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2024 Festival Gala Ball*

Saturday September 14th 2024



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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE

From:
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Brethren,

Back in 2016 I set you a challenge to raise funds for the Masonic Charitable Foundation for the Staffordshire 2024 Festival. Despite the impact of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis you have, as always, risen magnificently to the task.

Whilst the final amount will not be revealed until 14th September this year, our efforts continue in raising money for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

To that end a Festival Ball has been arranged on Saturday 14th September 2024 at Keele Hall, Keele University to allow YOU to celebrate YOUR achievement.

I always say how proud I am of each and every one of you. Your efforts in raising funds for this Festival, in so many innovative ways will make a huge difference for those in need. It is a true outward indication of the good that Freemasons can do to support their communities.

This ball is not another fundraising effort! It is a party for you to celebrate a job well done.

Tickets are now on sale at £55.00 per person for a three-course meal including tea/coffee, half a bottle of wine per person, plus entertainment on the night. Arrival is from 6.00 pm with dinner around 7.30 p.m. after a few congratulatory speeches.

As I mentioned, this marks the end of our fundraising. There will be no other call on your already huge generosity for the 2024 Festival Appeal-no raffle, no auctions or anything like that, just a chance for a good meal, good company, and great entertainment, which will continue until midnight.

To book in for the Festival Ball simply follow this link -

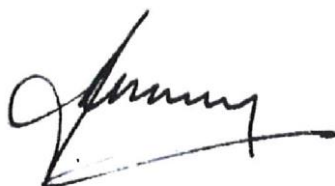
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We have also arranged accommodation on site at the Marriott hotel for £119.00 per room inclusive of breakfast and that can be booked via this link -

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1682417562007&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

If you have any queries about booking tickets for the Ball or accommodation, please contact W Bro Ralph Howarth via email on dqsupt@staffordshirefreemasons.org.uk

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



R.W. Bro. John Lockley
Provincial Grand Master
Staffordshire.



**SCAN TO
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RETURN TO GERARDS

In the first half of 2011, I was running 3 successful companies (life could not get better).

July 24th 4.45pm 2011, I had an accident on my race motorcycle at Mallory Park, due to a front brake disc total failure.

My world, and my family's world was turned upside down. That day everything came to an end. For the next few months while being transported between hospitals, I managed life, but returning home is when the darkness hit me.

One day while contemplating whether to end it all, I opened some mail, a small card fell out of the booklet with the letters M.C.F with a message reading 'If you need to talk call this number'

This simple card save me and my family Brethren. It was a just as a phone call.

On Saturday 6th July 2024 13 years on I will be riding the same motorcycle round the same track, to help me put to bed some Demons. I would like to take this opportunity to help raise some well needed funds for the M.C.F through the 2024 Festival.



Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire receive a brand-new Motorcycle.

Following the report in the last Newsletter detailing the fund raising and details of a letter from Lynne Stone, Vice Chair, Corporate Fund Raiser from the Blood Bikes thanking the Province, seventy-six freemasons with friends, family and Blood Bike representatives descended on Brocton Golf Club near Stafford on Sunday 11th February

This was to see the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro John Lockley formally hand over a brand-new motorcycle named 'Staffordshire Freemasons' to Lynne. Also present to see the handover was the UGLE Deputy Grand Master, Sir David Hugh Wootton and the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire Ian Dudson CBE.

The £15,500 needed to buy the bike was raised with donations of £4,000 from the Staffordshire Grand Stewards Lodge, £300 from Gordon Lodge, £500 from Staffordshire Masonic Clay Shooting Club and the final £10,700 from Provincial funds authorised by the PGM.



Ceramic Lodge No. 3287 celebrate with W. Bro. Philip Plant.

On Saturday 18th November 2023,

W Bro Philip Plant PPr SGW of Ceramic Lodge No 3287 celebrated 60 years in Freemasonry and was joined at Hanley Masonic Hall by both Freemasons and close family members.

The lodge was "Called Off" to allow his family and personal guests to be present in the lodge room where the RW Provincial Grand Master, W Bro John Lockley conducted a Questions and Answers session with W Bro Philip that covered his early life, schooling, military service in the Seaforth Highlanders, an extensive career in the Pottery and Ceramics industry, and family life with his late wife Anne.

Worshipful Brother Philip Plant was born on Tuesday 27th July 1937 in Eccleshall, Staffordshire, to Major James and Edna Plant, his father was a member of Eccleshall Lodge No. 5389.

Philip was educated locally but later attended Gordonstoun School, Morayshire, Scotland, where he met the future King, Prince Charles. Further schooling took place at Schule Schloss Salem School in Germany under tutelage of Kurt Hahn.

He attended North Staffordshire Technical College obtaining a diploma in Ceramics and a 1st Class Managers Certificate. He also gained a British Pottery Manufacturers Federation silver medal in pottery and bronze medal refractories.

Philip completed his military service with the 1st Battalion, the Seaforth Highlanders and served in Norway as a winter warfare expert and then in Gibraltar. He was active during both the Suez crisis and during the cold war when he

was based in Germany.

Following his time in the Forces, he resumed his career in senior management and directorships of several potteries including Spode, Royal Winton, Royal Albert, and senior management posts with the Wedgwood Group.

He married Anne in 1963 and has a daughter Penny and a son Robert and has seven grandchildren.

Philip was initiated into Ceramic Lodge No. 3287 on Saturday 16th November 1963 at the age of 26. During his 60 years in freemasonry, he has undertaken several offices and was Worshipful Master in 1981. Philip continues to provide support and guidance within the lodge and regularly attends Lodge of Instruction as Preceptor.

The certificate was presented to Philip by the PGM who congratulated and thanked Philip for his long service to freemasonry. After a wonderful meeting a 'white table' event was held including an auction of a book produced by Philip and his late wife on fine ceramic ware raised a substantial amount for the festival.



A Special Evening at Eccleshall Lodge No. 5389

On Monday the 27th November 2023 the brethren of Eccleshall Lodge, visitors and distinguished brethren enjoyed celebrations and recognition at each end of the masonic spectrum.

The minutes from the meeting of 26th November 1973 were read in open Lodge by the Secretary. The WM asked all brethren who were there and then present and who deemed them to be a true record of what



Worshipful Brother Tim Pickstock was presented with his 50-years in masonry certificate by the Provincial Grandmaster (PGM) for Staffordshire the Right Worshipful John Lockley.

W.Bro. Tim was initiated into Freemasonry at Eccleshall Lodge on 26th November 1973. His Grandfather Bro. L.G. Davies was one of the Founders of the Lodge, consecrated on 6th March 1933. W.Bro. Tim became Master of the Lodge in 1985 and he takes great pride in wearing his Grandfather's Past Master's Jewel to this day.

then and there took place to signify in the usual manner. One Brother signified in that manner and there were none to the contrary. The WM took pleasure in signing



a copy of the minutes in confirmation of them being "reapproved". They were countersigned by the PGM and by W.Bro. Tim.

The Lodge was 'Called Off' and very proud family members, his wife Margaret, son Hedley and daughter Heidi were able to join Tim for this significant and emotional celebration.

There was a very insightful and entertaining exchange between Tim and the PGM. This included details of Tim's evacuation to the Lake District in the war, his national service with the RAF and his subsequent career and adventures as accomplished mechanic and garage proprietor in Eccleshall. The exchange culminated in the presentation of the certificate and a promotion in-the-field for Tim to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden to mark the gratitude to from the PGM and freemasonry in general for the long years of service.

The lodge was Called On and making the most of the PGM's attendance, he was then set to work presenting Grand Lodge Certificates to four, yes four, young Lewis's. Brothers Mark Nicholls, Mark Farrer, David Bates and Ben Nicholls, all had the privilege of having their certificates explained and presented in splendid manner by the PGM.

This was a very special occasion, which we are sure will remembered for a very long time by all that were present.

After the November meeting and Tim's promotion, the Lodge purchased and presented W. Bro Tim with new regalia, so the PrSGW W. Bro Richard Archer attended their January meeting to celebrate with a very proud Tim.



The Travelling Gavel “Please come and claim it”

On a very cold Thursday 18th January 2024 St Martins Lodge No. 98 held their Installation meeting at Hanley Masonic Hall, Shelton. The Lodge were low in numbers and following a request for support several members of Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge attended and assisted by taking office.

There were seven members of the Lodge able to attend the meeting and 28 visitors, including several active Provincial officers to support the Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W. Bro. David. J. Thomas. Also, visitors from Dieu La Cresse Lodge No. 4169 who had travelled through the snow from Leek and a delegation from Barr Beacon Lodge No. 6109 who had travelled from Aldridge to claim the Travelling Gavel.

The Travelling Gavel was commissioned by the Provincial Grand Master R. W. John Lockley and initially presented by him to the Worshipful Master of St Giles' Lodge No. 1587 at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on Tuesday 21st June 2022. It has toured the province since then passing between visiting brethren and is now in the hands of Barr Beacon Lodge.

The presiding officer, the DPGM oversaw the formal handing over of the gavel by the Worshipful Master of St Martins Lodge W. Bro N. K. Russell (R) to W. Bro J. S. Hession of Barr Beacon Lodge (L).



“Banks” have new Staff in Halesowen

across our High Streets one of our Chapters has taken on a completely new set of staff.

Edwina Chapter No 4237 meeting at Halesowen saw what is probably a unique sight following the Installation Convocation on 21st November.

The Principals were installed in the usual manner, but what made this a unique occasion was that the MEZ was E Comp David Banks, Haggai was E Comp Richard Banks and Joshua was E Comp James Banks. The only member of the family absent was Comp Ben Banks who would have completed the third generation of the

Banks family who are all members of the Chapter.

The Banks family are not the only set of Companions with a family tie at Edwina. The Chapter also boasts father and son members E Comp Colin Teasdale and Comp Charlie Teasdale.

Three years ago Edwina Chapter was in some disarray, but thanks to a lot of hard work and support the Chapter is now flourishing again and has generations of family members to continue for years to come.



Archway: A new resource for Royal Arch Chapters, is now live.

Archway is designed for Royal Arch Chapters to help shape their future, grow their membership, and enhance their member's experience. It is based on extensive research of what members want—and what works well in successful, thriving Chapters across our Constitution. Many of the challenges that Chapters face are different to Lodges. Archway is therefore not a simple translation of the Members' Pathway into the Royal Arch, and so has been developed separately. However, some of the challenges are similar.

Each of the four named stones of the arch are interactive and clicking on it takes you to a new page containing useful tools to help you fully understand your Chapter.

- **“Shape”**- shows you how to capture your Chapter's strengths, areas for improvement, a skills base, and a succession and development plan.
- **“Grow”** – informs and advises you about creating a positive environment, empowering your members, maintaining contact with those who have left, or don't attend meetings regularly and how to best promote your Chapter.
- **“Involve”** – this is the engagement section. It helps you to promote and understand how to bring our ritual within the reach of all members, how to

encourage and support and more importantly develop officers and members ready for the future.

- **“Enjoy”** – you always hear us say ‘enjoy your Royal Arch Masonry’. We can only do that by understanding what our members want, structuring our meetings well, promoting visiting and being inclusive. This section can show you how best to achieve those aims.

Archway aims to help Chapters become more vibrant and more enjoyable, so that every Companion looks forward to their next meeting with enthusiasm. Resources to enhance understanding of the Royal Arch are also provided along with advice for attracting new members, and for supporting every member of the Chapter.

The single point of contact for Archway in Staffordshire is E Comp Ralph Howarth, our Deputy Grand Superintendent, who is more than happy to answer any queries that you may have on Archway. We hope that you will use this superb tool in helping the Royal Arch in Staffordshire, and especially your own Chapter, prosper for the future.

You can access Archway at <https://b.ugle.org.uk/membership/archway>



Marmion Lodge No. 1060 celebrate with W. Bro. R. S. Scott

At the December regular meeting of Marmion Lodge 1060, W.Bro. Robert Stuart Scott celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry. Uniquely, W. Bro. Stuart is the third member of Marmion Lodge 1060 to receive a 50 Year certificate in the last twelve month, with W.Bro. Peter Clempson and W.Bro. Roy Clarke also reaching this remarkable milestone.

The meeting was attended by 51 members and visitors, including a delegation from Marmion Chapter, of which W.Bro. Scott is a member, also a large delegation from Ethlefloda Lodge 6600, their Daughter Lodge and to which W. Bro Scott is a frequent visitor. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V. W. Bro. D.J. Thomas presided on the evening and was ably assisted by W.Bro. K. Gibbons, the Pr.A.G.D.C.

Following the presentation of two Grand Lodge Certificates to members, the DPGM invited Bro. Scott to join him on the Lodge floor and then conducted a very interesting informal discussion with him about his life and Masonic career.

V.W.Bro. Thomas opened the discussion by informing the Brethren that 'two Chartered Accountants were going to have a conversation and that they would try to keep everyone awake!' W. Bro. Stuart openly chatted in his usual warm and charming way about his family, his work life in accountancy and his Masonic career and achievements.

Bro. Stuart (as he is known to everyone) was initiated into Marmion Lodge in December 1973, passed in March 1974, and raised the following month. He was Junior Warden in 1983, Senior Warden in 1984, and Worshipful Master for the first time in 1985. Bro Stuart is not only a member Marmion Chapter 1060, but also many other orders in Freemasonry.

In the Province he was first appointed Pr.D.G.D.C. in 1989 but he has received many promotions following this and in 2017 was promoted to Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He is also Provincial Grand Treasurer for the Provincial Grand Chapter of Staffordshire.

Bro. Stuart has just completed three years



as Worshipful Master, not by design, but as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic and the chaos it caused in Freemasonry. However, during this period, the Lodge initiated 7 candidates, so it is fair to say that he leaves a fine legacy as a result of his tern in office! He is a very active member of Marmion Lodge, and despite his modesty his ritual is always of the highest standard.

V.W.Bro. Thomas congratulated Bro Stuart on his amazing achievement of 50 years in Freemasonry, to which he responded by thanking him and the Lodge for their kind support. W. Bro. Gibbons read the salutation on the certificate marking 50 years in Freemasonry, after which V.W.Bro. Thomas presented the certificate.

WIDOWS SONS MASONIC BIKERS ASSOCIATION STAFFORDSHIRE CHAPTER



**Brother, are you a biker?
then a friendly, warm and fraternal Greeting to you!**

For the brethren who have never heard of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association (WSMBA), they are a group of Freemasons within Great Britain that happen to have a passion for riding motorcycles and hold with the idea of universal brotherhood. The WSMBA was formed in 2004 and has since grown to have established Chapters representing most Masonic provinces throughout the Country. The Widows Sons is quite simply a motorcycle-riding club. They are a non-brand specific riding Association - as long as you are a Master Mason, in good standing, you and your families are welcome to join us.

The goals of the WSMBA Staffordshire are:

To introduce motorcycling to our masonic brothers, to encourage and support Masonic recruitment, to raise masonic awareness in the world of motorcycling, to assist in Masonic and other worthy charities, and to support the Craft through regular attendance.

We are now pleased to announce that due to the continued success of the Widows Sons in the West Midlands, a standalone Staffordshire Chapter has been formed

We have regular meetings and rideouts which you are welcome to attend as a guest, when the full concept of the WSMBA can be explained in full by the members of the Chapter regarding membership, qualification, charity and our goals.

If you are interested, please contact either via our website: <https://staffordshire.wsmba.uk/index.html> or by the following email addresses:

President - Tony Armstrong : president@staffordshire.wsmba.uk
or Secretary - John Rowley: secretary@staffordshire.wsmba.uk



**Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association
Staffordshire Chapter**

are proud to be supporters of, and have the support of
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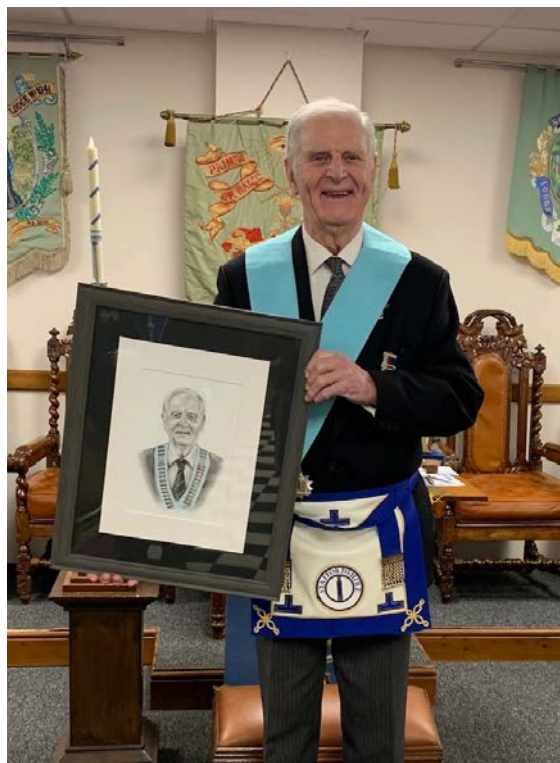
Prince of Wales Lodge No.4021 celebrate with W. Bro Edward Roy Biddle

On Thursday 25th January 2024, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W. Bro. D. J. Thomas attended the Rugeley Masonic Centre for a regular meeting of the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 4021, he was supported by several Provincial officers, and visitors to witness an initiation ceremony, but also to celebrate and present a 50-year certificate to W. Bro. Edward Roy Biddle.

The ballot proved in favour of the candidate Mr Adam Dickinson and the ceremony was then conducted in an exemplary manner by the acting Worshipful Master W. Bro David Griffiths. At the conclusion of the ceremony the DPGM invited W. Bro. Edward Roy Biddle, known to all as Ted, to join him on the lodge floor, where the DPGM then discussed with him, his personal and professional life, and Masonic career. This was most interesting and informative to the younger brethren

After the discussion the DPGM congratulated Ted on his achievement of 50-years in Freemasonry, to which Ted responded by thanking the DPGM and the Lodge for their kind support. The salutation on the certificate was read to Ted before it was then presented to him. The Lodge presented Ted with a hand drawn portrait as a memento and reminder of his service.

W. Bro Stephen Thomas



60 years and 60 minutes

The Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro John Lockley attended the February regular meeting of Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers No. 1838, he was supported by several Provincial officers, and visitors to witness an initiation ceremony, but also to celebrate and present a 60-year certificate to W. Bro. Marcus Woodhouse.

The ballot proved in favour of the candidate Mr Wayne Elson who had been proposed for Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master Mark Forrest, the ceremony was then conducted in a most eloquent and sincere manner. Then, within 60 minutes of the ceremony, the PGM invited W. Bro. Marcus Woodhouse to join him on the lodge floor, where the PGM then discussed with Bro Marcus his personal and professional life, and his Masonic career.

Bro. Marcus having been initiated in January 1964 into Lodge Mvuma No. 1157 in the Scottish Constitution meeting in what was then Southern Rhodesia, he later joined Alfred Lodge No.340 [Oxford] in 1969 and was a founder member of Camelot Lodge No.8553 [Hampshire] in 1974. He eventually became a Staffordshire Freemason when he joined Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers No.1838 in 1997, he has been Worshipful Master on four occasions.

One interesting fact emerged was that the Provincial Grand Master had only recently celebrated a 60-year

presentation with a brother who had been initiated in a lodge meeting in Southern Africa in the Scottish Constitution and was now a Staffordshire Freemason.

At the conclusion of the discussion the PGM congratulated Bro. Marcus on his achievement of 60-years in Freemasonry, described such long serving brethren as being the backbone of freemasonry and an inspiration to others. The PGM subsequently promoted Bro. Woodhouse and invested him as Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, to which Bro Marcus responded by thanking him and the Lodge for their best wishes and kind support. The Prov AGDC then formerly read the salutation on the certificate before it was then presented to Bro Marcus.

W. Bro Gordon Nicklin



Walton Walker & Sandwell Lodge No. 3847 celebrate with W. Bro. John Savage.

On Thursday 25th January 2024 in the presence of W. Bro. John Derry APGM, V.W.Bro. J. E. Winter PGSwdB., W. Bro., N. Columb Prov. DGDC. Thirteen invited guests, including nine from Old Wulfrunians Lodge and eighteen brethren of the Lodge witnessed an excellent two-part ceremony. Firstly the Initiation of Bro. Matthew Ryan Powell and the Presentation of a 50 Year Certificate to W. Bro. John Savage PPr SGW.

After a ballot for the initiation of Mr Mathew Ryan Powell proved in favour of the candidate, the ceremony of Initiation was performed in an exemplary manner, as was the Charge after initiation given by the Junior Deacon Bro. Phil Prosser, much to the delight of all present.

Following the ceremony W. Bro. John Derry APGM and W. Bro. John Savage PPrSGW were escorted to the centre of the Lodge where W. Bro. Derry APGM took time to discuss with John highlights of his personal life and Masonic career much to the amusement and delight of the Brethren present.

Bro John was born in Bilston during the war, he was educated at Tipton Grammar School and became a Chartered Electrical Engineer, he worked for the Midlands Electricity Board all his working life until retirement. John has been married to Georgie for 57 years and they have one son Mark, they

are devoted supporters of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club.

Outside of Masonry John and his wife Georgie have long been involved with the Wolverhampton branch of the Samaritans. Georgie was a director there for many years and is still very much involved and John was secretary He was also a clerk of works when the centre was upgraded and improved and installed and maintains the Centre's computer network from home



John is a Lewis, his father W. Bro Les Savage initiated, passed, and raised him into Sandwell Lodge No. 4673 in 1974. John carried out all the various offices of the Lodge and eventually became Worshipful Master in 1985. His father Les also Exalted John into Dartmouth Royal Arch Chapter No. 662 in December 1976, where he carried out various offices and was MEZ in 1985. Apart from a break to be MEZ John was Scribe E for a total of 39 years until he took over as Treasurer in 2022. He was also the Secretary during the merger of the two lodges to form Walton Walker & Sandwell Lodge No.3847 in June 2009 and continued in that office for 3 years until he became Treasurer in 2012, a post he still holds.

When Edward Street Masonic Hall was initially improved after many years of neglect John was one of the three young masons who took on the job of House Committee for the West Bromwich Masonic Hall Company. This was the beginning of

the long way forward to bring this building up to the standard you see today. He was a Director until November 1994 and Secretary of the Masonic Hall Company for over 20 years until April 2009 and even to this day his advice is still sought by the Directors

At the conclusion of the discussion the APMG congratulated Bro. Savage on his achievement of 50 years in Freemasonry, to which John responded by thanking him and the Lodge for their kind support, W.Bro. Nick Collumbell Prov DGDC then formerly read the salutation on the certificate before it was then presented.

The lodge was closed and the brethren retired to enjoy an excellent and convivial Festive Board where an exemplary explanation of the Masonic Chain was given by Bro. Phil Prosser.



Happy day for Old Masonians Midland Lodge, No.6762

At the Regular Meeting held at Handsworth Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday, 9th December, 2023, Brethren were delighted to welcome W.Bro. Richard P. Archer, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and W.Bro. Neil A. Clare, L.G.R., P.Prov.A.G.Reg. (Essex), President of the Old Masonians' Association. Several members of the Lodge are Old Boys of the former Royal Masonic School for Boys, Bushey, that closed in 1977. The Association keeps alive memories of the School, the closure of which is lamented by many. The Lodge worked the Third Degree and Bro. Ben G. Graham was Raised. The Lodge looks forward to celebrating its 300th Regular Meeting on Saturday, 12th October, 2024.



The group photograph shows (left to right) W.Bro. Archer, W.Bro. Clare, Bro. Tom Harrison, Senior Warden, W.Bro. Martin Sprayson, P.Prov.G.Reg., Master, W.Bro. Paul Butler, P.Prov.J.G.W., Junior Warden, Bro. Ben Graham, W.Bro. Ken Oliver, P.Prov.J.G.W., P.Prov.G.Swd.B. (Warks), Secretary, and W.Bro. Eric Rymer, P.S.G.D., P.Asst.Prov.G.M. (Warks), Director of Ceremonies.

Wulfrun Lodge No. 4602 Centenary on Monday 5th February 2024.

On the cold foggy afternoon of Friday December 28th 1923, 19 Founders gathered together at the then, new Masonic Hall, 62 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton, to take part in the Consecration of the 50th Staffordshire Lodge.



A total of 87 attended the meeting including the Deputy PGM, W.Bro. George Kent, Presiding Officer. The Master Designate, W.Bro. Willcock, PM. of St. Peter's Lodge No. 419, was Installed by W.Bro. T. Lowe, Provincial Grand Secretary and Founding Member of Wulfrun Lodge.

The City of Wolverhampton was named after Lady Wulfrun who features at the centre of the Wulfrun Lodge Banner, designed by W.Bro. Beck, Founder, and presented to the Lodge in 1927. The Banner was refurbished in 2000. The first Regular meeting was held on Monday February 4th 1924 when Bro. Alfred Mould became the first joining member.

Perhaps the most famous member of Wulfrun Lodge was Sir Arthur Bagnall, initiated in 1946 by his father Brookes Bagnall. Sir Arthur produced the Bagnall Report on Masonic Charities, adopted by UGLE in 1973 which recommended the merger of the Masonic Girls and Boys Schools and later the creation of the Grand Charity, all now under the umbrella of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

The Provincial Grand Master R.W Bro John Lockley supported by over twenty Provincial Officers, attended the February meeting to celebrate the centenary with brethren of the lodge.



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families members
helped with grants



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Freemasons and
their families



£12,567

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education of children
and young people



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