Williams.

There were several contenders for the longest drive on 16th Fairway, with nearly every group increasing the distance by some yards. In the end the prize went to Barry Chandler, playing off a handicap of 28, who drove the ball some 300 yards!!!!

As players ended their round of golf there was a buffet meal prepared and waiting for them so that they would not have to wait until the last people arrived back to eat.

Once all the players had arrived back at the clubhouse, the scorecards were collected in and checked.

Alan Vaughan gave a short speech, thanking everyone for playing in our first competition. He mentioned how well the course had been presented – with everyone agreeing what a great venue it was.

There were many great shots played throughout the day and some very low scoring made by all the teams, but there was only one winning team – and congratulations to the team led by Barry Chandler and coaching staff from Bristol Bears RFC, Bruce Reihana, Simon Gully and Junior Paramour.

Portrait Of Professor Isaac Walker Hall For The Department Of Social Medicine

The Bristol Masonic Society was founded in 1917. 2017 was therefore the its Centenary year and Volume 15 of *Corona Gladiorum*, its *Transactions*, for 2017-2018 was dedicated to Professor Isaac Walker Hall, because it was he who first suggested the formation of such a Society.

At the time of writing the Dedication, Bro. Tony Baker, who is the Society's Transactions Editor, hunted high and low for a portrait of Walker Hall to place at the head of the text. Although Walker Hall had been its first Professor of Pathology and a very significant figure in developing the field of Public Health, the University of Bristol had no photograph of him. He had also written several textbooks during his career but, again, none of them contained an image of him. His obituaries in the *British Medical Journal* and *The Lancet* had no photograph and although the obituary in the *Journal of Pathology and Bacteriology* did contain a photograph, it had been taken from the side and showed him looking down a microscope so that nothing of his face could be seen. It seemed as though Professor Walker Hall might not have liked having his photograph taken, if this was the best image that could be found for his fullest obituary.

His appointment as the first Professor of Pathology was noted by G. Munro Smith in his *A History of the Bristol Royal Infirmary*, published in 1917, but there was no photograph. He was also mentioned in John Carter Wood's *The Most Remarkable Woman in England: Poison, Celebrity and the Trials of Beatrice Pace*, published in 2012, having been involved as an expert witness in this very celebrated trial. There is no photograph in this book either but Bro. Baker contacted the author in the hope that, in the course of all his research for the book, he had come across an image of Walker Hall. He replied that he did not recall ever seeing an image of Professor Walker Hall in any of the newspaper reports at the time of the trial.

Bro. Baker then began to trace Hall's genealogy to see if any of his relatives might still be living – perhaps one of them might have a family photograph showing him. Unfortunately, however, his only child, a daughter, had had no children and his brother had remained unmarried. Bro. Baker then paid a visit to the University Department of Social Medicine, the successor to Walker Hall's Department of Public Health, which is still housed in Canynge Hall on Whiteladies Road. He was excited to find, on his arrival, that there were portraits of famous figures in the field, hanging in all the corridors of the building – many of them had a paragraph or two outlining their contributions. However, on walking the corridors, of all six floors (including the basement) of the building, he found no portrait of Walker Hall. Further enquiries of the historian of the Department, Professor George Davey Smith, revealed that they had no portrait of him.

Attention was then turned to Masonic records but there was no portrait in the Provincial photograph albums and no image in the Minute Books of the Bristol Masonic Society. The search for a portrait had now been going on for more than six months and the *Transactions* were otherwise ready to print. Nothing had been found better than the photograph in the *Journal of Pathology and Bacteriology*, which was poor and not yet out of Copyright. This journal had changed hands several times so that Copyright was not easy to trace and it was felt that in any case it was not of sufficient quality to justify paying for it to be copied. A decision was therefore made to print a Dedication without a photograph for the first time and, in place of the

photograph, have a framed explanation as to why this had been done.

Concurrently with putting together this volume of *Corona Gladiorum*, the Bro. Baker was also working on a collection of short biographies of members of The Saint Vincent Lodge (No. 1404) with Bro. Martin Crossley Evans. In the course of this research, he came across an old photograph album for the years 1913 to 1943, in one of the Lodge's archive boxes, stored in the strong-room at Park Street. Walker Hall had occupied the Chair of 1404 in 1916-17 and, as Bro. Baker turned the pages, he was both delighted and astonished to find the most beautifully sensitive portrait photograph of Professor Walker Hall.

Fortunately, this discovery was made just in time for the photograph to be included in Volume 15 of *Corona Gladiorum*. The short biography of Walker Hall, with its photograph, was subsequently printed in *SVL 1404*, The Saint Vincent Lodge Newsletter (Issue 3 – November 2018, pp. 10-11).

A digital copy of the photograph was also given to the University of Bristol's Special Collections and to the Department of Social Medicine, where it has now been framed together with two paragraphs written by Bro. Baker. It has been hung in the ground floor corridor of Canynge Hall. So, Professor Walker Hall is now back in the Department which has grown from the one he created eighty-six years ago – thanks to an old Saint Vincent Lodge photograph album.

The framed photograph, flanked by Tony Baker and Professor Matthew Hickman, Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology, Head of Population Health Sciences, and Deputy Head of the University of Bristol Medical School



THE BRISTOL GOLFING LODGE No.9980

Consecrated 30th November 2019.

After nearly two year's in the making but on Saturday 30th November 2019, the Bristol Golfing Lodge No.9980 was consecrated.

Lodge Room No 1 was almost full, with many brethren from Bristol and surrounding provinces eager to witness this special Consecration Ceremony.

The Founders having already taken their seats in Lodge Room 1, the Consecrating Officer (Provincial Grand Master) entered in procession at 10.30 am, with the following Provincial Officers; Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Grand Officers, Chaplain and Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master taking the Chair, requested the Provincial Officers acted as his Officers for the Consecration.

The Lodge having been opened in all three Degrees, the PGM announced that on this present occasion, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Lodge, he was commanded by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to act as his deputy and to perform the requisite ceremony.

The PGM then requested that all Brethren who had signed the Petition to stand in the body of the Lodge whilst the Provincial Grand Secretary read the Warrant from the Most Worshipful Grand Master. This was first inspected by the PGM for approval and then returned to the Provincial Secretary to read aloud.

The PGM then proceeded to constitute those Brethren into a regular Lodge and to consecrate it according to ancient usages.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, W. Bro Martin Oxenham, then gave a splendid Oration.

The Lodge Board was uncovered to enable the PGM, assisted by the Provincial Grand Wardens, to perform the consecration ceremony of Corn, Wine and Oil - After which he formally consecrated the lodge as the Bristol Golfing Lodge No.9980

The Provincial Grand Master then requested the Deputy Provincial Grand Master to install the Worshipful Master Designate, W Bro. Alan J Vaughan as the first Worshipful Master of the Bristol Golfing Lodge. This being carried out in true Bristol Fashion. After the Worshipful Master had been Installed and Proclaimed, he rose to rapturous



applause and thanked the brethren for giving him the honour of being the first Worshipful Master of this new lodge in Bristol.

The Officers were then appointed and invested in the usual manner.

At the conclusion of the investment of officers the DPGM presented the WM with his Founders Jewel after which he invited all Founder to display their jewels

The WM then rose to thank, on behalf of all the founders, the PGM, the DPGM for the excellent manner in which they and the Provincial Grand Officers had carried out their duties and also for the time they had spent preparing for the consecration of the lodge.

He also thanked all the founders for helping to make it such a memorable day which everyone would cherries for many years to come. He then presented PGM and DPGM with Founders Jewels.

The Director of Ceremonies then request that the Provincial Grand Master and those Officers who had assisted him during the ceremony of consecrating this new Lodge, together with distinguished guest retired - which they did in due form at 1.00pm.

After the Consecration and Installation, all brethren retired to Dining Room 1 for a celebration meal

The calendar for the rest of the year has been organised

Tuesday 1st September 2020 - Golf at The Vale (Lakes Course) followed by a Double 2nd in Cardiff

Thursday 29th October 2020 - Golf at Henbury followed by a Double 3rd in Bristol.





An excellent After Meeting to celebrate the Consecration of the new lodge and Installation of its First Worshipful Master



Junior Warden



Senior Warden

FOUNDERS & OFFICERS OF THE LODGE 2019 — 2020

Worshipful Master	RW Bro A VAUGHAN	Founder
Senior Warden	W Bro R GLENN	Founder
Junior Warden	W Bro A GRIFFITHS	Founder
IPM	W Bro R KEEN	Founder
Chaplain	VW Bro R GUTHRIE	Founder
Treasurer	Bro K IRWIN	Founder
Secretary	W Bro A GRANNAN	Founder
Director of Ceremonies	W Bro T BRUNTON	Founder
Senior Deacon	W Bro B CHANDLER	Founder
Junior Deacon	W Bro D ELLIOTT	Founder
Charity Steward	W Bro P SMITH	Founder
Almoner	W Bro G FLANAGAN	Founder
Asst. D of C	W Bro S CARTER	Founder
Asst. Secretary	W Bro C NORTHICOTT	Founder
Monitor	Bro N LITTLEBOY	Founder
Inner Guard	Bro M COLLINS	Founder
Dining Steward	W Bro N BACON	Founder
Steward	Bro J O'CONNOR	Founder
Steward	Bro T WILLIAMS	Founder
Steward	W Bro D MICHAEL	Founder
Steward	Bro N LITTLEBOY	Founder
Tyler	Bro G WILLIAMS	Founder
Membership Rep	W Bro N PARSONS	Founder
Royal Arch Rep	W Bro R GLENN	Founder
	W Bro L MEATON	Founder
	W Bro B BRUNTON	Founder
	W Bro J STEPHENS	Founder
	W Bro A TIDMIS	Founder
	W Bro D BONE	Founder
	W Bro C CHAMBERS	Founder
	Bro J BAMFORD	Founder
	W Bro J BRITTON	Founder
	W Bro M BIGGS	Founder



BRISTOL GOLFING LODGE
NO. 9980

Consecration & Installation Ceremony Menu

Saturday 30th November 2019

at
FREEMASONS HALL
PARK STREET, BRISTOL

RW Bro AJ VAUGHAN
Worshipful Master

RW Bro JMW DAVIS
Provincial Grand Master for Bristol
Consecrating Officer

VW Bro R LEWIS
Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bristol
Installing Officer

A Unique Event in the Life of Chatterton Lodge No. 5386

On May 2nd Chatterton Lodge installed Bro. Dan Hall as its Worshipful Master. Uniquely in the life of the Lodge Bro. Dan is the fourth member of the Hall family to be installed as Master of the Lodge. The Installing Master was W. Bro Phil Brown. Emphasising the family links within the Lodge Bro. Dan was presented by his father, W. Bro. Steve Hall and his older brother, W. Bro. Matt Hall. His uncle, W. Bro. Tony Hall carried out the proclamation. His father says "It's always a proud moment to see your son take the chair, and it was great to have the other family members involved" W. Bro Dan was delighted with the support from his family and from the Lodge on this very special occasion.



From left to right
W. Bro. Matt Hall, W. Bro. Steve Hall, W. Bro. Tony Hall and W. Bro. Dan Hall



From left to right
W. Bro. Matt Hall, W. Bro. Tony Hall, W. Bro. Dan Hall and W. Bro. Steve Hall

The Lodge was delighted with the attendance of the Provincial and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters as well as the Provincial Junior Warden and Provincial Secretary at this very special occasion for both the Lodge and for the Hall family. It was a ceremony and evening that all will remember for many years.

General Information:

W Bro Steve J. Hall; Initiated 06/11/1997,
Installed as W.M. May 2004

W Bro. Matt C. S. Hall; Initiated
02/12/2004, Installed as W.M. May 2012

W Bro Tony C Hall: Initiated on
06/10/2005 and installed 2nd May 2013

Provincial Offers in attendance:

The Provincial Grand Master for Bristol, the Right Worshipful Brother Jonathan Mark Walker Davis; the Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bristol the Very Worshipful Brother Christopher Williams; the Provincial Junior Warden W. Bro. Prakash Dewani and the Provincial Secretary, W. Bro. P. Wills.

W. Bro. Peter Harper 50 years in Masonry

On 10th February 2020 the DPGM VW. Bro. Richard Lewis present W. Bro. Peter Harper with a certificate commemorating his 50 years service to Masonry.

The DPDM gave a brief resume of W. Bro Peter's masonic career:

Peter was initiated into the Royal Clarence Lodge No. 68 on 12th January 1970, he was Passed on 9th February and Raised on 14th April, he was installed as WM of the Royal Clarence Lodge on 14th December 1981 and given the rank of PPrJGW in 1998. Peter was made an Honorary member of Royal Clarence Lodge having moved to Wiltshire.

Peter was a Founder member of the Fiat Lux Lodge No. 9773 in 2004, joined the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity No 663 and also the Wiltshire Lodge of Agriculture No. 9090 in 2008, and was given the rank of PPrJGW (Wiltshire) in 2008

He was exalted into the Royal Clarence Chapter No. 68 on 4th November 1974 and was First Principal in 1987, and was given the rank of PrGReg in 1988.

He was a founder of the Bristol Installed First Principals Chapter and joined the Wiltshire Chapter of Agriculture in 2016.

Just a few of Peter's recollections of his

time in Masonry

'I was invited to join the Camp of Baldwyn in October 1986 and was appointed Recorder and Registrar a job I did for 5 years.

I joined the Keynsham Chapter Rose Croix No. 678 in 1989 and became Recorder for many years until I was enthroned as MWS in 2007, I was elected as an Honorary Member in November 2015.

I joined the Bristol Masonic Society in 1972 and became the President 1985, I am now at the top of the list as Senior Past President!!!

For two Years in the 80s I was the Secretary of Freemasons of Bristol Ltd: when Dennis Fox was PGM.

The 1981 circle was a very active one, it organised many social events with wives and partners. For many years we organised long weekends away in a different part of the country staying at a local Hotel and visiting a Lodge in the area. We had many Charity occasions at Foxham Farm by kind permission of the farmer

W. Bro Bill Woodman a member of the Circle (who sadly died a year ago) at a pig roast we made over a £1,000 for charity.



During the last 39 years all the events were well supported and enjoyed, Unfortunately, age overtakes us all, so many have ascended to the Grand Lodge above and out of the 32 members of the 1981 circle, only 6 are with us today.

I am so pleased how Masonry has opened its doors and accepted the electronic age we find ourselves in today, I have always been proud to be a Mason and I don't mind who knows.

My wife Pat and I have supported hundreds of Masonic events over the years, but that was in the past. We now look forward to the future, first event in 2020 will be the Fiat Lux Lodge Ladies Festival Luncheon in Devizes then Wiltshire Lodge of Agriculture Ladies Festival Weekend in Chichester.

Our family - two sons, their wives plus 4 Grandchildren, the two Grandsons are being married this year, so it looks like a hectic and expensive year ahead.'

Beaufort Lodge No.103

On Tuesday the 5th March 2019 in lodge room No.1, W Bro. Richard Heath, known to us all as Max was delighted to receive his 50th year certificate from RW Bro Jonathan Mark Walker Davis. The PGM gave a masonic profile to the younger brethren of W Bro. Max masonic achievements, the highlight being his role as Provincial Charity Steward 2005-2012 and his appointment to Grand rank in 2009.

On the very same night, W Bro David Wallington of the Saint Katherine lodge also celebrate his 50 years in masonry and Max joined them at their after meeting to congratulate him on achieving his milestone.

Article by W Bro. Stephen Carter





CIRCLE 2000

We have just completed 20 years as a Circle and proud that we are still a very strong group with excellent support from its' members and of course, widows.

Over the last weekend, 24th - 26th January we enjoyed another very successful event at The Victoria Hotel, Sidmouth where we were afforded first

class service as always. The weather wasn't very kind, but it certainly didn't dampen our fun.

This is our first year with a lady President, Mrs Beryl Cavvell who was also supported by our Vice-President, Mrs Pat Downes.

Events included, In-Door 'Fun' Horse Racing which help raised £200, which was donated to the Devon Air Ambulance.



Putting Contest, Swimming, Sauna and a general relaxed atmosphere where everyone could enjoy a drink and the comforts of the hotel.

Quite a few Grandchildren also came along and they thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and want to come again next year!

The 2000 Circle Committee again, planned the excellent weekend, with special thanks to Pete and Gill Wills who worked with the hotel, to ensure the weekend was the success it was.

Michael Satherley, 2000 Circle Secretary



Jerusalem Lodge No 686 LITTER PICK

Another great litter pick along the Frome Valley walkway and Riverside Park.

Members of the Jerusalem stepped up to the mark and 'made a difference' for the Bristol Waste Company 'October Blitz'. The Lodge members really did blitz their way across the park and collected a staggering 24 bags of rubbish, of which 13 were recyclable waste.

Amongst the items were hundreds of nitrous oxide canisters and at least a dozen spent hypodermic needles. The team of Tim and Emma Brunton, Bob

Withers, and Donald De Blacam gave up their Sunday morning to clean up Riverside Park and surrounding area.

With only 5 members it was a great achievement to remove the 24 bags of waste and clean up the public space and to be seen working as Masons in the Community.

**Peter Neale
WM Jerusalem 686**



THE 4th STEP

In an effort to encourage Brethren to understand more about their Masonry, a Learning & Development initiative was introduced to all Provinces driven by UGLE, using Solomon as a reference tool. Like all Provinces, Bristol, after some careful adaption to conform to Bristol Workings rather than the Solomon based Emulation Workings, set up its own L & D initiative. From the Bristol L & D initiative, a small splinter group was formed with the intention of championing the Holy Royal Arch (HRA). Its aim was to enlighten Craft Masons and encourage them to think about taking the 4th Step into HRA to complete their journey in Antient Craft Masonry.

The Group decided from the outset that any initiative must be presentable to Craft Lodges, preferably limited to approximately 30 minutes and would not take the form of a Lecture. It must be informative but should be easy on the ear, stimulating and thought provoking whilst being entertaining, even possibly humorous at times, but above all it must explain what a Master Mason is missing by not joining the HRA.

The result was an adaption of a presentation, performed as a dialogue or play, showing a conversation between two masons; it is called the 4th Step. The main message, amongst some historical anecdotes, is that an experienced Past Master makes a young MM aware that, whilst he may have completed his 3rd Degree, he is currently only in possession of the Substituted Secrets and that the Genuine or Original Secrets can only be discovered in the HRA.

When joining the HRA a Master Mason, as part of his discovery, unlocks the mystery never concluded in Craft Masonry. As we know Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. The allegory or story at the centre of a MM's Exaltation Ceremony into the Holy Royal Arch revolves around the re-building of King Solomon's Temple and the discovery of those lost secrets. This discovery is at the heart of Royal Arch Masonry; it is the discovery which unlocks the mystery that Craft Masonry uncovers but cannot solve.

The Holy Royal Arch is a journey of both discovery & fulfilment. It is the 4th

“During its history, the Royal Arch has proved controversial. For approximately 100 years it was an intrinsic part of the 3rd Degree, until the union of the Antients and Moderns into The United Grand Lodge in 1813”.

Step and completes the teachings of the Craft by showing us how the true secrets of a Master Mason are within or are part of his very own self. The experiences in the HRA help to guide us to a greater understanding of our own nature and of our relationship with our own God. It should be noted that although the Royal Arch is inextricably linked to Craft Masonry, it has its own singular character. It provides a link to Freemasonry which Craft ceremonies can only hint at. Considered as a whole, the Craft & Royal Arch combined lead

us to consider ourselves and our mortal lives and reflect upon the lessons so vividly re-enacted in the 3rd Degree.

During its history, the Royal Arch has proved controversial. For approximately 100 years it was an intrinsic part of the 3rd Degree, until the union of the Antients and Moderns into The United Grand Lodge in 1813. Following this union, in 1835 English Royal Arch rituals were de-Christianised, including the removal of the Passing the Veils ceremony everywhere – except of course in Bristol! So, the Royal Arch within Bristol is particularly special as our ceremony, complete with the Passing The Veils, is unique to this Province alone and we believe is not performed anywhere else within the English & Welsh Constitutions. It is strange therefore that despite all that the Royal Arch has to offer, many Craft Masons miss out on the opportunity to join.

The core reason for the Holy Royal Arch Learning & Development Team is to encourage all Master Mason's to consider taking the 4th Step to become a Companion in a Bristol Chapter. So, to any Craft Lodge that finds itself without a Candidate and wishes to see something different whilst learning more, we ask that you consider having a 4th Step Presentation. After initially being scrutinized, at BIFP Chapter, we have already made our Presentation to 3 Craft Lodges (Royal Sussex, Semper Fidelis and Matthew) and it has been very favourably received. We are a small but expanding group who are keen and eager to support whilst being self-funding for the After Meetings.

The 4th Step Presentation is an interesting insight into the HRA and like all Bristol Ceremonies offers something which is unique & different.

For further information please contact any of the following Team Members:

Sam Glenn, Mike Drysdale, Graham Howell, John Bassett, Jamie Reed

The Chapter Of Charity 250th Anniversary Meeting

It was truly a memorable occasion when, on the 5th December 2019, a very special event took place in Park Street when the Chapter of Charity celebrated its 250th Anniversary.

Being a special occasion for the Chapter and also for the Province, the Chapter room was full with many Principals from the other Chapters in the Province together with the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Province, the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals and the Deputy Grand Superintendent.

The intention of the evening was purely to celebrate the occasion, so the meeting was relatively short and consisted only of the election of the Principals, the Treasurer for the ensuing year, two Account examiners and to receive a proposition that one of our esteemed members Excellent Companion Matthew McGhee be granted Honorary membership.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a Gala Banquet reminiscent of the original meal from the Consecration of the Chapter in 1769.

The companions and their wives and families were richly entertained by Peter Kosta, Hannah Long and Richard Lewis with the latter two reprising their roles of Nancy and Bill Sykes from "Oliver!" with special renditions of "As Long As He Needs Me" and "My Name".

Our story begins in 1769 when the Chapter was officially formed. It is interesting to note that during the 1700s lodges met in Inns and Taverns and there was no Provincial Grand Master. The first was in 1753, when Sir Robert de Cornwall, was appointed as Provincial Grand Master for the Gloucestershire, which was then composed entirely of the 4 Bristol Lodges. But he died in 1756 without ever visiting Bristol.

In the year 1769, France was a Monarchy and Louis XV had installed Madame du Barry as his principal mistress.

In America, which was a British colony, riots over taxation and stamp duty were

taking place.

In that year, Captain James Cook landed in Poverty Bay in New Zealand and James Watt patented his Steam Engine.

This year also saw the births of two great statesmen. Arthur Wellesley, later to become the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte.

Bristol, with a population of 40,000 and a thriving port was, at the time, second in size only to London. No police force was in existence and there was no prison until 1820. Press gangs were operating in the city. Bristol was prominent in the "Triangular Slave Trade" (Bristol goods to Africa, slaves from Africa to the Americas and tobacco, sugar and cotton back to Bristol.)

Increased wealth generated from the port gave rise to a new Merchant Class with leisure time on its hands.

The origins of the Chapter of Charity begin with the erasure of the Union Lodge No. 372 on the 12th August 1769 after only three years of existence. The Union Lodge usually met in the Punch House in Prince Street. A member of the Lodge, Brother Alexander Shedden had quarrelled with some of the brethren over his publication of a scandalous article. This caused a rift in the Lodge and at its last meeting in February 1769, it was agreed to form a new lodge to be named the "Lodge of Hospitality".

The founders of the new Lodge were drawn from Union Lodge and the Sea Captains Lodge No 229 and in 1788 that the remainder of the lodge joined the "Lodge of Hospitality".

It is reported at the time that the Grand Secretary, Brother Heseltine, wrote to Alexander Shedden approving his petition for the new lodge to meet at the Shakespeare Tavern in King Street, Bristol.



A Mr Gillies from London brought the Warrant to Bristol where he saw a Chapter ceremony. There is reference made to the Royal Arch Degree within the Craft Lodge which was published in Faulkner's Dublin Journal in 1743.

At that time Bristol Lodges worked a Royal Arch Ceremony in their Craft Lodges. Evidence of this is contained in the oldest existing minutes of a Lodge held at the Crown Inn, Christmas Street. It states:-

"August 7th 1758, Lodge Night – Brother William Gordon proposed to the Degree of a Royal Arch and accepted."

"Emergency Meeting August 13th 1758 – Bros Gordon and John Thompson Raised to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason".

Brother Gillies, a friend of James Heseltine the Grand Secretary of the Moderns, visited "the Lodge of Hospitality" in February 1769, reporting back, that the Lodge had been meeting for many years without a Warrant, being formed by some disaffected members of the Sea Captain's Lodge No. 229.

On his return visit in August, 1769, to deliver the Warrant to the Lodge, he reported that the Brethren had "Raised a Brother to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason". This was not permitted and they were told that a new body should be formed, called a Chapter.

On December 15th 1769, a Charter was granted by the Moderns Grand Chapter. It was to be called "The Lodge of Hospitality & The Chapter

CHARITY

of Charity No. 9". Following this the Chapter served as the Provincial Grand Chapter for the next 100 years, with occasional appointments of a Grand Superintendent.

In 1786, against this historic background, Thomas Dunckerley (an illegitimate son of George II) suggested Bristol should be made a masonic Province which was duly approved by Grand Lodge in London, making it the only City to have a Provincial Grand Lodge in its own right.

It was in 1813 that Bro. Frederick Charles Husenbeth, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, attended an interview with the Duke of Sussex at Kensington Palace, taking with him papers supporting the Union of the two Grand Lodges, the Antients and the Moderns.

The Duke accepted the position of Grand Master of the New Grand Lodge and granted the Lodge of Hospitality and the Provincial Grand Master Bro. William Henry Goldwyer, permission to take on the title of "Royal Sussex" in token of the esteem in which he held them. A warrant was issued which was framed and exhibited for many years in Freemasons' Hall in Bridge Street. This is how the Chapter of Charity became associated with the Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality. Two years later, Brother William Hold Brant presented the Prince of Wales feathers to be affixed at the back of the WM's Chair.

Lodges and Chapters worked separately but very closely and members of the Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality were entitled to become members of the Chapter of Charity without the requirement of a ballot. This privilege was not transferred, when in 1822, the Chapter was formally attached to the "Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality" as required by Supreme Grand Chapter and assumed the Number 187.

In 1882, Supreme Grand Chapter issued Centenary Charters to those who could prove that they had been working continuously for one hundred years. Companion G.W. Pierrepont Harris, later to become a Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, the Scribe of the Chapter, applied for this, but

The Green House

What an amazing last night with W M Nick Lewis performing his first ceremony with great sincerity and skill. The new initiate Russell Hemmings was certainly enthralled and will be a great addition to the fun-loving members of our Lodge of Harmony 7127.

The Lodge will continue in its endeavours to assist good causes in and around our lovely city of Bristol.

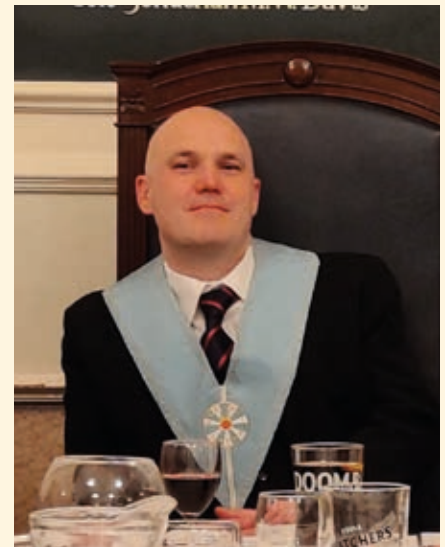
Mr Steve Livings the chairman of the Trustee Board of the Green House was present at the after-meeting to enlighten us about the work done by this charity in supporting people who have suffered from sexual abuse. Just listening to him had our emotions in a turmoil.....children as young as 4 suffering such acts! The charity provides counselling for all ages and youngest being 4 to the eldest at 76!

Mr Livings said that our contribution of £2000 on the evening would help provide council for about 3 children for the course of 24 week each.

Prakash Dewani PPJGW

due to illness of the First Principal the first petition was not signed until 7th September. During the delay, the first Centenary Charter was issued to the Royal Cumberland Chapter in Bath and the second Centenary Warrant was not issued to the Chapter of Charity until 1st November. It was finally presented by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent William A.F. Powell on 1st February 1883.

Excellent Companion Pierrepont Harris, after serving as Scribe of the Chapter, later served as Second, Third and finally as First Principal in 1887. At the completion of his year as First Principal he was presented with a handsome Jewel by the members of the Chapter. The Jewel contained a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond and is highly valued by the Chapter. This Jewel is today passed from



Immediate Past First Principal to his successor by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent at the Installation meeting

With the exception of Jersey in the Channel Islands, Bristol is the only Province where all masonic meetings are held under one roof – Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol. Prior to 1871, this elegant building was the home of Bristol's Literary and Philosophical Institute.

Bristol differs in several other ways from other provinces. It claims to continue the ritual as it was before the Union of 1813. There is an apocryphal story that the representative of the Lodge of Reconciliation visiting Bristol to instruct the Province on the new standardised ritual, was effectively

hijacked, wined and dined by the brethren and sent back to London, task unfulfilled. Thus, Bristol's Craft and Royal Arch rituals differ from elsewhere in England.

Over the years, the Chapter has had some interesting members.

In 1798 – Henry Jenner became the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Bristol and Grand Superintendent for Bristol and Gloucestershire but never really achieved much success.

“Deputy PGM” 1815–30 Henry Smith – A lawyer who achieved notoriety by killing a man in a duel in March 1809, and then absconding to Wellington's army in Portugal, before the authorities could arrest him. He returned to face charges in 1810, but they were dropped through a legal technicality. Henry appears to have been eager for action, because during the 1831 Riots he was one of a party of public-spirited citizens who had decided to assist the army by ejecting plunderers from those unburned houses remaining in Queen's Square. He must have been in the thick of the fighting, because he suffered two stab wounds as a result of his efforts.

“Deputy PGM” 1830–1843 Richard Smith – Brother of the above and renowned Chief Surgeon at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. He and Henry came from one of the oldest Bristol families, being a descendant of Alderman John Whitson, the great 16th century benefactor who had founded the Red Maids' School. In 1843 he died of apoplexy in the Bristol Literary and Philosophical Institute, (after 1871, Freemasons' Hall) while delivering a lecture.

1910 Sir Ernest Henry Cook – Educationalist 37 years as Chairman of Bristol Education Committee.

In more modern times, two Deputy Provincial Grand Masters of the Craft degree, VWBro. Christopher Williams PG SwdB, who is also the Deputy Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch Degree and VWBro. Richard Lewis, PG SwdB who is the current Deputy Provincial Grand Master and also the Second Grand Principal of the Royal Arch Degree.



Movember... They think it's all over...

We grew some Mos and saved some Bros whilst at the same time, the brethren, families, friends and colleagues in the Province of Bristol supported us to help raise a mahoosive **TWENTY THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS** for the Movember Foundation – an international charity targeted to increase awareness and improve the diagnosis and treatment of Prostate Cancer, Testicular Cancer, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

The sponsorship support really took off after the Prostate Disease Awareness event, and our fundraising successes quickly snowballed. Only a week ago, we were celebrating having reached £12,000 and now here we are, closing our books on the event with £20,175 banked for the charity, with a significant additional amount from gift aid to be added by the Treasury.

The further great news is that we have finished in 7th place for fundraising on the UK leaderboard. There are some big hitting financial organisations ahead of us, but many more below us, so we can all be collectively proud that, once again, the Province of Bristol has demonstrated its commitment to charitable works and given a good account of ourselves as Masons in the wider community.

A big thank you to everyone who has sponsored us and supported this bit

of silliness over the last month; to Tony G and the bar staff, for their continued messaging and fundraising efforts throughout the month; to the senior provincial officers in the Craft, Mark and Royal Arch for supporting, promoting and actively participating in our team; to the comms team, for helping us to spread the word; to Richard Blacker, who continues to coyly refuse to take any credit for the fact that all of this was his brainchild in the first place; to our spouses and partners for putting up with our appearance over the 30 days of Movember; and finally to the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, those hirsute heroes, that were and are the “Bristol Province Mo Bros” – Mo the Force be with you. Always.

Dr Jonathan Hayes
Clinical Chair
NHS Bristol, North Somerset &
South Gloucestershire CCG

Mark Benevolent Fund – Bristol Province.

As the new Provincial Charity Steward, I need to follow my predecessor's customs and beg for your support for the Mark Benevolent Fund Bristol Province.

As you are aware our new PGM R.W.Bro. Stephen Rawlings is hoping to extend our Charitable giving, and on his behalf, I thank you for your donations during 2018/19. Your Lodges and the Provincial Grand Lodge collection will still remain the main contributors to the fund, and I therefore, rely upon you to help meet our commitment to worthy Charities. A Mark '200 Club' has been established and raffles held, to help increase the funds available.

There will soon be an invitation for Lodges to suggest Local Charities and

Worthy Causes that we might support, and I hope to be able to distribute some funds before the end of the year.

We will of course continue to support the two festivals being run for the Grand Lodge Mark Benevolent Fund, as we are too small a Province to hold our own Festival.

Having supported the Bristol Craft Festival to the sum of £10,000 pounds, you will realise that the funds currently available are quite low, so might I ask you to donate as much as your Lodge

can afford. I would appreciate this contribution being transferred to the Mark Benevolent Fund Bristol Province account before the end of 2019 so an estimate can be established before the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in March 2020.

I look forward to the continued support of the Lodges in enabling the Province to further its charitable contributions.

Sincerely and Fraternally

W Bro Brian Hamley
Provincial Grand Charity
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The Bristol Mark Provincial Weekend 2019

The annual Provincial Mark weekend was held from the 5th – 7th April. Fifty-three Brethren, their Ladies and friends enjoyed a superb weekend at the Park Hotel, Barnstaple. An opportunity for us to support our recently appointed Provincial Grand Master Steve and his wife Penny at the first Mark social event since his Investiture.

What a weekend, well-appointed rooms, excellent food and service and, of course, good company. After dinner on Friday evening we were entertained with a horse racing evening organised by the hotel staff. That was punctuated by a game of 'chair bingo' organised by Jeanne Hake. The rules were not understood by some and bent by others making for a very amusing interlude. However, we soon

began to wonder what influences were being exercised when the PGM not only won in the first and second race, but also in the chair bingo!

No wonder the PGM is grinning, having just won on the races!

Alas, his winning streak faded after that!

Our drive to Barnstaple on the Friday had been in appallingly wet and

miserable weather, and most could be forgiven for thinking that this was a portent of the weather for the weekend; thankfully that was not the case. We woke on Saturday to blue skies, sunshine and a hearty breakfast. We spent the day exploring the Devon coast and countryside, relaxing or enjoying a bit of retail therapy.

In the evening we all met for a drinks reception which was followed by





a gala dinner. During dinner each table participated in a quiz testing our knowledge of biscuit varieties, it certainly provided a topic for discussion and brainpower. The prize for top scoring table was a box of chocs, won by a team calling themselves the 'Deputy Daus'. (mmm, the chocs were delicious!).

The evening was then given over to a disco that provided an ideal opportunity to burn off some of the calories that had been consumed earlier. At midnight, carriages were not required as we all staggered off to bed, some rather the worse for food, alcohol and energetic dancing.

Sunday morning dawned and it was time for yet another breakfast before we said our good-byes until our next merry meeting!

This was yet another very successful and enjoyable social occasion organised by Jeanne and her dearly missed husband, W Bro Dave Hake. Despite losing Dave in December, Jeanne was determined to complete the organisation of this weekend and she did a splendid job. This is an opportunity to thank Jeanne and Dave most sincerely on behalf of everyone who has enjoyed the social activities that they have organised for the Bristol Mark Province over recent years.

Mike Huggins, DPGM

The Bristol Mark Provincial Weekend 2020

The 2020 Annual Mark Weekend away was held from 6th to 8th March at the 4-star Voco Oxford Thames Hotel, Sandford-on-Thames, Oxford. This was another highly successful occasion attended by 70 Brethren, their Ladies and friends. An excellent choice of hotel offering very well-appointed rooms, good food, very hospitable staff, spa, pool and gym facilities and naturally delightful company. This is certainly a hotel that is worth another visit!

Dinner on Friday night was most enjoyable. We were then 'entertained' by our Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies W. Bro. Ashley Hawkins who had prepared a quiz, with each table forming a team. The quiz comprised of a variety subjects, with each team having a 'joker' to play for double points. Coming after his success in the horse racing of 2019, it was interesting to see that it was the PGM's team that won the quiz, either because he had some influence over the question master, or he had surrounded himself with particularly intelligent people! Overall it was very enjoyable and fun evening had by all.

Saturday started with the traditional hotel breakfast, after which many spent the day exploring Oxford or the surrounding areas. The city of Oxford is certainly not for cars, so we used public transport, many of us of a 'mature' age travelling into Oxford using our bus passes. The City Sightseeing Bus was a popular starting point, as the tour and accompanying commentary provided a detailed account of the architecture, the way in which the University has expanded and influenced the city's

development and details of some of the well-known personalities who have had an association with the city. There is clearly more to be seen than could be managed in the relatively short time available to us.

On returning to the hotel we made ready for the evening; a drinks reception followed by the Gala Dinner. A raffle raised in excess of £300 for our Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund and this was then followed by an excellent disco, which by request had a distinctly '60s' influence. It was notable that from start to finish there were dancers on the floor for every piece of music played, proving that despite 'Anno Domini' we can still 'move it' on the dance floor! However, as a consequence, at midnight and beyond, there were a number of tired revellers and numerous aching limbs the following morning.

This really was a superb weekend, made so in no small measure by Brother Mike Page and his wife Lynn. Our sincere thanks to them for all their efforts in finding such an excellent hotel, in a most interesting location and in flawlessly planning the events of the weekend.



Bristol Mark Charitable Donations 2019-2020



During this year we have successfully sponsored a £56K grant from the MBF to the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity. The specialised equipment is on order from the manufacturers and will be officially presented when available.

We have donated £2200 to local Childrens Charities as follows:

The Young Carers Support Centre for Bristol and South Gloucestershire

The PGM for Bristol RWB Steve Rawlings, The DPGM W Bro Mike Huggins and Ch Stwd W Bro Brian Hamley present a £400 Cheque to Kara McKenzie the Young Carers Service Manager.

The Young Carers Service provides help and support to Children aged 8-18, their families and professionals working with young carers in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.
carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/

Flamingo Chicks

We also presented a £400 cheque to

Bethan Guest the Flamingo Chicks Volunteer Manager

Flamingo Chicks is an inclusive community giving all children, including those with disabilities and illnesses such as cancer, the opportunity to enjoy dance and explore movement alongside friends
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/flamingochicks/>

The Baby Bank Network / Bristol

A further Donation of £400 was presented to Sarah Sutton the Baby Bank Network Administration Manager

Baby Bank Network was set up in Bristol in June 2015 to help alleviate child poverty and support families at what may be a time of financial and emotional stress, whilst reducing waste and promoting reuse of items.

This is the site to recycle baby equipment
<https://www.babybanknetwork.com/>

The Bristol Children's Charity

We were due to present a cheque for £500 to representatives of the Bristol Children's Charity at Park Street on the 19th of March, but, with the current pandemic, under the guidance of UGLE directives this was cancelled, and a BACS payment has been made
<https://www.bristolchildrenscharity.co.uk/>

Preludes Bristol

Preludes Bristol is another Childrens Charity we were to present with a £500 Cheque, we have instead posted the cheque.

Preludes is a bold and innovative music project that has been running successfully since 2009 in several school areas in Bristol experiencing high levels of disadvantage. The aim is to put classical music at the heart of every child's education and by doing so improve confidence, co-ordination, speech and language and benefit all areas of their learning
<https://www.bristolensemble.com/preludes/>

for further information and for an insight into the work of these charities, I earnestly recommend viewing the webpages to see for yourselves some of the wonderful work carried out in our City.

I would like to thank all members of the Mark Province of Bristol for their support.

W Bro Brian Hamley
Provincial Charity Steward

The Dunckerleys Light Blues – Province of Bristol

Province of Bristol – A Brief History

There were seventeen Masonic Lodges formed in Bristol during the 18th century – thirteen belonging to the ‘Moderns’ Grand Lodge and four to the ‘Antients’ – but most of them were short-lived.

The appointment of Thomas Dunckerley as Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire in 1784 heralded the beginning of new era for Bristol Masonry. At that time there were only six Lodges in the Province of Gloucestershire, all of which met in Bristol. Dunckerley was instrumental in constituting the Royal Gloucester Lodge, in 1785, to ensure the continuity of Freemasonry in that Province and then, in 1786, the separate Masonic Province of Bristol was created with himself as its first Provincial Grand Master.

Two of those six original Lodges are still in existence. The Beaufort Lodge celebrated 250 years of continuous working in 2008 and the Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality celebrated its bi-centenary in 1969.

The Master of a Bristol Lodge still enters wearing a cocked hat – a custom dating back to the sea captains who were Masters of their Lodges in the middle of the 18th century.

The Bristol Craft ceremonies are believed to date from a period long before the Union of 1813 – one authority has suggested from about 1724. They are considerably different from those worked in the rest of the English Constitution – more elaborate and dramatic. They have affinities in many respects with Irish and American workings. These differences are what draw so many visitors from all parts of the country, and from abroad, to witness the Bristol working. They are also the reason why Bristol Lodges are so frequently asked to perform demonstrations in other Provinces.

The Province of Bristol is now composed of thirty-seven Craft Lodges. There are also fourteen Royal Arch Chapters, seven Mark Master Mason Lodges, three Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and the Camp of Baldwyn, which embraces five

Orders of Masonic Knighthood. All of these meet in the same building in Park Street, which was rebuilt in 1957 after having been destroyed by enemy action in 1940. We are, therefore, a close “family” of Lodges and Chapters.

The Dunckerleys in 2019

Whilst we can’t proclaim to have a history such as that of the Province we do, however, see ourselves as an essential part of the wider Province and are always willing to learn and engage with other Light Blues, both in the local area and those throughout the UK. The Dunckerley Light Blues (DLBs) started back in 2015 and we are starting to really come together as a club, allowing opportunities to encourage those members of the Province to form a network to support each other and for the group to encourage visits both in and outside the province. We are very lucky in the sense that we can visit every Lodge, all within one remarkable building.

In 2019 a ‘new guard’ has taken on the task of taking this club forward and we are proud of what we have achieved in nearly 12 months. We acknowledge there is still a long way to go, but we are confident in the ability of our members and of the support from the Province that we can keep on building, not just our membership numbers, but the network and bonds that can be formed out of social clubs such the DLBs.

We have been privileged and honoured to act as escorts for both the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter meetings, where we able to demonstrate our ability as a club to come together and support the Province.

With a view of ensuring that we have a mixture of social events, we are keen to ensure that these are not limited to just the Light Blues and we encourage other members of the Province to join us.

We have established 2 regular events, the Breakfast Circle and Curry Nights, which we are confident will continue to grow and can be great opportunities for either potential candidates or new masons to attend.

The Breakfast Circle is a great opportunity for those who are around the Bristol City Centre to come along and enjoy what is an excellent breakfast and also have a chat with other Brethren in a relaxed atmosphere, away from the Lodges and work. We also have monthly Curry Nights. These are aimed at being social events, where everyone is welcome and we encourage our families to attend and mix and social with each other.

Our most recent community endeavour is part of a wider Project throughout the UK, which is in conjunction with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and their Eyes On – Hands On Project.

The project will see the creation of a nation-wide army of volunteers equipped with the know-how to play their own part in the remarkable work of maintaining the memory of some 300,000 war casualties in the UK. From youth groups to forces families, CWGC hopes that Eyes On, Hands On will raise awareness of these war casualties and provide a structured way for volunteers to make a real difference to our UK war graves.

It will allow those with an interest in our work to act as our eyes in their local area. They can feed back information about the condition of war graves and undertake minor work such as headstone cleaning and weeding in between CWGC staff inspections.

The spread of UK war graves – across more than 12,500 locations – provides the Commission with a huge challenge in its global remit. By engaging with local people CWGC hopes to reconnect communities with the World War history on their doorstep.

As a Club, we wanted to not only be involved within social events, but to be able to work more closely with the local community and take on a Project

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that we could expand out with the Province. The DLBs Social Secretary, Bro Lee Bushby, has been the lead on behalf of the DLBs and attended an initial training session with CWGC in Arnos Vale, Bristol, where members of Team Rubicon UK were receiving their training as part of the Project.

The scale of the Project throughout the UK is huge, with over 306,000 commemorations to the men and women of the Commonwealth Forces in the UK and Ireland at over 13,000 locations. Around 170,000 of these are burials, with the remainder being honoured on memorials to the missing.

The map details those locations that are within 10 miles of Bristol. What it doesn't tell you is the number of casualties in each location, which for Bristol range from 1 to 514 with Arnos



Vale being the largest. It was in Arnos Vale on 03 Nov that the Light Blues and members of the Province of Bristol came together on a Sunday morning to volunteer to be part of this endeavour.

The briefing session delivered by CWGC South West Lead is a bit of eye opener and an excellent history lesson in CWGC and even more on the numerous types of Commonwealth War Graves

in the UK, consisting mainly of Private Memorials and scattered War Graves and War Graves plots. The training involves a good overview of the various types of headstones and importantly the preservation of these War Graves and Private Memorials. After some practical sessions in an area in Arnos Vale, the team is ready to start working with CWGC on this Project and looking forward to making a difference in this fantastic Project.

Overall as a Club, we can see the benefits that a Light Blues club can bring to any Province / Lodge and we are looking forward to continue to support and work with the Province of Bristol but, as importantly, we are looking forward to working and engaging with the 'light blue' and young Mason clubs from around the UK to share ideas and best practice.

Bro Lee Bushby (Social Secretary DLBs)

Eyes On Hands On

As part of the Eyes on Hands On: The Dunckerleys Light Blues in the Province of Bristol, we will be holding a training session, this will be held at the Arnos Vale Cemetery and the Volunteer Coordinator, South West Commonwealth War Graves Commission will be providing a training session.

We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to give up some of their spare time to assist with a fantastic initiative that will be taking place in the South West. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is launching a new volunteer scheme in the UK. Eyes On, Hands On will harness the existing appetite to engage with their work and create a national network of volunteers to act as CWGC's eyes and ears on the ground. Starting in the South-West and East Anglia CWGC will equip the first teams of volunteers with the knowledge they need to give our UK staff regular updates on the condition of CWGC headstones in churchyards and burial grounds in their local area. This will allow them to create a live database, fed by regular information from people living nearby to these sites, in between the existing inspection and maintenance tours. Minor work such as trimming back vegetation and cleaning

headstones with soft water and a brush will also be enabled.

<https://www.cwgc.org/learn/news-and-events/news/2019/06/17/07/19/cwgc-calls-for-uk-volunteers-to-help-remember-war-dead>

If you are interested, then could you get in touch with Bro Lee Bushby (Saint Paul Lodge No 6400) via Facebook or via email secretary@dunckerleys.pglbristol.uk / lee252bushby@yahoo.co.uk

The Programme of events will be planned:

- Brief on CWGC EOHO Project. What is a war grave and what types are there?
- Health and Safety Brief. Locate head stones and practical demo by CWGC
- Identify, clean and clear War Graves.

Some water container/buckets and brushes will be provided, plus shears, secateurs and a bill hook. It is advisable

that you also bring favourite hand tools if you have them.

Please ensure that you cover up with long sleeved shirts and trousers and that you have suitable footwear and gloves for protection. Further details which also includes Work Instructions and CWGC Risk Assessments will be provided.

This is a great opportunity for the DLBs and Bristol Masons, so please come along and support this event. Partners are more than welcome to attend if they wish.

On entering Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bath Road, Bristol, BS4 3EW - Turn left and join one way circuit and park up on the left-hand side of the road - before and after the Anglican Chapel.

Website is: <https://arnosvale.org.uk/discover/site-info/>



Editors Comments

This is an extremely difficult comment to write, especially as we are all in this rather very sad and worrying position with regard to the Coronavirus.

Circumstances beyond our control has resulted in us all having to abide by the Governments request to follow the instructions that have been given, these being

STAY AT HOME - PROTECT THE NHS - SAVE LIVES

This issue is late as it was initially going to be available for the Provincial Grand Lodge Day, which was cancelled as at the moment all relevant Masonic activities.

Hopefully, Issue No 31 is another interesting read, as everybody has been extremely helpful in providing me with articles that are certainly different. Naturally, the proudest article for the Province of Bristol was the visit by HRH Duke of Kent, which from all accounts was an outstanding success.

Lastly, please everybody follow the requests and all of you STAY SAFE.

Regards Keith Irwin

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