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Wiltshire Freemasonry

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A warm welcome to our new members.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being Provincial Grand Master is meeting Brethren throughout the Province, most frequently in a Lodge and sometimes at a social event. I am always interested to hear how Brethren first 'got into' Freemasonry and even more pleased to hear how much they are enjoying being a member of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. One of the questions I always ask a new Freemason is "what does your wife think of Freemasonry?" To which I sometimes receive a quizzical look and the comment "can I tell her about it?" To which of course I answer "yes you can". Indeed, I believe it is very important to involve your wife in your masonry beyond asking her to wash your white gloves, a point which I am sure will resonate with your wife.



To help de-mystify Freemasonry for the wives and partners of our members we are holding two receptions for members who have joined during the past 3 years. Our intention is to meet in a relaxed and informal manner and to explain something about our wonderful Order. It will also give new Brethren the opportunity to chat with Provincial Officers. The two receptions will be held at Chippenham Masonic Hall on **Saturday 29th April** and Warminster Masonic hall on **Saturday 6th May**, both events will start at 7.00pm and for the very low price of £5 per head a light buffet will be provided. Over 200 new Freemasons have received an invitation, and I am delighted that online bookings are being made. The numbers attending the evenings will depend on the support and encouragement junior Brethren receive from senior Brethren in particular Lodge Mentors. I look forward to welcoming many 'new' Wiltshire Freemasons to either of the locations.

If you have received an invitation please do reply by 17th March using the online 'google form'

Ian Priest the Provincial Charity Steward is looking forward to the Charity Awards Event which this year is being held this coming Friday 3rd March at 7.00pm in the Masonic Hall, Chippenham.

Chelsea Pensioners add more than a splash of colour at East Knoyle.

The Provincial Grand Master was joined by Brethren from the Royal Hospital Chelsea at the Installation meeting of Bro. Bob Betchley new Master of The Lodge of Innocence and Morality No. 9587. The glitter of the PrGM's chain and regalia is not often overshadowed, however on this special occasion Bro Philip Bullock expressed his delight to be the 'junior' Brother in the company of 'the Boys of the Old Brigade'. What a splendid sight they make.



Visit the Provincial website www.pglwilts.org.uk



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Cathedral Service - you can book a place on-line.

The Cathedral Service which will take place on Sunday 3rd September in the magnificent surroundings of Salisbury Cathedral is attracting a great deal of attention by members of the Province. If you would like to attend but don't want to drive to Salisbury please let us know as a number of Lodges have taken the decision to travel by coach and would be delighted to welcome extra passengers. There will be a small cost involved. You can now book online via the Provincial website www.pglwilts.org.uk or with W Bro Phil Still who is taking bookings for the Service and the buffet reception. Phil can be contacted by email on phil.still@btinternet.com



Masonic Charitable Foundation goes public in a big way.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation is launching its newest initiative - Community Awards 2017. A sum of £3 million has been committed to support 300 local and regional charities, and Wiltshire has been allocated four grants. The Province has nominated four charities to benefit from this generous initiative and it is hoped that Freemasons and members of the general public will cast their vote which will decide the amount each organisation receives.



Vote for your favourite local charities

Each of the four charities will compete for a share of £50,000 made up of individual awards for £25,000, £15,000, £6,000 or £4,000. Every charity wins something and Provincial Charity Steward Ian Priest will be providing more detail in the next edition of [Wiltshire Masonic News](#).

Vale of White Horse Chapter No.1770 (Berkshire).



On Wednesday 8th February EComp Philip Bullock (Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire) and EComp Andrew Tiffin Provincial Treasurer were invited as guests of the MEZ EComp Ray Pipe, to visit the Vale of White Horse Royal Arch Chapter No.1770. Although the Chapter meets in Faringdon, Oxfordshire they come under the banner of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Berkshire. A delightful form of triangulation between the three Provinces.

Following an excellent Ceremony, MEZ Ray Pipe presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £500.00 towards the Masonic Samaritan Fund Wiltshire 2017 Festival. The PrGM thanked the Companions of the Chapter for their generous donation and mentioned what a pleasant surprise it was to see so many Wiltshire Freemasons both members of the Chapter and visitors.



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Teddies for Loving Care - Concert in Marlborough.



TLC Appeal
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A fundraising concert for TLC is being held on Saturday 18th March at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church, High St. Marlborough. The evening will feature many well known pieces played on the clarinet by Helen Pysanczyn and recorder by Anoushka Morse with piano accompaniment.

You can be sure of an evening of superb entertainment. The concert will feature a guest appearance by Matilda Wale (Soprano) a member of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. Tickets (on the door) are only £10 each which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.

Can you help your Province?

Do you have good presentation skills; can you prepare Powerpoint presentations and would you like to be part of the Provincial Membership and Communication teams. If you would like to know more just contact pco@pglwilts.org.uk

Tercentenary Jewel (see picture).

The Provincial Grand Master is delighted to see the new Tercentenary jewel being worn by Brethren in the Province and would take this opportunity to remind them that, when worn it should be placed after the Royal Arch jewel and before the Provincial Festival jewel, followed by any other jewel you might choose to wear.



Inside The Freemasons' to be shown on Sky 1.



Sky Television will be saying welcome to one of the oldest social networking organisations in the world; a fraternal order that welcomes members regardless of their status, creed or political persuasion – Freemasonry. Having been granted *unique and unprecedented access* to the Freemasons, *Inside The Freemasons* ' asks who are Freemasons and what do they do? As the United Grand Lodge of England celebrates its tercentenary in 2017, the presenters go beyond the myth and legend to discover what it means to be a Freemason today through the words and lives of Freemasons themselves.

Produced by Emporium Productions which was set up in 2015 by award-winning Executive Producer, Emma Read and leading UK independent television production company, Hat Trick, the five one hour programmes will explore what lies behind the familiar concept of Freemasons, and ask - What has motivated generations of men to join its ranks? What does the symbolism mean? How does public perception differ to reality? And what does Freemasonry have to offer men and society in the 21st Century? The broadcast date for the first episode of the documentary series 'Inside the Freemasons' will be Monday 17th April at 8.00pm on Sky1.

Provincial Grand Chapter Annual Dinner

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent and Mrs Carol Reid will host the annual dinner for the Active Provincial Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire and Grand Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter which is being held on Sunday 19th of March at Calne Masonic Hall, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 9PX. It is requested for invited guests to arrive at 12:30pm to dine at 1:00pm.





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Charity Evening at Chippenham

Provincial Grand Charity Steward Ian Priest invites you to join him at 7.00pm on Friday 3rd March at Chippenham Masonic Hall for the second Provincial Charity Presentation evening. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet with the representatives of the charities your Lodge supports and to learn more about the wonderful work they undertake.

Refreshments will be available

Lodge Installation meetings in March and April 2017

Wednesday	March	15	Gooch Lodge	1295	Swindon
Thursday	March	16	Fiat Lux	9773	Devizes
Friday	March	17	Fidelity	663	Devizes
Monday	March	20	Chaloner	2644	Melksham
Monday	March	20	City Lodge	5955	Salisbury
Tuesday	April	4	Methuen	8692	Swindon
Thursday	April	6	Clarendon	5908	Trowbridge
Thursday	April	6	Brothers in Arms	9540	Salisbury
Wednesday	April	19	Border	3129	Ludgershall
Wednesday	April	21	Highworth	9009	Highworth

There is still time to 'book in' for an evening with the Old Bill.



Sine Favore Lodge No. 9856 was Consecrated in London in September 2010 by members of the Police Federation and travels twice a year to locations outside London. will be visiting Chippenham Masonic Hall on Friday 10th March when they will be conducting an Initiation. The festive board will be a 'White Table' event where the Lodge will welcome their Ladies and other non masons. A warm invitation to attend is extended to local Freemasons particularly those with an affinity to 'the job'. Further details can be obtained from Harry Smith secretary@sinefavore.com

Diane Clements to visit Wiltshire in May 2017.

The Director of the Museum and Library at Freemasons' Hall, London will be presenting the 2017 Rectitude Essay entitled **Brethren Beyond the Seas** which will be about the contribution to English freemasonry before, during and after the 1914-1918 war made by overseas grand lodges and their members. The meeting on Monday 15th May is at the Masonic Hall, Pickwick Nr Corsham. Early booking with the secretary is advisable 335@pglwilts.org.uk The jewel shown left issued by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force Masonic Association will feature in Diane's presentation.

