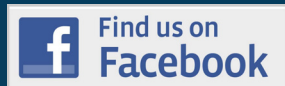




# WYP Monthly Newsletter

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## Christmas Greetings from Province

**Jane and I** send each one of you  
our love and gratitude for all you do.  
We wish you all a very Happy  
Christmas and, to paraphrase what we  
say, a safe return to your native Lodge  
if you so wish it.  
Sincerely and fraternally

John



**Yvonne and I** send you and your  
families our very best wishes for a  
Happy Christmas, and for peace and  
good health in 2022.

Please stay safe and keep well  
Companions.

Yours sincerely and fraternally.

Robin A. Stubbs







## Memor Et Fidelis 8686

On Tuesday 7th December W. Bro. Phillip Baker P. Pr. J. G. W. became the Worshipful Master of Memor Et Fidelis 8686 for the third time, having first been in the chair of this London Lodge in 1996. Several brethren from Dieu-La-Cresse Lodge, his mother lodge where he also been W.M. three times, travelled to London to support him.



## W. Bro. W. R. Cooper PAGDC

There has been a Cooper family connection to freemasonry in the Potteries area for many years, his grandfather, Frank Hankinson was a member of St Martins Lodge No: 98 and his extended family were members of Menturia Lodge No: 418. However, Bro Bob was proposed and initiated into Josiah Wedgwood Lodge No: 2214 by his father William on Thursday 25th November 1971, he was a member of the Lodge and Worshipful Master in 1958.







Bob quickly progressed through the offices and became the W. M. in 1978 and in February 1979 the first candidate for initiation was his brother Tim. But the family tradition didn't stop there as when Bob returned the chair in 2004, he proudly initiated his son Paul into the Lodge. Paul went on to become W.M. in 2013.



And so, 50 years to the day Josiah Wedgwood were pleased to welcome to the Lodge the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro. Michele Santopietro together with the Provincial Director of Ceremonies W. Bro. Jeremy Roberts. This was a special meeting for the Lodge, not only to congratulate and present a certificate to Bro. Bob and celebrate his 50-years in Freemasonry but also the installation of the Master Elect, Bro Steven Mountford.

Bro. Bob has for many years been involved with the European Masonic Association and W. Bro. John Sharratt P. Pr. G. Reg. commented to the brethren of the Lodge that he was proud that Bob was his oldest Masonic friend and how they had both enjoyed many years as members of the EMA. Also, W Bro Harry Forrester P. Pr. J. G. W. had joined the EMA and Harry felt honoured to be able say a

few words about his good friend Bob, for they too had enjoyed many visits together around Europe.

The Assistant P. G. M. W. Bro. Santopietro gave a resume of Bro. Bob and his masonic promotions including his Grand Lodge appointment in 2005, also his involvement in many notable masonic events and how Bob continues to be active in many aspects of Freemasonry. Congratulating him on his achievement and commitment. The evening continued and in a most enjoyable ceremony, Bro Mountford was installed as W. M. of the Lodge.



## E. Comp A. J. Bentley, P.G.St.B, P.Pr.G.S.N.



The comfortable and festive surroundings of the Potters' Club in Stoke on Trent proved to be an ideal venue for the Grand Superintendent E. Comp Robin Stubbs to meet up with E. Comp A. J. (Tony) Bentley to celebrate with him his 50th anniversary as a member of the Royal Arch.

Proposed by his father, E. Comp John Bentley, Tony was Exalted into Jasper Chapter No. 3934 on 9th November 1971 and Installed as MEZ in March 1978.



Tony was appointed as Prov. G. Soj. in 1981, promoted to P. Pr. G. Reg. in 1990 and appointed to Prov. G. S. N in 2003. Supreme Grand Chapter honours followed in 2006 when he received an appointment to P. G. St. B.

Sadly, in April 2012, Jasper Chapter made the difficult decision to hand in their Charter due to falling numbers. Tony's membership of Staffordshire has continued unbroken however through his membership of Staffordshire First Principals' Chapter No. 2706. He is also a member of London Staffordshire Chapter No. 4474 and Sutherland Lodge No. 451.

## E. Comp M. G. W. Masters, PGStB, P. 3rd Prov.G.P.

Storm Barra did not dissuade E. Comp Mike Masters from attending his mother Chapter (Dartmouth Chapter No. 662) for a special evening of two contrasts.

Mike had made the journey from North Wales on the exact date of his 50th Royal Arch anniversary to meet up again with friends and companions, and to receive his certificate from the Grand Superintendent, E. Comp Robin Stubbs.

In presenting Mike with his certificate, the Grand Superintendent thanked him for his commitment and support for the Royal Arch in Staffordshire in general, and for Dartmouth Chapter No. 662 in particular, over the last 50yrs.

Mike was first appointed to Prov. G. Treas in 1987 and to 3rdProvGP in 1995, in which capacity he worked closely with the 2ndProvGP, E. Comp Ken Rhead and Dep. G. Supt, E. Comp John Robbins.

In 1996, Mike achieved a rare double with Grand Rank honours awarded; PGStB in the Royal Arch and PAGDC in the Craft. The Grand Superintendent remarked that it must have been an expensive year!

E. Comp Derek Percival on behalf of the Chapter, presented Mike with a king size brandy glass suitably engraved for the occasion which, it is understood, was put to good use upon his safe arrival back home!

The evening was further enhanced by the Exaltation of W. Bro. P M Dunne of Walton Walker and Sandwell Lodge No. 3847. The significance and contrast of a companion celebrating 50yrs in the Royal Arch, sharing the evening with a companion celebrating his very first day of membership, was striking.







## St James' Chapter No. 482

The December convocation of St James' Chapter, No. 482, was dedicated solely to one very special occasion – that of the celebration of E. Comp Bill Whittall's 60th anniversary as a member of the Royal Arch, and of this Chapter.

The Grand Superintendent, E. Comp Robin Stubbs, was joined by three Past Grand Superintendents, E. Comp Richard Wallis (Warks), E. Comp David Hampson and E. Comp John Winter, other Officers of Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Officers of the year.

E. Comp Bernard McCarthy commenced proceedings with a personal Address celebrating Bill's vast masonic experience as well as substantial family connections in freemasonry.

The Grand Superintendent continued the celebrations, making reference to 1961 when Bill was Exalted, summing up his progress in the Royal Arch, including Provincial and S. G. C. appointments as well as his progress as a Principal in the Staffordshire First Principals' Chapter from 1993-1995.

Bill was then presented with his 60-year certificate and a copy of the Grand Superintendent's Address, which on the reverse, contained a copy of the 1969 yearbook entry for St James' Chapter which showed when Bill was Installed as MEZ and the list of Officers he had appointed.

In an emotional response, Bill thanked all those who had taken the time to be present on his special day and was met with rapturous applause.

ST. JAMES' CHAPTER, 482, HANDSWORTH.		
Place of Meeting—Masonic Hall, Wretham Road.		
First Thursday in APRIL, Oct., Dec. and Feb.		
Installation of Principals—April. Date of Warrant, 1865.		
Celebrated Centenary 1965.		
Officers, April, 1969.		Year Installed
M.E.Z.	W. J. Whittall	
H.	S. L. Jones	
E.	J. E. Boore	
N.	P. Jones	
Treas.	J. T. Bradley	
D.C.	G. Weller	
Prim. Soj.	J. W. Hardeman	
1st Asst. Soj.	G. W. Griffith	
2nd do.	L. N. Gregory	
Asst. D.C.	F. Nott	
Asst. S.E.	J. W. Hill	
Stewards	F. T. Walker	
	H. W. Shepherd	
Janitor	J. Rushton	
Past First Principals.		Year Installed
G. H. W. Griffith, P.A.G.D.C.,		
P.P.G.Std.B. 1935		
R. A. Bartlam, P.P.G.S.N. 1941/57		
J. A. Whittall, P.A.G.Soj.		
P.P.G.S.N. 1943/65		
H. K. Priestley, P.G.Std.B.,		
P.P.G.R. 1950		
J. H. Edwards, P.P.G.S.N. ...		1951
W. E. Stokes, P.P.G.Soj. ...		1952
A. N. Ling, P.P.G.R. ...		1954
G. Weller, P.P.G.Soj. ...		1955
W. V. R. Morrison,		
P.P.G.Std.B. 1958		
G. E. Taylor, P.P.G.Soj. ...		1959
N. W. Woodcock, P.P.A.G.D.C. 1960		
E. Burn, P.P.A.G.Soj. ...		1961
H. F. Griffin, P.P.A.G.S.E. 1962		
J. W. Hardeman,		
P.P.A.G.Soj. 1963		
S. Raybould, P.P.A.G.Soj. ...		1964
W. B. Tovey, P.P.G.Std.B. 1966		
J. W. Hill, Prov.A.G.S.E. ...		1967
S. J. Hawthorn-Ward, I.P.Z. 1968		
Number of Members, December, 1967 ...		32
Number Exalted, 1968 ...		1
Number of Joining Members ...		0
Number of Deaths, Resignations, etc. ...		33
Number of Members, December, 1968 ...		1
Number of Members, December, 1968 ...		32
M.E.Z. :—9, Sharman's Cross Road, Solihull, Warwickshire.		
Scribe E. :—"Lynbrae," 4, Westwood Grove, Solihull, Warwickshire.		
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# North Staffordshire Round Table Chapter No 8355

The Companions of North Staffordshire Round Table Chapter No 8355 celebrated their delayed Installation on Wednesday 1st December and following the current recommendations from Supreme Grand Chapter. It can be confirmed they were all smiling behind their face coverings!

E. Comp Paul Molley installed E Comp Trevor Goodridge as MEZ of the Chapter. He in turn installed E. Comp Tim Stott as H. But J-elect, Comp Mark Ashton, was unable to attend due to other Masonic commitments and will be installed at their next regular Convocation in February 2022.

Attending the Installation and representing the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent was E. Comp Paul Lockley, 3rd Grand Principal accompanied by E. Comp Chris Adams, PGStB, Prov. G. D. C; E Comp John Hutchinson Prov. A. G. D. C; E Comp David Watt Prov. G. Stwd; and E. Comp Michael-John Parkin Prov. G. Stwd.



The Chapter confirmed a donation of £100 to the Royal British Legion (Alsager Branch) in memory of E. Comp Ted White; and a donation of £450.00 to the Provincial Grand Charity Benevolent Fund.

Working with their Craft Lodge, the Companions continue to participate in various initiatives including the donation of selection boxes at Christmas to the Royal Stoke Children's Hospital.

That bond of unity with their Craft Lodge currently provides the Chapter with 74% of Lodge members being in their Royal Arch Chapter and this will increase with the announcement at the Installation of a re-joining member, and an Exalte due in April 2022.



# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE

## *Summer Ball*

**JUNE 25TH 2022  
at the INGESTRE SUITE,  
COUNTY SHOWGROUND,  
STAFFORD  
IN AID OF 2024 FESTIVAL**

**Treat your partner to a night out  
in good company and where you  
can show off your Strictly skills!**

**Bring friends to make up a table.**

**SAVE THE DATE !!**

