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designate**



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On Tuesday 19th May 2026 Worshipful Brother Jeremy F. Roberts, Past Senior Grand Deacon of the United Grand Lodge of England, will be installed as the new Provincial Grand Master at the County Showground, Stafford.

Jeremy was initiated into Streetly Lodge No. 7448 in Aldridge in January 2002 becoming its Worshipful Master in 2009 and again in 2024. He is a subscribing member of four Lodges and an honorary member of two more.

He was the Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 2019/20 and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies from 2020 to 2024 before appointment as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 2024.

He was Exalted into the Royal Arch in the Chapter of Honour No. 526 in Wolverhampton in November 2011 and was First Principal in 2018. He is currently a Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in Staffordshire.

The Province of Staffordshire sends Jeremy hearty congratulations on his forthcoming appointment and wishes him good health to enjoy the role.

Staffordshires' New Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

Jeremy Roberts the Provincial Grand Master designate, has announced that at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on 19th May when he is appointed to his new role, he will be appointing Worshipful Brother Matthew Adderley as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Worshipful Brother Ralph Ritchey as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Province sends both Matthew and Ralph warm congratulations on their appointments and wishes them good health to enjoy their new roles.

The photographs show Matthew on the left and Ralph on the right.



A New Worshipful Master for North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge No 8355

The R W Bro Provincial Grand Master, John Lockley, approaching his retirement as Provincial Grand Master on 18th May 2026, accompanied by his Duty Director of Ceremonies W Bro John Birchill, ProvDepGDC, and Grand Lodge Officer, W Bro Paul Molley PAGDC, and other Provincial Officers, W Bro Robert Adams ProvGTreasurer, W Bro Mick Seddon ProvGSwdB; W Bro Reg Sargeant BEM ProvGMentor; W Bro Hirendra Raval ProvSGD; W Bro Dan Faulkner ProvGStdB; W Bro Mark Duce ProvGStwd; W Bro James Price ProvGStwd; W Bro Rick Hallberg ProvGStwd; W Bro Dan Grocott ProvGStwd; and, W Bro Peter Nacson ProvGStwd with 31 other Brethren and visitors assembled for the Installation of W Bro Mark David McGuinness in a confident manner by W Bro Adam Grainger, Worshipful Master of Round Table Lodge 8273, the Mother

Lodge. A cheque was presented to the Provincial Grand Master for £500 towards the SMCA 'B' Fund. There were once again 20 individual Lodges represented with Brethren holding dual membership of both Foster Gough Lodge, the Provincial Lodge of Installed Masters, No 2706, and the Staffordshire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 9567.



There can be no greater moment than a Father seeing his Son be installed into the Chair of King Solomon and on this occasion, W Bro Oliver McGuinness PPrAGDC (Cheshire) was there to witness every moment sharing the best view in the Lodge Room by taking the honoured position to the right of the Provincial Grand Master.

The Lodge was delighted to see Bro Richard Brooks, the latest Fellowcraft in the Lodge taking his first steps on the floor as the appointed and invested Inner Guard. After the Second Risings,



the members present from Trent Lodge No 4269 assisted their Worshipful Master Elect, Bro Mark Snape, to present an engraved bottle of Port to the Provincial Grand Master to mark his retirement in the Craft.

There followed an excellent Festival of St John where the Alms collection raised £283.50 and the raffle a further £335.00 which was donated to the Worshipful Master's selected Charity, Headway North Staffordshire and the presentation of a bottle of Whisky called "Royal Salute" to

the Provincial Grand Master thanking him for his decade of service to the Province.

Not even twelve hours old as a Worshipful Master, W Bro McGuinness was on his way to the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland to witness the Installation of Bro Ian Dennison into his own Chair of King Solomon in The Lodge of The Round Table No 7762, where a fabulous evening of great fellowship ensued in the marvellous setting of the home of Freemasonry in that Province in the City Centre of Leicester.



Menturia 418 — Torpedoes, Fellowship, And A Regimental Table

On Thursday 26th March 2026, Menturia Lodge No. 418 held its second meeting as an Armed Services Lodge in Staffordshire, and if this evening was anything to judge by, the Lodge is already finding its stride.

Over seventy brethren gathered at Hanley Masonic Hall, Stoke-on-Trent, for an evening that combined a guest lecture of genuine historical significance with a Regimental Dinner in the finest traditions of the Armed Services.

Among those present was W.Bro David Griffin, Provincial Senior Grand Warden, whose attendance alongside number of active Provincial officers was warmly welcomed by all.

A lecture to remember

The Lodge was called off for a presentation by W.Bro Commander Jonty Powis PSGD, SLGR, entitled HMS Conqueror and the

ARA Belgrano Sinking. Drawing on the naval history of the 1982 Falklands conflict, W.Bro Powis delivered an authoritative and deeply engaging account of one of the most significant — and most debated — naval actions of modern times.

HMS Conqueror was, until very recently, the only nuclear-powered submarine to have sunk a vessel in combat. It was a subject that resonated powerfully with a room full of veterans and serving personnel, and W.Bro Powis's command of the material held the room from start to finish. The Lodge is grateful to him for giving his time and expertise so generously.





The Regimental Dinner

The festive board was held in the format of a Regimental Dinner, exactly the kind of occasion this Lodge was re-rolled to host. Joining our own brethren were members of Josiah Wedgwood Lodge No. 2214, who had that evening initiated their Lewis, Bro Sam Mountford, into the Craft. We extend our warmest congratulations to Bro Mountford and wish him every success on his Masonic journey.

W.Bro Richard Bailey led a magnificent Entered Apprentice chain, an impressive piece of work that drew both lodges together and provided a fitting centrepiece to the evening's fellowship.

At table, the inter-service banter flowed as freely as one would hope and expect. Army, Navy, and Air Force were all well represented and all took their share of good-natured ribbing with the good humour that defines this Lodge's character. Miniature

medals were worn with pride.

Only our second meeting — and already this

It is worth pausing to reflect that this was only Menturia 418's second meeting since re-rolling as an Armed Services Lodge in 2025. A turnout of seventy-plus brethren, a high-calibre guest speaker, a Provincial Senior Grand Warden in attendance, a joint festive board with a sister lodge, and the warmest of fellowship at table none of that happens by accident.

The Lodge continues to actively welcome all current and former members of the Armed Forces whether Freemasons already or simply curious about the Craft. If you know someone who might benefit from the fellowship this Lodge offers, please do encourage them to make contact. More information and contact details can be found on our website: menturia418armedservices.org.uk

Service in the Community: Supporting Swan Bank Soup Kitchen

Royal Arch Companions continue to demonstrate the true spirit of community service through practical support for those most in need.



Following a chance email from Swan Bank Church in Burslem, the Brethren and Companions of North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge and Chapter, learned of the vital work being carried out by Keith Stubbs and his team at the Swan Bank Soup Kitchen. Keith contacted North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge No. 8355 seeking assistance with running costs, and the Lodge responded immediately with a donation of £300—enough to keep the Soup Kitchen operating for a further couple of weeks.

Inspired by this initiative, the Companions of North Staffordshire Round Table Chapter No. 8355 took matters a step further. During their February Convocation, held during a visit by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Excellent Companion Michel Santpopietro, the Chapter discussed opportunities to

offer hands-on support. Several Companions volunteered their time to assist at the Soup Kitchen, which opens twice weekly to provide hot meals for homeless people in the area. In addition to food, the service offers hot showers, access to clean and warm clothing, and links to healthcare professionals.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent also volunteered to join the team. Swan Bank is able to accommodate two Companions per shift, and at the first session Excellent Companion Peter White and Excellent Companion Mark Ashton were greatly impressed by the dedication and organisation of the volunteers. A second visit saw the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent working alongside Excellent Companion Mark Ashton, helping with the clothes bank, general duties, and clearing up after the morning session.

Commenting afterwards, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent praised the initiative, noting how much had been achieved in just twelve months. By coordinating with other local providers, Swan Bank ensures support is available throughout the week, with its doors open for breakfast on two days and additional services that bring it close to being a “one stop shop” for those in need.

The Companions of Chapter No. 8355 are continuing their commitment to Swan Bank, with further volunteering sessions already being arranged for April and beyond—an excellent example of Freemasonry making a real difference in the community.





The Order of the Secret Monitor

A Brotherhood of Friendship and Support

The Order of the Secret Monitor, also referred to as the **Brotherhood of David and Jonathan**, is one of the most rapidly expanding Masonic orders in the United Kingdom.

Open to all Master Masons with a minimum of **four weeks standing**, this Order emphasises key principles such as self-sacrifice, mutual trust, and attentive brotherly care. Known as the "friendly degree," the OSM highlights the essential Masonic virtues of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

The leadership of the Order in the Province of Staffordshire & Shropshire is held by **Right Worthy Brother Ian Bennett**.



The Order's three degrees are based on the **First Book of Samuel**, illustrating the remarkable and selfless friendship between David and Jonathan. In the **First Degree**, the ceremony portrays how Jonathan, son of King Saul, risked his life to warn David of his father's jealous plot, acting as a "Secret Monitor" to ensure his friend's safety.

In the **Second or Princes Degree**, candidates are admitted to an Assembly of Princes, learning how David escaped Saul's treachery through a secret system of communication devised by Jonathan. Finally, in the **Third Degree**, the elected Supreme Ruler of the Conclave is installed according to the traditions of Samuel anointing David, King of Israel.

What truly distinguishes the OSM is its four **Visiting Deacons**. Their specific duty is to maintain regular contact with every member of the Conclave between meetings to ensure their well-being.

This "**watchful care**" ensures that no brother or his family is overlooked in times of sorrow or need, providing solace and effective friendly advice in all circumstances.

As well as championing a practical and hands-on approach to supporting others, it has minimal regalia requirements (a **breast jewel** which is provided for you), making it an affordable and accessible Masonic experience.

The Province of Staffordshire & Shropshire has 10 active Conclaves, meeting in Stafford, Shifnal, Oswestry, West Bromwich, Whitchurch, Church Stretton, Burton on Trent and Penkridge - with a new Conclave coming to North Staffordshire very soon.

Want to know more?

Scan the QR code here to access our Provincial website and drop us a message!



St. Michaels Lodge No 2487 from Stone Donate Easter Eggs

The Worshipful Master John O'Leary, secretary Mark Roberts and Immediate Past Master Irving Barker were pleased to present Easter Eggs to Kerry Hague (Activities and Support Worker) for the Food Bank at Stone Community Hub on behalf of St. Michael's Lodge.

The Lodge hopes the people supported by the food bank enjoy the eggs.



Jack Marshal - living with Möbius Syndrome

Greetings Brethren. My name is Jack, though many know me as Jack the Lad. I joined The University of Staffordshire Lodge No. 9907 in 2022 and currently serve as Senior Warden. I am looking forward to a very special milestone this year as I am due to be installed as Worshipful Master on October 17th. I am so looking forward to seeing you all in October to celebrate this special occasion. It will be a chance for me to give back to everyone who has supported me.

how we overcame adversity through support and plenty of jokes. I wrote it to help others in similar situations feel less alone in the world.

I absolutely love going to the lodge meetings. For those who know me, I don't hide that I prefer the social side of the night, the festive board, and the food! I have gained many Masonic family members since joining and I am so lucky to have amazing support. They accept me for who I am and I can truly be myself.



I live with Möbius Syndrome. This condition affects my balance and walking. It also means I have limited facial nerves and cannot physically smile. As I often say, I smile in my heart. I have a dry sense of humour and I am not afraid to take the micky out of my own disability.

A major part of my life is my advocacy work. My goal is to live life to the absolute fullest to show that a disability should never define who you are. By sharing my story, I hope to send a message that people with disabilities can achieve their full potential in all areas of life, including Freemasonry.

I have decided to share more of this journey in my debut book, The Boy Who Can not Smile, which is being released this June. It covers the challenges my family and I have faced and

Freemasonry has been a brilliant part of my journey so far. If you see me visiting a Lodge, please come over for a chat. I might be loud and cheeky, but I am always ready to share a laugh.

Please take a look at this link to my book site where you can pre order the book.

All the best

Jack

Bro Jack the Lad

<https://jackmarshall.me.uk/>

W. Bro. Gerry N.H. Young - Celebrating 50 Years in Freemasonry

Ethelfleda Lodge No. 6600 was delighted this April to honour W. Bro. Gerry N. H. Young PAGDC, PProvJGD (Staffs) as he celebrated an exceptional milestone - 50 years in Freemasonry.



The Lodge was called off for a special presentation, during which PAsstPGM W. Bro. John Derry PSGD led an entertaining and good humoured conversation with Gerry, reflecting on his early days in the Craft, his progression through the offices, and the many stories gathered along the way. Gerry, as ever, delivered his answers with the dry wit and calm assurance of a man who has seen just about everything a Lodge room can produce. The exchange concluded with the presentation of his 50 Year Certificate, warmly applauded by the Brethren.

Throughout his half century in the Craft, Gerry has been a committed and influential figure within Staffordshire Freemasonry. Since joining Ethelfleda Lodge No. 6600 in 1984, he has been a constant source of support, guidance, and good humour. His wider Masonic journey has also taken him through several other Lodges



and Chapters over the years, earning him additional honours including PAGDC and senior Royal Arch rank. Gerry is also an active member of a varied list of other side orders, ensuring his dedication and good influence reach far beyond the Lodge room.

What truly defines Gerry's 50 years is not the number of Lodges or titles, but the impact he has had on the Brethren around him. His mentorship, steady presence, and genuine care for the Craft have shaped generations of Masons. His milestone stands as a testament to the values of integrity, friendship, and service that lie at the heart of Freemasonry.



Ethelfleda Lodge is proud to celebrate this remarkable achievement and grateful for the example he continues to set.

W. Bro Declan Laffan - PPrDGsuptWks
Secretary | Ethelfleda Lodge No.6600

Staffordshire Masons Visit Their “Numerical” Neighbours

Five brethren of Barr Beacon Lodge 6109 which meets at The Compass Suites in Aldridge, made a 169 mile journey for a meeting with Trearddur Lodge 6110 at their Masonic Hall in Holyhead on the Isle of Anglesey. The visit was made even more special as the Master of St. Elbod Lodge 6111 W.Bro Simon Pascall was also present. All three lodges were consecrated within a few weeks of each other in the autumn of 1945 so all celebrated their 80th Birthday last year.

The visitors from Barr Beacon were W.Bros Mark Fullwood, Jock Planck, John Hession, Gerry Magee and Stewart Westwood. This was the third visit that Barr Beacon brethren have made to their Numerical Neighbours and stems from an idea from W.Bro Fullwood when researching the history of Barr Beacon Lodge.

The visitors were treated to a demonstration of the third degree ceremony on the evening after Barr Beacon had performed an actual third degree ceremony. W.Bro Fullwood said, “I was quite surprised to see that a ceremony performed in North Wales was almost identical to the Staffordshire one, albeit with slightly different accents!

Following the meeting the visitors attended an excellent Festive Board a few miles away at The Driftwood bar in Trearddur Bay.



The Worshipful Master of Trearddur 6110 is Bro David Francis Tearle.

From Barr Beacon Lodge are W.Bros. Jock Planck, John Hession, Mark Fullwood, Gerry Magee, and Stewart Westwood.

The Worshipful Master of St. Elbod 6111, W.Bro Simon Pascall is standing to the RHS of W.Bro. Fullwood next to the WM’s pedestal.

Lodges 6109, 6110 and 6111 all present and correct...



Staffordshire Freemasons MCF Grant to Gingerbread Family Support

Provincial Grand Master John Lockley, John Skellern P.Pr.G.Charity Stwd. and Selwyn Burton Communications Officer recently visited Gingerbread Family Support in Stoke on Trent to see first-hand the impact of the financial support donated to the charity which provides assistance to families across Staffordshire Moorlands and Newcastle-under-Lyme.



The grant from Staffordshire Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families, and friends, from across England and Wales.

The impressive £59,354 grant will assist Gingerbread Family Support's Family Community Outreach Support Service to fund a dedicated Early Years' Family Support Worker to provide intensive, tailored support to families with children aged 0-5 who are facing challenges such as poverty, isolation, low parenting confidence, and early years development needs. The project aims to improve the lives of young children while strengthening the resilience and wellbeing of the whole family.

This funding will make a significant difference to families by providing one-to-one, home-based support delivered by a trusted lead worker. Families will receive personalised plans focused on building routines, improving speech and language development, strengthening emotional wellbeing, and increasing parents' confidence and skills. The service will help families access local family hubs, health services, and community support networks. Support will be collaborative and can take place in Early Years' settings, or in other public,

safe spaces, using a multi-agency approach to enrich the families' experiences and opportunities.

Early help during the first five years of life is critical in improving long-term outcomes for children's health, learning and wellbeing, and is an identified area of need for further development and support across the districts.

Lucy Warrilow, Head of Outreach Service at Gingerbread Family Support, said:

"We're very grateful to Staffordshire Freemasons for their generous grant. I've been involved in this service for a number of years, and the truth is we're seeing more families struggling and struggling for longer. What's tough is that even when available, there are still real barriers that stop people accessing support early enough."

"This funding gives us the chance to strengthen what Gingerbread can do in the early years, and to reach families with young children who might otherwise never come through our door. It means we can spot issues sooner, put the right support in place, and stay alongside families while things start to improve."

John Lockley, Provincial Grand Master, said:

"I'm really pleased we've been able to help the Gingerbread Centre with their hugely important help for some of the most vulnerable people in our community. This wonderful charity offers vital services including safe housing, tenancy support and an activity club. Above all they have realised that without a warm safe place to live it's simply not possible to bring up a child properly."



W. Bro Derrick R. York - long service to Freemasonry.

The Immediate Past Master of Streetly Lodge No. 7448, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro. Jeremy F. Roberts, together with W. Bro's Duncan Shepherd and Alan Pitcher of St John's Lodge of Lichfield No. 1039 attended the Coventry home of W. Bro Derrick R. York. This was to present Bro. Derrick with his 50year certificate and to thank him for his long service to Freemasonry.

Bro. Derrick, at the age of 31yrs had joined St John's Lodge of Lichfield in 1973, where his father, Walter was a member. The Lodge meet in Tamworth and Derrick at the time worked as a Superintendent of Insurance and resided in Walsall and so he also joined a local lodge, Streetly Lodge. Unfortunately, his work took him and his wife to Wales but he was eventually able to return to the Midlands, where he now lives and is supported by his extended family.

W. Bro Duncan
Shepherd.

Secretary



Great Tommy Sleepout 2026 - Rounds Complete!



Over £6,500 raised for RBVE! Saturday 28th March 2026, nine members of Menturia Lodge answered the call and slept out in support of the Royal British Veterans Enterprise (RBVE) and were also joined by the Provincial Assistant Grand Master, W. Bro Jeremy Roberts, and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies W. Bro Matt Adderley.

The Team set out to raise £5,000. Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors, supporters, and everyone who shared our appeal, we finished with £6,530 including Gift Aid, £1,500 beyond our goal. Every penny goes directly to RBVE, supporting veterans across the country who need it most.



The event took place at The Huntsman pub in Cheadle, generously hosted by fellow Staffordshire Freemason W. Bro Kieran Devine. It was a fitting setting, a warm welcome before a very cold night.

The rain held off, which felt like a small mercy. The temperature, however, had other ideas, dropping to -3°C as the night wore on. For the veterans among the group, a few old skills came back into play. Sleeping out in the cold is never truly forgotten. For everyone, the camaraderie more than made up for the chill, inter-service banter very much included.

The Great Tommy Sleepout is an annual event, and Menturia Lodge will be back. If you'd like to take part next year and support this truly worthy cause, whether as a lodge member or simply someone who wants to make a difference, we'd love to have you with us. Watch this space for details as we approach 2027. In the meantime, thank you. Every donation, every share, every word of encouragement mattered.

Whitson Chapter No. 2943

On Saturday 28th February Forty-seven Companions travelled to Bristol to witness an Exaltation Ceremony with a difference — the Ceremony of the ‘Passing of the Veils’, as practised in Bristol, which symbolises the journey from Craft Masonry to the Royal Arch.”



It was a truly unique experience, both in the way the ceremony was conducted and in the distinctive ritual and variations that form part of their tradition. If you ever have the

opportunity, it is highly recommend visiting Bristol to see this special ceremony conducted in this unique way.

A sincere thank you to E.Comp. Nigel Thomas for organising such a memorable visit, and to the Grand Superintendent Michele Santopietro and his team for their support throughout. In true Staffordshire Masonic style, all the Companions enjoyed a wonderful day out, with plenty of laughter, and a great festive board.



Double Celebration at Etruscan Lodge

At the March meeting of Etruscan Lodge No. 546 there was a double celebration with Bro. Philip Collins being initiated into Freemasonry and W. Bro. Andrew J. Mapperson, a well-known and much respected mason celebrating 50 years membership of the craft.

Bro. Andrew, a Lewis, was initiated in February 1976 and he has held many offices within the lodge. He is also a member of several other lodges and actively involved with Universities Lodge of Staffordshire No. 9907. Bro. Andrew has also, held office within the province and he is currently the Provincial Membership Officer.

The Provincial Grand Master RW Bro John Lockley was pleased to be in attendance together with several other provincial officers and to witness an excellent ceremony. But also, to thank Bro. Andrew for his commitment and to present him with his 50-year certificate in recognition of his dedication and long service to Freemasonry.



Wilson Keys award

I am delighted to confirm that Wilson Keys Court has been named "Affordable Housing Provider of the Year 2026 - Staffordshire." This year's success is particularly special, as it marks the third consecutive year the organisation has received this honour. Such sustained recognition highlights the exceptional quality of service delivered to residents and the unwavering commitment to excellence across all aspects of the housing provision.

This achievement is a testament to the hard work of the staff, the dedication of the House Committee, and the strong community spirit that defines Wilson Keys Court. Being honoured for three years running demonstrates not only the reliability and quality of the services provided but also the meaningful and lasting impact this masonic organisation continues to have on the lives of its residents.

Congratulations to all involved on this outstanding and well deserved accomplishment.

I would also like to thank the Craft Masons, Royal Arch Companions and Mark Masons for all their continued support.

W. Bro. Paramjit Ram - PPrJGW



North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge supports Local School

Highly visible, proudly community-minded — new hi viz vests and litter pickers help pupils keep routes to school clean and safe.



North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge stepped up to support a local joint academy school operating from Sandyford and Bradwell. The school asked for new hi viz vests and litter pickers so pupils can safely take pride in keeping the areas around the entrances—and their everyday route to school—clean and tidy.

Sara Bloor, Principal of Star Academy at Sandyford, said: *“These items will make a huge difference to pupils being seen in their local community and to how we engage with the community. We are so grateful to the members of North Staffordshire Round Table Lodge for their support.”*

The kit is already being put to great use—starting with litter picking at Sun Academy’s landscaped frontage—and will be shared between the academies for school trips and community activities.



Co-Principal at Sun Academy, Laura Niemczyk, commented: *“The pupils are delighted with this valuable donation from Lodge 8355—not just because it helps us keep our areas free from litter, but because it supports wider learning about waste, diet, welfare and community spirit. We’re absolutely delighted—thank you so much.”*



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Izaak Walton Lodge No 4281 W. Bro John Anthony Caine

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro Jeremy F. Roberts and several provincial officers recently attended Izaak Walton Lodge No 4281, who meet at Stafford, to support the brethren and the many invited guests to celebrate with W. Bro John Anthony Caine his 50 years membership in Freemasonry. Also present to witness this moving and memorable meeting were many members of John's family.

The lodge was called off and the APGM invited John to join him, and they sat in front of the lodge members and guests, to discuss John's family life and his long masonic history. At the conclusion of which the APGM congratulated John on his long service to Freemasonry and presented him with a certificate to commemorate this. John thanked the APGM, and all those present.

John was born in April 1939 on the Isle of Man, proudly identifying as Manx rather than English. Freemasonry surrounded him from an early age: his father served as Master of his lodge in 1946, and his grandfather, great uncle, and two uncles were all active Masons. As he later reflected, "It seemed that everyone I knew was a Mason."



The family moved to the Midlands and in 1976 John joined Beacon Lodge No. 5208 in Loughborough, but job relocations later made regular attendance difficult, leading him to become a Country Member. After settling in Stafford, he sought a local lodge and was warmly welcomed to Izaak Walton Lodge, joining in 1967. John progressed through all the offices of the lodge and became Master in 2006.

He also joined the Mark degree, eventually serving as Master of his Mark Lodge while simultaneously Junior Warden of Izaak Walton Lodge. His Masonic involvement expanded further through the Masonic Lunch Club, where he and his wife Katherine have been long standing members. John has served on its committee for over fifteen years and has been chairman since 2013—while also acting as treasurer and secretary due to lack of volunteers. For two decades, he served as Treasurer of the Stafford Masonic Club. He currently holds treasurer roles in both his RAM Lodge and his Rose Croix Chapter.

Among his proudest achievements are serving as Worshipful Master of Izaak Walton Lodge and later as its Director of Ceremonies. He also served as DC of his Mark Lodge for fifteen years. He continues to enjoy being invited to take part in ceremonies.

It was after moving to the Stafford area, a colleague persuaded John to join the Penkridge church choir, where he met Katherine, who would later become his wife. Their marriage brought together a lively family of four teenage boys and two teenage girls. They discovered a shared love of canal boat holidays, which became a source of great fun. Above all, John credits his wife Katherine for her unwavering support throughout his Masonic and personal life, saying that “without her I am nothing.”

Together with church friends, John and Katherine helped establish the Penkridge branch of Save the Children. For many years, they devoted significant time to fundraising, particularly through an annual garden barbecue and a village hall book fair. A highlight of this work was an Afternoon Tea with Princess Anne for the committee and volunteers. John is also an active member of the Brewood Singers and the Staffordshire Masonic Choir. Beyond music, he serves as a Trustee of Penk Money wise, a Christian charity supporting people facing serious debt challenges, requiring compliance with FCA regulations and formal accreditation for advisors.

200 Years of Service to Freemasonry

Gordon Lodge No 2149 who meet at Hanley Masonic Hall, Stoke-on-Trent have over recent months had several members celebrating the momentous milestone of 50 years in Freemasonry and have been presented with a certificate in recognition of their long and dedicated service. The most recent being W. Bro Bernard Bailey.



Left to Right:

WM Jonathan Noake PPrJGD, W. Bro. Edward Whitfield PPrSGW, LGR 50 years, The PGM, W. Bro. Bernard Bailey PPrSGW 50 years, W. Bro. Norman Wright PPrSGW 50 Years, W. Bro. John Treanor **PGStB** 50 years

W Bro. D V E (Doug) Couse celebrated the momentous milestone of 50 years in Freemasonry

At the March meeting of Sutherland Lodge No. 451 W Bro. D V E (Doug) Couse celebrated the momentous milestone of 50 years in Freemasonry, and proudly received a commemorative certificate from the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. John Lockley.

After presenting him with his certificate the Provincial Grand Master surprised Doug with a well-deserved field promotion to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden.

Doug was proposed into Freemasonry by long time amateur radio friends Tom Lester and David Worthington and was initiated into Sutherland Lodge No. 451 on 19th March 1976.

He progressed steadily though the various offices in the Lodge and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1983.

Doug has always been a committed, and well-loved member of the Lodge. Regularly attending meetings despite having to make the sometimes-arduous Friday night journey from his home on the outskirts of Manchester.

Having previously served in the office of Provincial ADC, and Lodge DC, Doug is an excellent ritualist. He is always willing to take part in ceremonies, and happily does whatever is asked of him even with very little notice.

In addition to his Mother Lodge Doug is also a member of Davyhulme Lodge No. 3715 in the Province of West Lancashire, and several members of his 'other Lodge' travelled to Stoke to help make his special night especially memorable.

W. Bro. Rob Hackney

Secretary



W. Bro. Alan 'Gordon' Wild PPrSGW, celebrates 50 years in Freemasonry.

Josiah Wedgwood Lodge No. 2214 who were consecrated in August 1887 they meet at Hanley Masonic Hall, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent and one of their senior past masters W. Bro. Alan 'Gordon' Wild PPrSGW, known to all as 'Gordon' recently celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry.

Bro. Gordon joined the lodge in January 1976, he was initiated, passed and raised by his father who was a member of the lodge. In fact, his father installed Gordon as Master of the lodge in 1987, the lodge centenary year. Remarkably, Gordon has had a family member in the lodge continuously since 1892.

Bro. Gordon enjoys motoring and caravanning, he has travelled extensively, across Europe and beyond, from as far east as Russia to Canada in the west, from as far north as Norway to Malta in the south. But Gordon enjoys Freemasonry just as much and is an excellent ritualist. He returned as Master in 2008, but since joining in 1976 he has served in all offices within the lodge, mostly as Director of Ceremonies or Almoner and he has taken up office as Master whenever needed.

The brethren of the lodge together with many visitors including the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. John Lockley and several provincial officers were present to celebrate with Gordon. The PGM presented Gordon with his 50-year certificate in recognition of his dedication and long service to Freemasonry and thanked him for his commitment.

W.Bro. Duane Fish
Secretary

