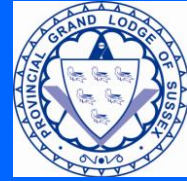


Sussex Matters



E Bulletin News for the Province of Sussex

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Welcome...

Welcome to the first edition of **Sussex Matters** the E Bulletin for the Province of Sussex.

We have been reviewing not only the cost but the frequency of producing the Sussex Deacon. Based on current financial figures it costs around £6,500 to produce and circulate each edition.

The dilemma is that with one edition per annum some of the information is out of date, 2 editions would cost the Province around £13,000.

Therefore, we have decided to issue a E Bulletin, which we aim to send out every 2 months or if there is a matter of great importance to our Province this can be sent out as a single edition.

Sussex Matters is not intended to replace the Sussex Deacon but is another channel of keeping members up-to-date with events and news within the Province.

We will still be producing the Sussex Deacon but on an annual basis probably around the time of the Craft AGM to pick up the Royal Arch Annual Convocation and the Craft Annual Meeting.

This E Bulletin can also act as an advertising board for any Lodge or Chapter event, social gathering etc.

If you have something to publicise feel free to send your article and if appropriate photograph to communications@sussexmasons.org.uk

What a meeting....

On Saturday 22nd October 2016 W.Bro Harry Waddingham was Installed as Worshipful Master of Royal Sovereign Light Lodge. Why might that be unusual? Well W.Bro Harry is 100 years young! It was a superb meeting attended by the RWBro Chris Moore and members of the Provincial Executive and unbeknown to those present the PGM honoured W.Bro Harry by promoting him at the meeting to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. To quote W.Bro Harry – he was speechless which came as a surprise to many members of his Lodge.

At the meeting, attended by over 60, the Provincial Grand Master also presented a 70-year certificate to W.Bro Tony Beaden.



Pictured are RWBro Chris Moore, W.Bro Harry Waddingham, V.WBro Martin Mitten, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro Maurice Adams, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Wearing the Tercentenary Jewel

There are a few rules relating to the wearing of Tercentenary Jewel which can be worn from the 24 June 2016.

The Jewel can be worn by any member of [UGLE](#) who is a member between the 24 June 2016 and 31 December 2017. It can only be worn by [Master Masons](#) and above. Anyone initiated between those dates can purchase the Tercentenary Jewel but will not be eligible to wear it until they have been raised. The Jewel can be worn by [Master Masons](#), Masters and [Past Masters](#) and [Grand Officers](#). The [Royal Arch](#) Jewel should be worn closest to the centre of the body and it is recommended that the Tercentenary Jewel be worn along from the [Royal Arch](#) Jewel. It would therefore take precedence over a [Past Master's](#) or Founder's Jewel. The Tercentenary Jewel should not be worn at [Royal Arch meetings](#).



The MW Pro [Grand Master](#) in his address at the Quarterly [Communication](#) in June 2016 encouraged Grand Officers to wear the Tercentenary Jewel during the Tercentenary year and that they should continue to wear it in perpetuity if they so wished.

Royal Arch Representative Lapel Pin

The Provincial Grand Master has introduced a very distinctive and highly visible lapel pin for Royal Arch Representatives in Craft Lodges. The aim is to highlight the importance of the Royal Arch Representative as they are the link between Craft Lodges and the Royal Arch.

The Lapel Pin will be presented by the Executive Member attending the Installation Craft Installation Meeting.



It is the intention this will elevate the role of the RA Representative as has been the case with the Lodge Mentor's role.

Dates for your diaries

- **11th December 2016** – Royal Arch Carol Service at Christs Hospital, Horsham commencing at 3.30 p.m. Attendance is free of charge but you will need to purchase a ticket for post Service Tea and Mince pies. Details have been circulated to Lodge Secretaries. This year we will have the Sussex Police Choir in attendance.
- **13th May 2017** – 2017 Grand Charity Festival Banquet at the Hotel Metropole, Brighton. Details from your Lodge Charity Steward.
- **18th February 2017** – Tercentenary Service at Canterbury Cathedral. Details to be sent out shortly.

News from Other Orders

To support the role of the Royal Arch Representative an introductory session and Question and Answer session has been organised for 12th January 2017 to be held at 25 Queens Road, Brighton. There will be further sessions held throughout the Province but make a note of this date in your diaries.

Provincial Charities and Finance and General Purposes Committee – 24th October 2016

Standing Room only at the Provincial Charities and Provincial F&GP Committee being held at the Sussex Headquarters, Brighton, updating Provincial Representatives on a range of important matters.



This was an important meeting as it was the first opportunity that RWBro Chris Moore has had to address the Representatives since becoming Provincial Grand Master.

Reports have been sent to Lodge Charity Stewards and Lodge Secretaries for onward transmission to members

Young Masons Clubs

In 2014 a group of very enthusiastic Masons in Eastbourne set up the Holywell Club which is a social group for Freemasons, their Families & Friends. Their aim is to organise social days out and assist lodges in boosting the attendance of their own meetings and social events where we can.

They also offer a relaxed environment for potential candidates to get involved in the social side of Freemasonry and hopefully promote an honest and positive view of our community.

Membership is £Free (as they know various memberships can build up) and is based on your own enthusiasm and willingness to be involved under the Holywell Club Banner.

In September 2016 The Pavilion Club was launched, based in Brighton and with the similar aims and objectives of the Holywell Club.

These two Clubs have the full support and encouragement of the Provincial Grand Master and for more information go to their websites

- <http://holywellclub.org/>
- <http://www.thepavilionclub.org.uk/about-us>

Membership

W Bro Guy Purser, our new Membership Officer, is looking for nine Co-Ordinators across the Province to assist Lodges with a new and exciting membership programme. If you would like an opportunity to be involved from the very start in shaping and implementing a strategy to grow Freemasonry and strengthen our Lodges in Sussex, now is the time! Guy can be reached on 07830 159892 or by email at membership@sussexmasons.org.uk



The Masonic Charitable Foundation has approved £600,000 for hospices across England and Wales. These grants were approved at a meeting of the Charity Grants Committee in October. Since 1984, over £12 million has been donated to Hospices in England and Wales.

The Hospices in Sussex receiving grants are:

£3,286	Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice
£500	Demelza Hospice Care for Children
£500	Leo House at Home
£3,576	Martlets Hospice
£3,863	St Barnabas House
£3,576	St Catherine's Hospice Sussex
£4,721	St Michael's Hospice (Hastings)
£4,292	St Peter & St James Hospice and Continuing Care Centre
£3,004	St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester
£3,863	St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne
£1,931	Sussex Beacon
£500	The Sussex Snowdrop Trust

Our own Sussex Masonic Charities will now supplement these grants with our own donations and cheques will be presented before Christmas.

Another example of Freemasons supporting non-Masonic charities and our local communities.

The Jerrom Hall 'Children's Christmas Party'

The Jerrom Hall 'Children's Christmas Party' this year is being held at the East Brighton Masonic Centre, Peacehaven, 16 Seaview Rd, Peacehaven BN10 8PX on the 18th December 2016 at [11.00am](#). There will be a Professional Pantomime Company performing obviously a panto, Santa's grotto, gift bags for the children, raffle, nibbles and the bar will be open for the adults to have a drink while the children are being entertained. And it's **FREE** yes, **FREE**. This event is always well supported, so if you are intending to come please let me know your numbers for catering purposes.

To book your place contact Mark Smith, on [07885438656](tel:07885438656)

In our next Edition

A look at our very successful and highly visible Mobile Information Unit and how you can help and support this very important initiative.

Plus ... any article of information which you or your Lodge, Chapter etc. wish to submit.

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