



RW Bro Guy Yves Jerman PPGM
6th January 1926 – 21st August 2016
Initiated 19th January 1959
Past Provincial Grand Master (1986-1995)

*“And so when death shall claim us too,
And others’ form be there:
May we in memory’s heart be held
By Masons everywhere”¹*



Events – Summer/Autumn 2016

Wednesday 26th October 2016 – Cluster meeting of Royal Arch Chapters – Hosted by Earlham Chapter No.7266 – A special American live link up.....see further information on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Sunday 13th November 2016 – Annual Remembrance Sunday Wreath laying at the Chingford War Memorial at 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 19th November 2016 – Annual Fundraiser “Race Night” in aid of the Broken Column Luncheon

Friday 16th December 2016 - Annual Christmas Broken Column Luncheon - Chingford Masonic Hall 12.00 - 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY ROSE CROIX CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT



On the Fourth Sunday of each month, there is a combined Rose Croix Chapter of Improvement at the Chingford Masonic Hall. It is known as the “Richard Shone Chapter of Improvement”. If you wish to attend, why not come along, you will be most welcome. Membership is just £10.00 per annum. The Chapter of Improvement commences at 10.30 a.m. Or contact Mike Claxton: email mikeclaxton@gmail.com for further information.

MONTHLY LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT FOR MARK MASTER MASONS



A Lodge of Instruction of the Mark Degree at the Chingford Masonic Hall is being held on the first Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. Mark Master Masons of any Lodge meeting in the Province of Essex are welcome to attend, we would also welcome members who are in the Mark Degree from other Provinces if they so wished to attend to rehearse the ceremony of Advancement. There may be exceptions to the proposed dates, i.e. Christmas and Bank Holidays. The LOI's are held on the first Tuesday of the Month, at 10.30 a.m. contact W Bro. John Bold on email: john.bold@btinternet.com

MONTHLY CHINGFORD HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT

There is now a monthly Chapter of Improvement at the Chingford Masonic Hall on the 4th Sunday of every month. It is a great opportunity to sharpen your Royal Arch Skills! There will be at least two preceptors present and all rituals will be welcome and they will rehearse any parts of the ceremony, as required, by the attending Companions. This Chapter of Improvement is free of charge and all Companions and E. Companions are welcome. 10 am for a 10.30 am start.

Masonic Study Circles Meeting Dates 2016



Chingford Masonic Study Circle – meeting at the Chingford Masonic Hall – 7.30 p.m.

Secretary: W Bro Allan de Luca PPGSwdB
email: allandeluca@btinternet.com

Monday 7th November 2016

"Order of Women Freemasonry"

V.W.Bro. Irene Howell G.I. Essex

Wives and partners are especially invited on this occasion

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Speaker to be announced

If you have a talk you would like to present at this meeting of the CMSC, please contact the secretary, via the email address printed above

Southchurch Masonic Circle – meeting at the Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea – 8.00 p.m.

3rd Thursday March, May & September,

2nd Thursday December (With Cheese and Wine Buffet)

Maplin Suite – Saxon Hall

Secretary: W. Bro. Robert Vine

Email: Robert.vine@vodafoneemail.co.uk

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¹ Freemasons Magazine and Masonic Mirror – 11th October 1862

Mike Neville's Masonic Walks - 2017

Mike Neville's Masonic Walks & Talks

Delve into the history of Freemasonry, its origins, members, successes & scandals, the myths & more..... Family & Friends welcomed!

City of London Tour - 5 Nov 16 & 24 + 25 Jun 17
 *The site of the original Grand Lodge - 300 years ago
 *The Old Bailey - Masons & Murder

Crime & The Craft Tour - 17 Dec 16 & 25 Mar 17
 *Masonic links to famous cases of murder & treason
 *Jack The Ripper, Jack the Mason??

British Museum Tour - 11 Feb & 10 Jun 17
 *Ancient Egyptian influences on Freemasonry
 *Exhibits linked to Tubalcain, Neheremah, Cyrus & more

Masons & The West End Tour - 21 Jan & 22 Apr 17
 Tales of celebrity, scandal & a ghost.
 Oscar Wilde, Mozart, Kipling & other famous Masons

Charity lectures at your Lodge or Chapter
 everyone went home with renewed vigour, fully intending to make the daily advancement!

"It was the best lecture, indeed the most useful lecture I have ever heard presented in an open Lodge."

For further information contact - WBro Mike Neville
 Author of "Sacred Secrets"
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 07415 634613

E7.50 per person
 Lunch can be arranged

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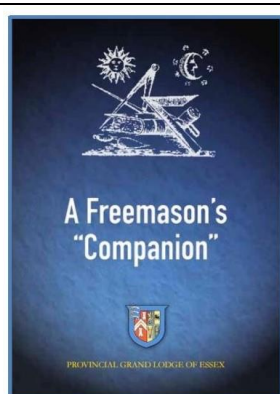
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"Each profession and class of mankind must agree, That Masons, though secret, are loyal and free."
 Thomas Dunckerley

The Province of Essex - A Freemason's "Companion" is available online via the "Cube"



This is the third edition the Freemason's "Companion", and has been issued on the appointment of R.W.Bro. Rodney Lister Bass as Provincial Grand Master on 3rd September 2015. This booklet can be downloaded in "pdf format" from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex web site, follow the "Download" menu and you will be directed to the various forms that can be downloaded to include this document.



www.essexfreemasons.org
 A password protected website

The Cube Social Network has been designed for Essex Masons. It promotes communications between all Lodges and Chapters in the Province of Essex. It has a social media portal which allows you to communicate with masons across the Province.



The annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex is held on the 1st Thursday in September annually. If Lodges or Chapters have a regular meeting on this day a dispensation can be applied for and will be granted free of charge.

The Philbrick Lodge No.2255 In need of new members

Philbrick Lodge No.2255 is in need of additional members. It is the only "Daylight Lodge" meeting at the Chingford Masonic Hall, and they would like your support. The Philbrick Lodge extends invitations to you to visit the Lodge, particularly those who are able to attend as a paying guest, and is useful for "Retirees" who may wish to attend and not dine. The regular Lodge meetings are held on 1st Wednesday, February, April, October (Installation) and December. Meetings normally commence at either 10.30 am or on occasions at 11.00 am and all business including the Festive Board is completed by 3.00 pm at the latest. The Philbrick Lodge was consecrated on 23rd July 1888, and is a Hallstone Lodge, and celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2013. For further information, please contact the Secretary, W.Bro. Peter Lindell, via W.Bro. David Clarke...email davidclarke0403@btinternet.com

The New Province of Essex Jewel for the Festival 2022



Pictured left is the new Festival 2022 Jewel which has now been approved by Grand Lodge and will be available to all Essex Masons after the Festival has been launched on 1st September. You will see that the jewel features the Stewards name at the top. This keeps us in line with other Provinces and is the official name for vice patron. There will be bars for Patron and Grand Patron. To qualify for this jewel as a personal honorific we are hoping that Essex Masons will commit to a regular payment totalling £500 by 2022. Patron level is £1,000 and Grand Patron, £1,500. Gift Aid where applicable should be added. The Province hopes that thousands of Essex Masons will wear this jewel with pride which will be available - **FREE** of charge - as soon as masons have committed to a regular payment or for those who can - have made a payment for the total amount plus Gift Aid. ²

Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association Enjoy a "Big Boy's Breakfast" At the Chingford Masonic Hall



On Saturday morning, 16th July 2016, the Widows Sons of Coborn Lodge 1804 made a visit to CMH for an extraordinary meeting, with W.Bro. Peter Hollingsworth APGM in attendance. Following the meeting, at their Festive Board, the brethren tucked into a "Big Boys Breakfast". There are several photographs that have been posted on the Province of Essex website, and a background of this Lodge may be of interest to the readers of the CMA Newsletter, and those who have a "penchant" on motorcycling may take an interest in this

² Essexfreemasons.org

particular Lodge. The Coborn Lodge, Number 1804, was consecrated in 1879, and at its consecration, the installation of the first W.M. Designate, took place in the Vestry Hall, Bow, on Monday 17th February 1879, and the W.M. designate being Bro. C.A. Heimann, PGD Treas. Japan was duly installed in the Chair of King Solomon, and it was reported in the Masonic magazine, “*who had travelled many miles to be installed as Master of the Coborn Lodge, and would no doubt return to Japan again, where he held the high distinction of being P.G.D. Treasurer.*”³ However, due to the ravages of time and circumstances membership of the lodge, which practises East End Workings. declined considerably in recent years. Some remaining long term members of Coborn Lodge mentioned their membership problems to a masonic friend, Martin Cargill (a.k.a. Banger) who in turn discussed the problems of this well-established old lodge, with members of Icen Chapter of the Widows Sons Motor Bikers Association. A suggestion was put forward at this meeting to revitalise Coborn and at the same time provide a Lodge for Motor Cycle enthusiasts. This idea was enthusiastically received by Icen members and Coborn gained 17 new joining members, all with an interest in Motor Cycling. Other Masonic Motor Cyclists have expressed interest in joining the throng and several non-masons have applied for membership. In keeping with the pastime of Motor Cycling meetings of the revitalised Lodge is now looking to move their regular meetings on a Saturday to the Chingford Masonic Centre as a London Lodge. As far as it is known, this Lodge with a Motor Cycling bias is the only one in the London area. They would be pleased to hear from any Motor Cycling Masons who would be interested in membership. Riders who are not currently Freemasons who would be interested in joining, are invited to apply for further information to the Secretary John Stew: john.stew@btinternet.com



Pictured above: Members of the Widows Sons Bikers Association arriving at the Chingford Masonic Hall

For further information, the Widows Sons Chapters shall limit active membership only to Master Masons who are members in good standing of a regular craft lodge recognised by the United Grand Lodge of England or Scotland. Members are required to own a road legal motorcycle with an engine size of a minimum of 500 cc, or a classic motorcycle of any size. No chapter shall include in their active membership any brother who is not a Master

³ *The Freemason* – 22nd February 1879

⁴ www.Widowssonsiceni.com/membership

Mason in good standing in the records of his lodge, a clearance certificate should be obtained for any new applicant for membership. No person should be admitted into the association who is a member of any form of clandestine Masonic lodge or order (Book of Constitutions Rule 176.)⁴



Pictured above: A group photo of the Widows Sons MC Chapter at the Hertfordshire Provincial Family Fun day on Sunday 24th July 2016.⁵

**The latest edition of “The Square” Magazine, the Independent Magazine for Freemasons
September 2016 Edition**



The magazine is available at Letchworths Shop at Great Queen Street and other outlets. It is also available in a variety of electronic formats, for digital access for iPad, iPhone, Android or Computer at £2.95 per issue, or an annual subscription of £9.99. For a “Free Trial Issue” or to subscribe go to.....
<http://exacteditions.com/read/square>.

Earlham Chapter No.7266 will host the Combined Chapter Cluster Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at the Chingford Masonic Hall

The Earlham Chapter No.7266 has arranged a one-of-a-kind event on the 26th of October at Chingford Masonic Hall: **An American Experience!** The Grand Lodge of New York and UGLE, along with the Province of Essex, have given their blessing for Earlham Chapter to initiate a live video feed between us and brethren in New York State. Plans are underway for a wonderful lecture by our American Brethren, followed by a very unique, American-themed Festive Board at a cost of £36.00.

For further details and booking, contact E.Comp. Elliott Cheven, Scribe E of the Earlham Chapter No.7266. email:

⁵ Photograph: Courtesy W.Bro Peter Cowland

elliottchevin@yahoo.co.uk see flyer below for menu details etc.

Royal Arch Chapters of Chingford, Combined Convocation
Hosted by Earlham Chapter No. 7266
Present an
AMERICAN EXPERIENCE
Live video stream direct from the USA
Fascinating presentation about American Freemasonry, by American Freemasons
American-themed festive board: get a belly-full of sliders, slow-cooked brisket and more!
Wednesday 26th October, 2016, Chingford Masonic Hall
BOOK NOW: email elliottchevin@yahoo.co.uk
Lecture delivered by three American Freemasons, including:
Most Excellent Edmund D. Harrison
General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

Thomas Boggis First Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex 1776-1790

There is a plethora of Masonic historic knowledge of the first Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Thomas Dunckerley, but not so much has been penned and brought to the notice of the brethren in the Province of Essex of the life and times of the first Deputy Provincial Grand Master, of the Province of Essex, who was, Thomas Boggis, and is worthy of some note. Thomas Boggis was the eldest son of Isaac Boggis and his wife Elizabeth Truston, a Suffolk farmer's daughter, they went on to have two other sons, Isaac and James. Elizabeth died in 1745 and Isaac married again in 1751, a widow, Ann Tenant of the rich Halstead family of Morley. They all attended the Writing School at Dedham, under the William Colchester. The property purchased by Isaac for £420 in 1731, was the Tudor House, built in the early 16th century, one of the largest in Colchester and situated at the east end of the long High Street near the Castle.

Thomas modernised parts of the Tudor House, now known as the "Minories," turning it into an elegant Georgian residence. During the 1950's it was endowed and used for the benefit of the people of the surrounding area. In 2008 the property was taken over by the Colchester Institute and its Department of Art, Design and Media, and is now a Grade II listed building, and the Boggis family lived in the house for almost 200 years. Isaac Boggis was a baize-manufacturer in Colchester. In earlier centuries baize was used for clothing, especially for nun and monk habits, and Isaac amassed a considerable fortune from his business. The bay-maker, or baize-maker bought the raw wool, had it sorted, and then handed it back and forth through all the various stages of cloth production. The men and women who did this were a complicated supply of cheap labour, and carried out various processes on their own premises. They consisted of card-makers, spinners, weavers, fullers, beaters and rowers. Rowing or roughing was the process of raising the nap on the finished cloth with teazles. This was done by hand until the invention of the "rowing mill" a large wheel upon which hundreds of teazle-heads could be

mounted between rods. From the manufacture of the baize it was then transported to London, where it was dyed according to the requirements of the market, and then the bay-factors exported it. It was in March 1762 it was Isaac Boggis's intention to introduce a roughing mill, to replace the hand method of raising nap on the finished cloth, which provoked a threat against him and he received an anonymous threatening letter on Wednesday 3rd March, which was found under the door of his house, at Colchester. The local provincial newspaper report ⁶ prints the letter in detail, although the reproduction of the article is in parts difficult to read, but the majority is as follows: "*Col'ster, [Colchester] ffuy 25. 1762. ⁷ Boggis this is to lett You know That I will be damn'd if I don't blow Your and Your Sons Brains out if ever You consent to have a Rowing Mill...I have a great Family and before I will them want. I will be damn'd if I don't blow Your and Your House and Your Family to Hell...So no more not no more than Truth I remain your Executioner.*" "*Now find it out and I'll suffer but it shall not be for Nothing. Superscription.....Notis given Bogis's Death Warrant Sealed Sind & delivird by M E dam You.*" Isaac Boggis followed this up and advertised the letter in the Ipswich Journal, on the 31st March 1762 offering a reward:- "*Whereas there was found under my Door this Morning the following threatening letter. Whoever will discover the person or persons concerned in writing the same, so that the or they may be convicted thereof, shall receive of me FIFTY POUNDS Reward.*"

The letter was also published in the London Gazette, with an added declaration, "*St. James's, April 16, 1762 - His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in Writing the said anonymous threatening letter, and in laying it, or causing it to be laid, under the Door of the House of Mr. Isaac Boggis, at Colchester, as aforesaid, is, hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to anyone of them, (except the Person principally concerned therein,) who shall discover his, or her, Accomplice, or Accomplices in the said Facts, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.*" Such letters which were known as "*incendiary letters*" were a feature of the time, and although Boggis offering a £50 reward and the Royal Pardon to anyone discovering the culprit, the perpetrator of the threatening letter was ever found and convicted and installation of the mill went ahead, and the life and business of the Boggis family continued without any further threats, however it was later in the same year that Isaac Boggis died on the 11th November 1762, aged 62, leaving his house and business to Thomas, and £6,000 each to Isaac Jnr and James. When Isaac Boggis second wife, Ann Tenant died, Thomas received an extra £1,400 and the brothers £800 each.

In 1763 Thomas Boggis, then aged about 25 married Frances Hills, eldest daughter of Michael Hills at Frinton, who was also a "baymaker" and merchant, and lived near the Minories, in Queen Street. Frances was still in her teens when she married Thomas Boggis at Frinton, where a new register was started for the occasion. It could well be that they were totally incompatible as we discover that his marriage was not a happy one, and so Frances left him. Frances died on the 3rd April 1775, and is buried in her mother's family vault the Dingley's at St. Helen's,

⁶ *The Ipswich Journal – Saturday 24th April 1762*

⁷ *The date of the threatening letter is probably Thursday 25th March 1762*

Bishopsgate. Following her death and childless, it released the Minories, and £3,000 from the provisions of the marriage settlement to Thomas Boggis. The fortunes of the baize-trade were also (temporarily) improving at this period and it seems that Thomas Boggis took advantage of these circumstances to thoroughly remodel the Minories in the then fashionable style as it substantially remains to this day. Thomas Boggis was elected an Alderman on 24th August 1775 and 29th September in the same year as a Justice of the Peace for the Borough. He also served as Mayor in 1776-7 and 1780-1, and was sworn in as one of the "Justices" on the 29th September 1777, on the occasion of his successor, Thomas Clamtree Esq. (1743-1784) being sworn into office as the Mayor of Colchester.⁸ Clamtree was a JP from 1760-July 1762 and a prominent Whig supporter of the agitation to regain the Charter of Colchester, and he was appointed by His Majesty King George III as the first Mayor in the new Charter of 1763. This was one of a line of Royal Charters granted to the town of Colchester in Essex (there had been Charters granted by Richard I, Edward IV, Charles II and William & Mary).⁹ The reason that there had been a petition by the burgesses for yet another Charter was the "divers disputes having, of late time, arisen within the said town and corporation, and informations, in nature of 'quo warranto' ¹⁰ having been prosecuted in our Court of King's Bench, and judgments of ouster obtained against several of the then acting magistrates of the said Corporation, so that the said Corporation is now dissolved, or at least incapable of enjoying and exercising their said liberties and franchises ...". In other words, Colchester Borough, its Corporation and officers, had got themselves into an administrative mess and needed to be saved by central government through the historic vehicle of royal charter.¹¹ In 1782 Thomas Boggis was among the Colchester delegation presenting a Loyal Address to King George III "on the success of H.M. Forces in various parts of the World." Thomas can also be associated with the rise of the local Tory Corporation party in the 1780's, and another facet of his life was his important role in Freemasonry in Colchester and Essex. Both Thomas Boggis and his brother James were both Royal Arch Masons. Thomas Dunckerley was the Grand Superintendent from 1776-1796, and he did not appoint a Deputy Grand Superintendent. The first appointment of an Assistant Provincial Grand Masters was not made until 1924. Thomas Dunckerley died on 19th November 1795, and in 1796 George Downing was appointed as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, until his untimely death on 9th October 1800, aged 37. A newspaper report writes of his Installation:- "G. Downing Esq., of Ovington Essex, and Lincoln's Inn, was on Monday last, [27th May 1797] with a grand masonic pomp, installed at Chelmsford, as Provincial Grand Master for the County of Essex. On this occasion near two hundred brethren attended. A procession of considerable magnificence took place from the Black Boy to the church, and the whole festival was allowed on all hands to be the most brilliant ever known in this kingdom."¹² Thomas Boggis was originally a member

and a Past Master of the Angel Lodge No.51, and was the Worshipful Master in 1770.

The Lodge was constituted in 1736, holding its first meeting on Wednesday 25th November 1735 at the "Cups Inn" and he became one of the Founding Officers of a new Lodge in Colchester "Unity No.496" which was constituted in July 1776., and unfortunately erased 9th February 1791, a mere ten months after the death of Thomas Boggis. It was discovered in 1776 that apparently the Angel Lodge did not possess a Warrant, so at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Kings Head on 24th June, 1777, a Warrant was presented to the Angel Lodge (then renumbered No.64) bearing the signatures of Thomas Boggis, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Reverend William Martin Leake, Provincial Grand Secretary, and countersigned and sealed by Thomas Dunckerley.

This is a treasured possession of which the Lodge is justifiably proud.¹³ In 1799 many of the members of the Angel lodge and most of those of the North Devon lodge were soldiers. In 1834 the Angel lodge's 47 members were mainly occupied in trade and commerce, though there were a few professionals, farmers, and gentlemen.

As Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and at a masonic anniversary meeting on Midsummer's Day on 24th June 1777, along with the visit of Thomas Dunckerley, for a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and after a public breakfast at which several ladies were permitted to see the Regalia, "at the anniversary meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of this county, held at the King's Head in this town, a respectable number of brethren were present. Several ladies in this place and neighbourhood honoured the society with their company to a public breakfast, after which they were introduced by the stewards, and permitted to see the Regalia and form of the lodge, when Thos. Dunckerley Esq, Provincial Grand Master, addressed them on the occasion. After the ladies had withdrawn, the brethren proceeded in open lodge, with the great lights, bible, book of constitutions, &c. carried by the proper brethren to St. Peter's Church, when prayers were read by the Rev. John Firebrace, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. Wm. Martin Leake, LLB, Provincial Secretary, from 1st Kings, Chap.v.verse 12.¹⁴ After divine service they returned in procession to the King's Head, where an elegant dinner was provided, and the day concluded with harmony, mirth, and that decorum peculiar to the society. A collection was made in the church of £9.1s.6d. for the poor of St. Peter's parish."¹⁵ Following the death of Thomas Boggis, on Sunday, 4th April 1790, the Worshipful Master of the Angel Lodge wrote to Thomas Dunckerley requesting that he should direct the executor of the late Brother Boggis to deliver all records, writings or other things belonging to Angel Lodge to the Master thereof. Whether this was carried out, and with what results, is not recorded but the Lodge Minute book for the period May 1768 to June 1779 is missing, wherein it would also record the Masonic progress of Thomas Boggis from Fellowcraft through to the Master's Chair in 1769, and onwards into his first three

⁸ Ipswich Journal – Saturday 4th October 1777

⁹ Source - The House that Boggis built ©

¹⁰ Medieval Latin for "by what warrant"

¹¹ Source – Colchester People Volume 1 – published 2010 ©

¹² Hampshire Chronicle – Saturday 27th May 1797

¹³ Includes some extracts from "The Master's Chair" Province of Essex ©

¹⁴ "And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together." – Freemasonry and the Bible

¹⁵ Hampshire Chronicle – Monday 4th August 1777

years, 1776-79 as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Essex.¹⁶ There are limited newspaper reports of Thomas Boggis in his role as a Magistrate, although one report from Colchester on 4th March 1780 writes “*John Hearform was committed to Colchester gaol, by Thos. Boggis Esq., for stealing a quantity of lead, the property of Mr. John Unwin, plumber*” and on 12th April 1786, “*that a hay-stealer had been apprehended at Dedham-Green and taken before Thomas Boggis Esq., who committed him to goal.*” Another of Thomas Boggis’s activities, was his love of the theatre, and he was the holder of the silver ticket, for the Colchester Theatre. Boggis was fond of plays by Sheridan, *The Rivals* and *The School for Scandal*¹⁷ the latter with a happier ending than his own marriage. In his will he bequeathed the token to the wife of his brother Isaac, Anne, along with “*the sum of Fifty pounds in token of my regard for her.*”



Pictured above left is a silver token similar to the one he would have had, and they were issued to the Mayor and other notable local gentry for priority bookings at the theatre.¹⁸ Pictured above right, a similar token entitling “*The Bearer of this Ticket is entitled to the sight of every performance to be exhibited in this House.*”

Following the death of Thomas Boggis an obituary describes him as “*an eminent baize-manufacturer, and one of the Aldermen of Colchester.*” In his will, made 19th March 1790 he “*wished to buried in Lead and in the same vault with his late Father, and the names on the present Tomb Stone being wrong spelt I desire the Stone may be turned and polished and the present Names fresh cut thereon together with my own and then raised two feet and no more from the level of the Earth on Stone the railing round repaired and painted and in such repair and painting hereafter kept by my Executors.*”

Thomas Boggis was very generous in his will to his household, especially his servants, whom of all benefitted from his charitable benevolence, especially one “*Old Servant*” Thomas Brown who was to receive a pension of 2s. a week. Another servant, James Brooker received £25 and the right to remain in the house he now occupied ‘*he keeping the same in tenantable repair*’ however, a codicil of 25th March 1790 increased James Brooker’s legacy to £30.¹⁹

For further reading, “*The House that Boggis Built – A social history of the Minories, Colchester.*” Published 1978 – contains biographic and a social history of the “*Minories*” Colchester to include masonic details of Thomas Boggis 1738-1790.

Article and Research Allan de Luca

¹⁶ Extracts from “*The Master’s Chair*” Province of Essex ©

¹⁷ First performed in London at Drury Lane Theatre on 8th May 1777.

¹⁸ Source - Colchester Uncovered. ©

Essex Freemasons have reinforced their long association with the Scout Movement with a massive donation of £145,000



A donation of £145,000 by the Essex Freemasons is believed to be the largest single donation in support of Scouting in any one county. The donation is set to fund a Tall Ship Aerial Runway to be installed in Skreens Park in Roxwell near Chelmsford. The project which will include a simulated parachute jump combined with a 200 metre zip wire aerial runway in the style of the rigging of an old tall ship, emphasises the growing role that Essex Freemasons play in the wider community. Once built, the project will also be available to local schools and other youth groups as well as the Scouts. When completed, the project will also help mark the 300th Anniversary of modern Freemasonry with a lasting legacy that will be used and enjoyed by young people across Essex for years to come.

The money was handed over at a meeting attended by the Lord Lieutenant for Essex, The Lord Petre, along with civic dignitaries from all parts of the county together with Alex Peace-Gadsby, chief scout commissioner for England, who thanked Essex Masons for their incredible generosity. Rodney Bass, Provincial Grand Master for Essex (pictured above presenting the cheque), said: “*Many Freemasons were once Scouts and there has always been a strong synergy between our two organisations, so it was an obvious choice for us to provide financial support for them as part of our 300-year anniversary celebrations. “As Provincial Grand Master it is my intention to offer support and encouragement to our young people wherever possible so I am delighted that this project will benefit youngsters from all areas of the community. I certainly hope that this facility will be used and enjoyed for many years.”* The £145,000 was raised in just six months from donations by many of the 300 plus Lodges and other Masonic groups across Essex as part of the Tercentenary Celebrations, which will include a wide range of Masonic events across the County over the next 12 months. Among the donations these events will also include open days at many of the different Masonic Centres across Essex where the public can get to know more about Freemasonry and the role that Essex Freemasons play in the wider community. In 2015 Essex Freemasons raised over £1million from their network of Lodges and orders to help over 700 local organisations in the county chosen by members of individual lodges.²⁰

¹⁹ Colchester People – The John Bensusan-Butt Biographical Dictionary of Eighteenth Century Colchester – 2nd edition – published 2010 ©

²⁰ Source – Essex Chronicle – 4th August 2016

Annual Provincial Honours and the Chingford Masonic Study Circle

During July and August this year [2016], it was that time of the year, when all Secretaries, within the Province of Essex were asked to submit completed applications for the brethren of their Lodge who they considered as a suitable qualified brother to receive either a "First Appointment" or a "Promotion" to a higher Provincial Rank. Consideration for Provincial Honours should normally be an item on the agenda at a suitable GPC meeting, and not at the whim of a selected few senior members of the Lodge over a pint of beer at the bar. With the age of the new social media policy within the Province, it has progressed for many administration practises to be dealt with electronically online. It is also interesting to note that this year (2016) there are some changes to the application forms for all submissions in respect of the consideration of "First" appointments and "Promotions" of members of the Craft. In prior years, for any first or promotion in the Craft, a few of the questions that were asked were as to whether if the brother being considered is a member of an Installed Masters Lodge, active in LOI, attend Lodge committees, active in the management of a Masonic Hall etc. The Secretary was also asked to write a brief synopsis as to the reasons for recommendation of the brother who is to be considered. As mentioned earlier, with the Province of Essex shifting to the 21st century methods of communication, and I applaud this, we are of course grateful for the new online abundant source of information, to include guidance, forms and social information, on the "Cube"²¹ and our thanks go out to the team who have successfully created this central platform and wealth of information and guidance for the members of the Province of Essex. However, returning to the new "forms" for promotions, which incidentally, are also sent direct by email to the Secretary of each Lodge by the Provincial Grand Secretary, are also available to download, complete, save to your personal computer. The completed document needs to be approved by your GPC committee. It is also important that those brethren who have been recommended, have sight of the information that has been supplied on the respective forms is correct. Provided that all parties are satisfied, then these can be emailed to the Provincial Grand Secretary. This new format is to further assist the advisers to the RW Provincial Grand Master of all applicants. With the new documents, we find it is necessary that Secretaries are asked to identify whether the Brother nominated has and, if so, how frequently, performed any ritual etc. since leaving the Chair and/or receiving his last appointment/promotion. The scrutineers also find it useful to know that the extent of a Brother's masonic involvement (particularly in the Royal Arch) which is also an important factor when considering Appointments and Promotions. There have been some other noteworthy changes in the content of the information required in respect of the brother to be "put up" for Provincial Honours, and especially one additional question "Is he a member of a Study Circle, if so which one?" This question is quite unique, as at last, the importance of being a member of a Masonic Study Circle has been brought to the attention of the brethren, and the inclusion of this

question must have been judged as some importance by the Provincial Executive. The question of belonging to a Masonic Study Circle, especially when being considered for a promotion is a step in the right direction, not only for that all important extra "tick" in the box for the consideration of a coveted Provincial Honour, but it is a method of identifying as to whether the brother supports the necessity of making that daily advancement of Masonic knowledge. Does that mean, that the Chingford Masonic Study Circle will suddenly receive a "bum rush" for brethren to become members, and be qualified to receive that all important "yes" tick on the Provincial Promotion form? With that in mind, it is time to put the Chingford Masonic Study Circle (CMSC), meeting at the Chingford Masonic Hall, also the Southchurch Masonic Study Circle that meet at the Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea, securely on the map. Both Masonic Study Circles, work and exchange summonses with each other and circulate information between them of their own work. It is important to add that both Masonic Study Circles are doing excellent work to promote the necessity of making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge via the Provincial Website, the "Cube." It is also important to stress that both the "study circles" have on occasions, found it difficult to get sufficient "bums on seats" especially as the focal point of the meeting is the invited "Speaker" who may have possibly travelled some distance to present his talk, only to have just a few brethren in the audience, can be somewhat discouraging, but fortunately, this occurrence is very rare, and the study circle is often well supported by a core of committed members. Within the Province of Essex, "Masonic Study Circles" are a unique and vital resource for the promotion of a more careful study of the history, antiquity, and symbols of the Craft, besides providing an attractive centre and bond of union for Masonic students and brethren of various literary tastes. Membership of the CMSC only requires a small annual subscription of £5, and meet three times a year at the Chingford Masonic Hall, and is open to all brethren who meet within the Province of Essex, or brethren, who meet at other venues outside the Province who wish to belong to a local Masonic Study Circle. The meeting dates, are 4th Wednesday March, 4th Monday June, and 1st Monday November. The CMSC provides a platform for the brethren to write and present their own talks on any Masonic subject, provide artefacts of interest, and also to receive talks from the Prestonian Lecturer, (normally at our June meeting) appointed by Grand Lodge. To add to its importance in our Masonic progress, the CMSC has its own glass book cabinet in the Ante Room, adjacent to the Main Temple, which contains various books that have been donated by members of the study circle, and they are of special value and in effect great credit on all who have contributed, the availability of these books, which can be read by any brother attending the centre. The glass book case was kindly donated by W.Bro. Dennis Jane, the Chairman of the CMSC. Furthermore, the CMSC, as a small Masonic unit, is also proud of its charitable donations, which is customarily made to the preferred charity of each guest speaker, and donations have been made to such charities as the TLC, WEHA, DEBRA, RMBI, and especially to the Prestonian Charity Account. The Charity donations total in excess of £750.00.

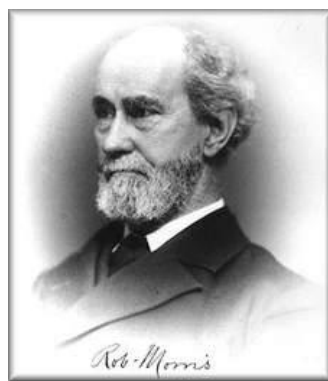
²¹ <http://www.essexfreemasons.org>

The CMSC was set up at the specific request of the Rt.W.Bro. John Webb PPGM, who was keen that such a Study Circle be formed at the Chingford Masonic Hall, which was subsequently inaugurated on the 30th June 2010, since which, there have been many excellent speakers at our meetings. If you wish to become a member of the Chingford Masonic Study Circle, please contact the Secretary, W.Bro. Allan de Luca email: allandeluca@btinternet.com – For the Southchurch Masonic Study Circle, the Secretary, W.Bro. Robert Vine email: Robert.vine@vodafoneemail.co.uk

A note for your diaries, the next Chingford Masonic Study Circle meeting, will be held on Monday 7th November 2016, and will have VW Bro Irene Howell, G.I. Essex, presenting her talk “Order of Women Freemasonry” and it is hoped that it will be well supported, and especially on this occasion that wives and partners are invited. There are no formalities, and casual dress is the order of the day, complete with bar facilities.

Article by Allan de Luca – Secretary CMSC

Dr. Morris the Masonic Poet Laureate



On the 17th December 1884, brother Dr. Rob. Morris was elected the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, and received the “Laurel Wreath” at the hands of the Grand Master of New York. Many distinguished brethren were present on the interesting and unique occasion and still more members of the “mystic

tie” sent letters expressive of their keen appreciation of the event, and their sympathy with the recipient of the honour. Many references state that Rob Morris was born on August 31, 1818, near Boston, Massachusetts. However, there is some evidence that he was born Robert Williams Peckham, in New York, and that he adopted the name of his foster parents after the death of his birth parents, later shortening his name to Rob to avoid confusion with another poet named Robert Morris.

He grew up in New York, where he (apparently) also went to college. He worked as a teacher for 10 years before moving to Oxford, Mississippi, where he continued teaching at Mount Sylvan Academy, a school established by Freemasons. While living in Oxford, he met Charlotte Mendenhall, whom he married on August 26, 1841. After he became a Mason on March 5, 1846, he became convinced that there needed to be a way for female relatives of Masons to share in some measure in the benefits of Freemasonry.

While teaching at the Eureka Masonic College (“The Little Red Brick School Building”) in Richland, Mississippi in 1849-1850, he wrote Eastern Star's first ritual, titled “*The Rosary of the Eastern Star.*” He became a Masonic author, writing numerous works on freemasonry and associated subjects, including “*The Lights and Shadows of Masonry and Free Masonry in the Holy Land.*” Contributing to many Masonic publications, he wrote over four hundred poems including “*The Level and the Square*” many of which were

devoted to the Order of the Eastern Star. He also wrote many religious songs used frequently by Churches and Sunday schools including “*O, Galilee.*” He was later conferred with the Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Laws. He toured Europe for many years, spending one year in the Holy Land researching Masonic origins and lecturing on the subject. His lectures were attended by people from all walks of life including the Prince of Wales, who later became King Edward VII. He organized a “*Supreme Constellation*” in 1845 to charter Star chapters. In 1866, because of his planned travel abroad, he handed over the organizational authority of Eastern Star to Robert Macoy. He received the Scottish rite in New York around 1855. He later served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1858-9. Upon being given a job as professor of the Masonic University, he moved to La Grange, Kentucky in 1860. Over the years, he wrote over 400 poems, many of which were devoted to Eastern Star and Masonry. While traveling in the Holy Land, he wrote the words to the hymn “*O Galilee.*” In 1854, he wrote “*The Level and the Square*” which may be his best-known poem. The first line reads “*We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square, what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!*” Another popular poem penned by Dr. Morris is the “*The Working Tools*” as follows:-

Let us be true, each Working Tool
The Master places in our care
Imparts a stern but wholesome rule
To all who work and journey here
The Architect divine has use
The Plumb, the Level and the Square.

Let us be wise, the *Level* see !
How certain is the doom of man !
So humble should Freemasons be
Who work with this narrow span;
No room for pride and vanity -
Let wisdom rule our every plan.

Let us be just; behold the *Square*;
Its pattern deviates no part
From that which, in the Master's care
Tries all the angles of the heart.
O sacred implement diving, -
Blest emblem of Masonic art !

Let us be true; the unerring Plumb,
Dropped from the unseen Master's hand.
Rich fraught with truthfulness has come.
To bid us rightly walk and stand'
That All-seeing Eye of God
May bless us from the heavenly land.

Dear friend, whose generous heart I know,
Whose virtues shine so far abroad, -
Long may you linger here below,
To share what friendship may afford !
Long may the Level, Plumb and Square,
Speak forth through you the works of God.

Because of his many works on Masonic subjects, on December 17, 1884, he was crowned the “*Poet Laureate of Freemasonry*” an honour which had not been granted since the death of Robert Burns in 1796. His health began to fail in 1887, and in June 1888, he became paralyzed.

He died on July 31, 1888, and is buried at La Grange, Kentucky. The Rob Morris Home is kept as a shrine to Rob Morris by the Kentucky Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. ²²

A Date for your Diaries !!

Goodwill Lodge No.7904 are hosting the first combined "Blue Table Meeting" on Friday, 4th November 2016 at the Chingford Masonic Hall, so draw on your prospective candidates and book in for a social Masonic meeting where you can bring non-masons. Contact the Secretary of Goodwill Lodge No.7904 for further information.
Email: brianmackett@icloud.com

W.Bro Paul Tarrant Appointed APMG

W.Bro. Paul Tarrant, PJGD has been appointed as an APMG. He is to be installed by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Rodney Lister Bass at a meeting of the North Essex Masters Lodge on 4th November 2016. His appointment follows the resignation of W Bro Peter Hammond PSGD, APMG (which was reluctantly accepted by the PGM) on account of his continuing illness which has involved intensive chemotherapy treatment. In announcing the changes, the PGM commented: *"I am sure you would join me in thanking Peter for his great service to Essex Freemasonry and he, in turn, with typical generosity, thanks you all for your continuing support and forbearance in helping to cover his recent enforced absences."*



Following that announcement of W Bro Paul Tarrant being appointed as APMG, it was recently announced of the passing of W.Bro Peter Hammond PSGD, APMG to the Grand Lodge above on the 18th September 2016.

It was also with great sadness to report the passing of our past Provincial Deputy Grand Master, and past Inspector General of the South Essex Rose Croix. VW Bro Peter Holland, 33° Peter passed away on Saturday 1st October at 7.30 am, may our thoughts and prayers be with his family at this sad time.

VW Bro. Coling Bradley, passed to the Grand Lodge above on the 23rd August 2016. He was a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, 2000-2003 and Treasurer of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge during the 1980's as well as becoming an Honorary Member.



²² Published in the Masonic Star – 17th January 1889

A Specially Brewed Craft Beer to Raise funds for the Festival 2022 Appeal



As part of the Festival 2022 Appeal, the Province of Essex has launched a specially brewed Craft beer, and will be available in 500ml bottles, twelve to a pack via the various Masonic centres, including the Chingford Masonic Hall. When you purchase a pack of 12 bottles for £24.00, your Lodge or Chapter will

be credited with £4.80 towards the Festival 2022 total. If this is successful, it is proposed to launch a Craft Pilsner Lager, probably before Christmas 2016. The beer will only be available as a takeaway to ensure that there is no compromise to any arrangements Centres have with their existing suppliers. It is hoped that the brethren will purchase a pack to take away for consumption away from the centre, for yourself, friends and family, and as many as often as you can. If your Lodge has a raffle at the Festive Board, why not include them as a raffle prize !! For further information for distribution etc. contact W.Bro. Bradley Thurgood. email bradley@cvclease.co.uk The beer has been developed in conjunction with Essex Micro Brewery, Wibblers in Mayland.

Prince Harry giving a "Royal Dance Move"



Prince Harry - dancing apparently- good practice for a future Grand Master? ²³

Pass the Port to the Left !!!

No doubt we have all been in a situation at the Festive Board, that if a member fails to pass the decanter on to his neighbour, it will come to a standstill. It is all too often these days for the port to be pre-poured into port glasses and delivered individually to the brethren at the Festive Board. I suppose it is one way of preventing the decanter of port passing to the left coming to a standstill, as so often the tradition of passing the port to the left is not known to everyone, unless of course you have served in the Armed Forces, where the tradition is particularly observed. Here is an interesting little anecdote as to the origins of its traditions from the well-known brewers of Taylor's Port, with additional notes and references I have researched.

²³ Source – Daily Mail Wednesday 21st September 2016 and FB

Once a Vintage Port has been decanted and the moment has come to enjoy it, tradition dictates that the decanter should be placed on the table to the right of the host or hostess.

It should then be passed to the left, travelling around the table from guest to guest in a clockwise direction until it comes back to its starting point. Although the tradition is most often observed when serving Vintage Port, it is also often followed with other Port styles.

There are many arcane and colourful explanations for the custom of passing the Port to the left. One theory is that the custom arose from the need to keep one's sword arm free in case of trouble. It is sometimes said to have originated in the Royal Navy where the rule was "Port to port" meaning that the decanter (most likely a ship's decanter) should be passed to the left. In the Royal Navy the Loyal Toast is traditionally drunk in Port and, in contrast to the other branches of the British armed forces, the officers remain seated. However, the reason why the custom is followed today is quite simple. If the decanter keeps moving in the same direction, every guest has the opportunity to enjoy the wine and no-one is left out. The decanter travels clockwise because most people are right handed. This usually happens because a guest does not notice that the decanter is there, does not realise that they should pass it on or, more rarely, hopes that no one will notice so that they can have a second glass. Guests waiting further down the table for the decanter to arrive may become impatient. However, it is considered bad form to demand that the decanter be passed on. Instead, the person who is preventing the decanter from continuing its journey around the table is asked politely "Do you know the Bishop of Norwich?" This is a gentle reminder to get the decanter moving again. If the meaning does not sink in, the less

subtle alternative "Is your passport in order?" may be used. The origin of "Do you know the Bishop of Norwich?" is attributed to Henry Bathurst who was Bishop of Norwich from 1805 to 1837. Bishop Bathurst (pictured left)²⁴ lived to the age of 93 by which time his eyesight was deteriorating and he had developed a tendency to fall

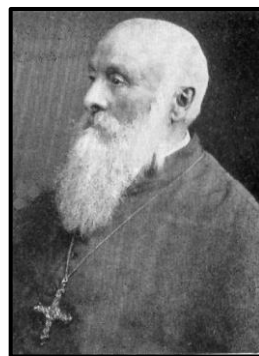
asleep at the table towards the end of the meal. As result he often failed to pass on the Port decanters several of which would accumulate by his right elbow to the consternation of those seated further up the table. A bon vivant said to possess a prodigious capacity for wine consumption, he was sometimes suspected of using these frailties to his advantage. In his politics the bishop has always adhered to the "Whig" party, and was so ultimately connected with them as to have his health toasted by the club, a compliment rarely paid by it to the bench. However, some authorities claim that the phrase "Do you know the Bishop of



²⁴ Henry Bathurst by Sir George Hayter, pencil, circa 1816 (121mm x 95mm) – source NPG

²⁵ www.taylor.pt – Taylors Port Wine

²⁶ Other sources state that his death occurred at 2 a.m. Thursday morning 6th April 1837. – Essex Standard published 14 April 1837



Norwich?" originated with John Sheepshanks (pictured left) who was Bishop of Norwich from 1893 to 1910, and although Bishop Bathurst would seem the most plausible source of the tradition it appears that Bishop Sheepshanks did his best to perpetuate it.²⁵ The death of the Right Reverend Henry Bathurst, Lord Bishop of Norwich, took place on

Wednesday 5th April 1837²⁶ and it was an event the public had for some time prepared for, by the accounts of his illness from day to day, and his advanced age of 93, took place at his house in Hertford Street, Mayfair, and was interred at the Abbey Church Great Malvern in Worcestershire, on Friday 14th April 1837, by the side of his late wife, in a vault there. Following his death there was an announcement in the press that "The King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire²⁷ to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Norwich to elect a Bishop of that See²⁸ the same being void by the death of Doctor Henry Bathurst, late Bishop thereof; and his Majesty has also been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter, the Rev. Edward Stanley, Master of Arts, to be by them elected Bishop of that See."²⁹ From the archives of the Library and Museum of the UGLE Henry Bathurst, we find that Henry Bathurst was a member of one of the oldest Lodges in the Province of Devon. The county of Devon was not constituted into a Province until 1775. Sir Charles W. Bampfylde, was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed for "Devon and Exeter" on the 27th December 1774, in response to a petition promoted by the members of the local lodges, and was duly installed by Bro. John Codrington, W.M. of the Union Lodge of Exeter, who was invested as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Sir Charles Bampfylde held the office for 44 years, and was succeeded by the Earl of Fortescue, in 1819 who held the same office for 42 years until his death in 1862. Unfortunately, no minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge during its early years have been preserved, possibly none were kept, as the Records of the "Union" Lodge contained particulars, but this volume is missing. Apparently a Brother John Drake, described in the "Returns" as a gentleman, was the first Provincial Grand Secretary, and these three brethren named being members of the celebrated "Union" Lodge which was such a powerful Masonic organisation in the "Ever Faithful City" during the latter part of the 18th century. It was formed in 1766 and erased in 1789, the last of the members. Bro. Richard Collins, dying in 1847 at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Two Bishops of the Episcopal Bench were on its Register, Dr. Henry Bathurst (Norwich) and Dr. Herbert Marsh (Peterborough), and quite a number of distinguished brethren of the clerical, legal, and medical professions.³⁰

²⁷ A licence from the Crown in England issued under the great seal to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of a diocese.

²⁸ An "episcopal see" – The word "See" from the Latin "sedes", denoting the seat or chair of the Bishop's authority.

²⁹ London Courieer and Evening Gazette – Wednesday 19th April 1837

³⁰ The Masonic Illustrated – October 1901

When enjoying the port at your next Festive Board, and the decanter stops at you, remember the history, which is now attributed to John Sheepshanks, who reputedly perpetuated the tradition of passing the port to the left following the folklore of Henry Bathurst.

Article and Research – Allan de Luca

The CMA Needs your Support

**THE CHINGFORD MASONIC ASSOCIATION
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A FAMILY RACE NIGHT



In aid of much needed funds for the
The Broken Column Lunch
(The annual lunch for the wives of departed Brethren)

On
Saturday 19th November 2016 at 7pm (1st race at 7.45pm)

Tickets £12.00 Inclusive of Supper

For full details of how to sponsor a Race or Horses or simply to order tickets, contact

<p>Dave Clarke 020-8529-9016 / 07798-857123 Tony Curtis 01708-510406 / 07778-221162 or Sue/Wendy at the Bar</p>	<p>daveclarke@btinternet.com anthonycurtis@talk21.com</p>
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Your Help is urgently required (and so is your money!)
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Send the name of your chosen Race or Horses to
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Please make cheques payable to Chingford Area Masonic Social Group

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR SUPPORT




In order to raise much needed funds for the Broken Column Lunch and other charities, please support the forthcoming Race Night to be held on Saturday 19th November 2016 at the Chingford Masonic Hall. We urgently need sponsors and Brethren, friends and family to join in the fun to make the night a success. This is an excellent family evening with much fun to be had by all. The race card needs to be completed and more sponsors for races and horses will be greatly appreciated. Sponsor and name a race for £25.00 and/or sponsor a horse or jockey for £5.00. We look forward to receiving your support. Or if you wish to make a donation, please make cheques payable to the Chingford Masonic Association. For further information, please contact. W Bros. Dave Clarke or Tony Curtis – email contact as follows:-

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anthonycurtis@talk21.com


The TLC Appeal

The simple objective is to provide Teddy Bears and soft toys to Accident and Emergency Units, for the medical staff, to give, at their discretion, to children admitted who are in severe distress and where the staff feel that a Teddy or soft toy to cuddle will help alleviate the stress and assist them in their work. The Children are allowed to take the Teddy home. The idea began following the resuscitation of the wife of an Essex Freemason at an Essex A&E unit after an allergic reaction, which closed her windpipe. They both



TLC Appeal
www.tlcappeal.org

Helping Severely
Distressed Children at
A&E Units and Elsewhere



FREEMASONRY IS THE COMMUNITY
playing our part

Teddies For Loving Care
Registered Charity No. 1089760

found the experience the most frightening of their lives and are eternally grateful for the swift and caring attention that she received. Following this incident, the parent discussed with his Masonic Lodge in trying to do something useful as a thank you to the A&E unit and its staff. From that point onwards the idea of “Teddies for Loving Care” was born. Through the kindness of Essex Freemasons, TLC was launched at all A&E

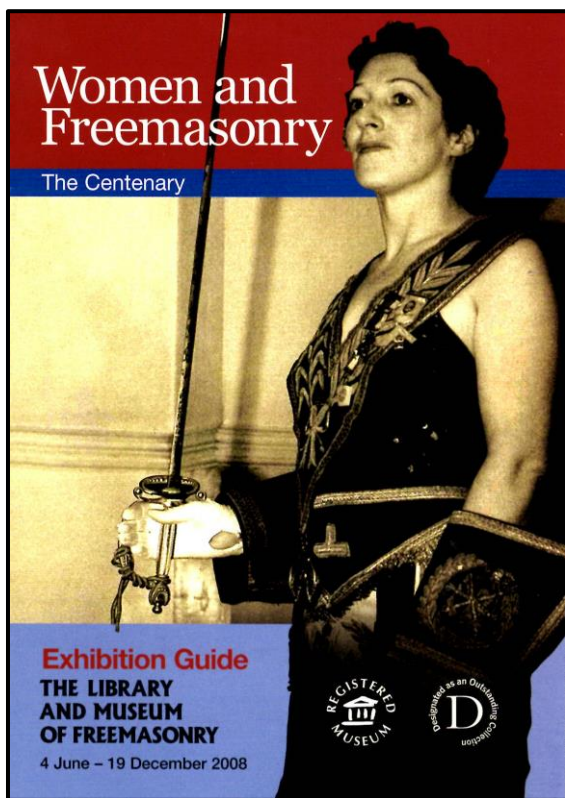
Units serving Essex in 2002 and proved a resounding success. It was not long before the word spread and through the support of Freemasons and others TLC Teddies are used at A&E units in almost the whole of England and Wales, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Orange County USA and most recently, Ireland, both North & South. Over 90% of the money needed to relieve these severely distressed children is donated by local freemasons.

Additionally, many grateful parents and others see the benefits of what the TLC do and choose to donate or fundraise for the Charity. Absolutely nothing of the money donated goes on administration. The time and facilities are donated by volunteers. The TLC spend less than 1% on fundraising items (such as lapel badges which generate donations) and PR, but every penny of the remainder is used to purchase the Teddies soft toys or urgently needed paediatric equipment for A&E Units. If you require more information and wish to donate, visit the website: www.tlcappeal.org or on Facebook, or email: info@tlcappeal.org.

The Chingford Masonic Study Circle Monday 7th November 2016 At the Chingford Masonic Hall

At the next meeting of the Chingford Masonic Study Circle, on Monday 7th November 2016, the guest speaker will be VW Bro Irene Howell, Grand Inspector, Essex, who will deliver a talk entitled “Order of Women Freemasonry”. For this this particular meeting you can bring along your wife, partner and friends for this most interesting lecture. The dress code is casual, and the meeting commences at 7.30 pm. For those brethren who are members of the CMSC, it is hoped that you will attend and support the meeting. You can also obtain more details on the Province of Essex “The Cube” website. We sincerely hope that you will support this meeting, and bring a guest, and if you are not a member, perhaps it will inspire you to become a member, and make that “daily advancement of Masonic knowledge.” If you have a “paper” you have written on any Masonic subject which you wish to present to an audience, why not do it at our meetings. Pictured above, the brochure produced by the United Grand Lodge Library and Museum for their Exhibition on “Women and Freemasonry” from 4th June – 19th December 2008. For further information, contact, the

Secretary of the Chingford Masonic Study Circle, W Bro Allan de Luca. Email allandeluca@btinternet.com



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How often we find popular quotes used in Freemasonry in films of the 1930's and 1940's

Sayings we all know so well are often quoted in films, and from the 1939 British crime film "Murder in Soho" about a murder in the London district of Soho. With actor Jack La Rue as an American gangster, "Steve Marco" owner of a Soho nightclub, who is investigated by the police for murder. The film also starred Googie Withers as one of the hostesses, Lola Matthews, who provides the proof of the murder to the police. Steve Marco is asked by his hostess Lola, to propose a toast at a new year's eve party at the club, and he uses the words..... "Here's to you, not above you, not beneath you, but always on the level with you."



Pictured above: Googie Withers and Jack La Rue in the scene at the club of the 1939 film "Murder in Soho." Jack La Rue (pictured right) would be known by contemporary film audiences as a hard-hitting film gangster and often the second fiddle to greater stars Humphrey Bogart, George Raft and Gary Cooper. In reality



Jack La Rue's life was more colourful and controversial than a simple, one-dimensional supporting role. Over his 81-years, he appeared in over 100 films, several Broadway productions, had intense political ambitions, endured three hostile marriages and several public run-ins with the police. His last major film appearance was with Frank Sinatra in "Robin and The Seven Hoods" released in the early 1960's. La Rue stated he turned down a role in *The Godfather* (1972) and many parts in the television series *The Untouchables* because of the way they portrayed Italian-Americans, and he made a cameo appearance in the 1976 film "*Won Ton Ton, the Dog who saved Hollywood.*" There is no evidence that Jack La Rue was a Freemason.

Masonic Charitable Foundation Donates £50,000 to the Red Cross following the Devastation of Hurricane Matthew

Freemasons provide fast and immediate help in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. The Masonic Charitable Foundation has donated £50,000 to the Red Cross relief effort in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahamas, in the wake of devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew over recent days. [October 2016]. The donation will give continued Red Cross support to over 1,650,000 individuals and families suffering as a result of the hurricane, which has already claimed the lives of over 900 people, and left over 18,000 people homeless. As well as running 84 evacuation shelters, the Red Cross has more than 500 disaster workers and 90 response vehicles ready to help in the affected states. They have pre-positioned more than 30 truckloads of shelter supplies, ready-to-eat meals, clean-up and comfort kits. David Innes, The Chief Executive of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, explained that "*The severe impact of hurricanes such as Hurricane Matthew across parts of Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahamas continues to cause untold misery and serious*

problems for many families. The Foundation has been particularly shocked by the adverse conditions and circumstances people have faced and we want to do everything we can to help the Red Cross's vital work on the grounds, helping individuals stay safe and rebuild their lives."



The Masonic Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting communities affected by natural disasters, having previously donated to the Nepal Earthquake, Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund and the British Red Cross throughout 2015.

The Grand Chapter Sword And a note on the "Society of Gregorians"

In the CMA Newsletter No.51, I included an article I had researched and written, entitled the "*The Sword of State of the UGLE*" and this article was later published in the June 2016 edition of the "Square" Magazine. It would be very remiss not to write an article on the "*The Grand Chapter Sword*" which is of equal interest. The Grand Chapter Sword, was in use from 1817 to the present day, and was originally used by the Atholl Grand Lodge, (1751-1813). The top of the sheath is engraved with the maker's name "Jno Beckett, St. James, Fecit 1741"

John Beckett, was a sword cutler and belt maker to King George III, based in St. James's, London. The sword was originally the "State Sword" of the Antients Grand Lodge (1751-1813). After the Union of the two Grand Lodges, it became the state sword of Grand Chapter from 1817 onwards, although it is currently not used due to damage. The sword blade has a stamped head on both sides, presumed to be that of the mark of the head of King George II, who was reigning at the time of the sword's manufacture. It is a waved blade steel sword. The hilt is silver gilt with a round centrepiece and cross guard formed on each side of a scaled serpent grasping the centrepiece with their mouth. The centrepiece bears relief decoration of masonic emblems on one side and a figure and a temple on the other. The grip is shark skin spirally wound with gold wire. The pommel is an orb of silver gilt with scenes and figures and temples on each face, one possibly being Solomon, with green man masks to either side. The pommel finial is missing.

The scabbard is coated in crimson velvet, with three gilt bands and a gilt end cap, all with elaborate relief rococo decoration. The second band from the top bears the coat of arms of the Antients Grand Lodge in relief. The top band has masonic emblems in relief on one side with a maker's mark above. The original sword, made by Peter English

was in use from 1789 to 1817. Peter English was one of a number of German sword-cutlers invited to form a community at Hounslow Heath by King Charles I in 1629. This lasted until the English Civil War, when they moved to the Royal Sword Ordnance mill at Wolvercote. The Calendar of State Papers Domestic of Charles II for the year 1671-2 include a statement by two of the surviving sword-cutlers of this community, one of whom was Peter English, petitioning the King for support. The sword was the original sword of the Grand Chapter, carried by the first Grand Principal at every meeting from 1789, when it was donated. Up to the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 the Sword of the Antients Grand Lodge was substituted, and it is currently being used in Grand Chapter. The letters and date on the pommel stand for "*Grand and Royal Chapter, 1789*". There is a Turk's head mark, and is known to appear on other swords of German manufacture from this period. The Latin motto on the hilt "*Crescitque Eundo*" translates as "*It grows as it goes*". This Latin motto is also The Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, and is the official seal of the U.S. State of New Mexico and was adopted in 1913.



Pictured above: The Grand Chapter Sword ³¹

There is also a scabbard in the Library and Museum of the State Sword of the "Society of Gregorians." "*The Merry Gregs*" were founded as a rival to Freemasonry about 1730, and ceased to exist about 1812. H.R.H. Prince William Frederick of Gloucester was elected Grand of the Norwich Chapter on the 10th August 1797, and Admiral Viscount Nelson, the Hero of Trafalgar, is said to have been a member of the Order. The objects of the Order, are stated to be "the establishment and permanent continuance of unity in society and Christian Charity." They were in fact, a loyal and social and Christian Order, one of their principal officers being "the Prelate." There is no mention or trace of any specific description of their emblems, but it is found that they met in a Chapter and had anniversary and quarterly meetings. Their first toast was always "The King, Family, and Friends" and they had certain constitutional and Gregorian songs.

*"Let Poets and Historians
Record the Brave Gregorians"*
(Constitutional song)

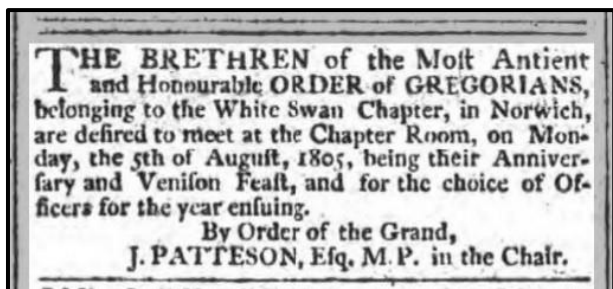
Most of the rules resemble those of a contemporary Lodge of Freemasons, and from Freemasonry they borrowed evidently, both their outward and inner organization. The society had its origin at Wakefield. Political subjects were

³¹ *The Grand Chapter Sword Photographs – courtesy of the UGLE Library & Museum*

not to be debated after dinner or supper, nor “any subject thought likely to produce unseemly warmth of argument, or occasion dissension among the brethren.”³²

The Grand Lodge Library and Museum, has a case of eight silver badges of the Society of Gregorians, specifically of the Wakefield Chapter, instituted 24th June 1796, the badges are those of the Grand Master, Prelate, Deputy Grand, Grand Secretary, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Committee and Secretary. The Scabbard of the “State Sword” of the Gregorians is covered with crimson velvet with three heavy silver gilt mounts embossed with strap-work, the centre with two hour-glasses, and the top one engraved on one side “William Smith, First Vice Grand of Cheap-Side Chapter 1736” and on the other side with the Arms of the Gregorians, which are “Azure a fess wavy between in chief a dove rising and in base two serpents intertwined in pale, all argent.”³³ There is no mention of the whereabouts of the “Sword of State” of the Gregorians. There are some press references to the Gregorians, and one published in the “Ipswich Journal” writes that in Yarmouth on 16th May, “the antient and honourable Society of Gregorians came from Norwich, and constituted a Chapter at the Wrestlers in this Town. The two Societies walk’d in Procession to the Hall on the Quay, where an elegant Dinner was proved. From the Hall they adjourned to the Wrestlers, where they spent the evening.”³⁴

From another press report



“The Brethren of the Most Antient and Honourable Order of the Gregorians are desired to meet at the Chapter Room, on Monday, the 5th August, 1805, being their Anniversary and Venison Feast, and for the choice of Officers for the year ensuing.....By order of the Grand, J. PATTESON, Esq., M.P. in the Chair.”³⁵

Article and Research – Allan de Luca

The New Province of Essex Tie



Pictured left: The design for the new Essex tie. It is now on sale The cost of the new Provincial Tie: Silk £18 and Polyester £11. Obtainable through the Essex Mason Ltd.

³² The Freemason – 27th November 1880

³³ Volume 1 – Catalogue of the contents of the Museum at Freemasons’ Hall – published 1938

A Reminder The Widows/Widowers Annual Christmas Broken Column Luncheon Friday 16th December 2016



The “First” Widows Christmas Luncheon was held on Tuesday 2nd December 2003, and in December 2004 was changed to a fixed date, as the 3rd Friday in December, at the Chingford Masonic Hall. This first Christmas Luncheon was attended by 34 widows and their chaperons sitting down to a traditional Christmas dinner, and was hailed as an enormous success, and since that first “Christmas Luncheon” this event has been the “Jewel in the Crown” of events at the Chingford Masonic Hall, and every year has been organised in every detail, by the members of the Chingford Masonic Association, previously known as the Chingford Area Masonic Social Group. The name of the “group” was changed due it being felt that the name was too long for the brethren to remember, but affectionately, it was and is still always referred to as the CAMSG.

The Christmas Luncheon, now in its 13th year, with funds being in the main, raised by the annual “Night at the Races”, which ironically, the October 2003 event was cancelled due to lack of support, but since 2004 has become one of the most supported annual events of the CMA, and is a must for a great night out of fun, especially, during the interval there is a traditional “plate” of sausage, mash, onions and gravy, which is delicious for a cold November evening.

It is worthy to remind the Lodges and Chapters that meet at the Chingford Masonic Hall, that your support in the past years has been invaluable and is greatly appreciated, however the need for your continued support is increasingly important as this event continues to grow in popularity.

The day normally start with aperitifs at 11.45 a.m. followed by a three course traditional Christmas Luncheon including wine, festive gifts, and entertainment. Widows/Widowers will of course be given priority booking, but understandably should they wish to bring a partner or chaperone, and if any Almoner/Driver wishes to attend and dine, this will also be considered but if they do not, the car driver should return at 3.00.p.m. All the Lodges and Chapters meeting at the Chingford Masonic Hall are invited to contribute, if they wish, to this truly benevolent event. Those Lodges with people attending, a sum of £25.00 per person towards defraying the cost would be appreciated and for those who are not, a cash donation would also be most helpful.

To avoid disappointment, you should, where possible, make your reservations **now** for the Ladies and/or Gentlemen of your Lodge and Chapter as soon as possible. For further information, and booking forms please contact Dave Hook. email: fdhook@btinternet.com

³⁴ The Ipswich Journal – Saturday 20 May 1758

³⁵ Norfolk Chronicle – Saturday 20 July 1805