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A Review of Province Life.

Sussex East Province



Bro W.C. (John) Foord R.O.H. of the Sidley De La Warr Lodge, No 2089 is shown presenting a donation to the Founder of the Tree of Hope Children's Charity, Corrine Gardener at the New Inn on Thursday the 15th of November 2005. A further donation was sent to the fund held for Bro Chris Shaw of the London South West Province. Though we are a small Lodge of only seven Members, we do our best for local charity. Past recipients being the Barby Keel Animal Sanctuary and St Michaels Hospice, Hastings.

Yours faithfully and Fraternally, Bro P.E.James
R.O.H.

Congratulations to the following Brethren

Nottingham Province

Bro John Huskinson of the Atlas & Ivy Lodge, No 1609 – Nottingham Province was raised to the Degree of Primo on Saturday the 14th of January

2006, at the Nottingham club. A very good evening with a closing link of 33. *(Still waiting for a photo).*

Skegness Province

To Bro Stephen Booth of the William of Waynefleete Lodge, No 2170 and Bro Peter Bailey of the Tudor Rose One Lodge, No 2166 – Skegness Province, on the occasion of their raising to the Degree of Primo. They were jointly raised on the 28th January 2006, at the M.A.R's Bar, Roman Bank, Skegness and this was followed afterwards with a Social Evening.



Photo, left Bro Steven Booth C.P. and Right Bro Peter 'Titch' Bailey C.P having been raised to the 2nd Degree.

Cambridgeshire

Bro's M.Stevens C.P and B.E.Smith C.P. The Alexander Lodge, No 1699 will be raising them to Knighthood on the 18th of February 2006, at the Hardwicke Arms Hotel, Arrington. Cambridgeshire. The Lodge opens at 6.45pm, with Regalia visits starting at 7.15pm. Please try your best to attend.

Snodland Province

Bro's Andrew Smitherman & Trevor Botley of the Nevill Lodge No 2054 – Snodland Province. Are to be raised to the 2nd Degree on the 25th March 2006. Details later

Rother Valley Province

It is my sad duty to inform you that Bro Walter Barraclough K.O.M. Who passed away on the 22nd of December 2005? Bro Walt had been a Member for over fifty years, having joined the Order on the 23rd of August 1955. He will be sadly missed.

Bro Alan Jones R.O.H. Grand Lodge Secretary

Sir Frederick Lodge No. 1259 Essex Province

Another year has flown past with the lodge reporting its ups and downs, sadly Brother Edward (Snowy) Bright R.O.H. passed to the Grand Lodge above whilst visiting his family in Australia, his ashes were scattered over the Great Barrier Reef and according to his family two cans of "Fosters" were also added to toast him on his way.

Sadly Brother Paul Nightingale passed suddenly away on 14th July; his funeral was attended by members of the lodge. His coffin was carried by his own Steam Engine to the service. Brother Paul had been a great asset to the lodge in assisting in our fundraising through Steam and Fun Days in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance.

Our Annual Dinner went well again, numbers being slightly down, but all enjoyed the good grazing and Gatta together with good live music and the company of good friends so why not join us this year on 22nd April. Contact Terry Frost or Dick Allerton SEE THE EVENTS DIARY.

Like all lodges we struggle for new members but have been fortunate already this year in gaining two

members through affiliation and one through secession.

Our lodge is proud this year to boast of being honoured of having both the Grand and Vice Grand Primo's of the Essex Province as members of the lodge and our congratulations go to Brother Peter Prentice R.O.H. and Brother Richard Allerton R.O.H. respectively.



Brother Paul Nightingale being transported by his old friend.

Article by - Brother Terry Frost R.O.H. City Secretary, who wishes it to be known that he recently became a granddad for the first time. (After about four, I don't think he will be so keen)

Lincoln Province

Bro Ray Routledge R.O.H. writes that he came across this letter from 1977 and thought it suitable for the 'Newround'.

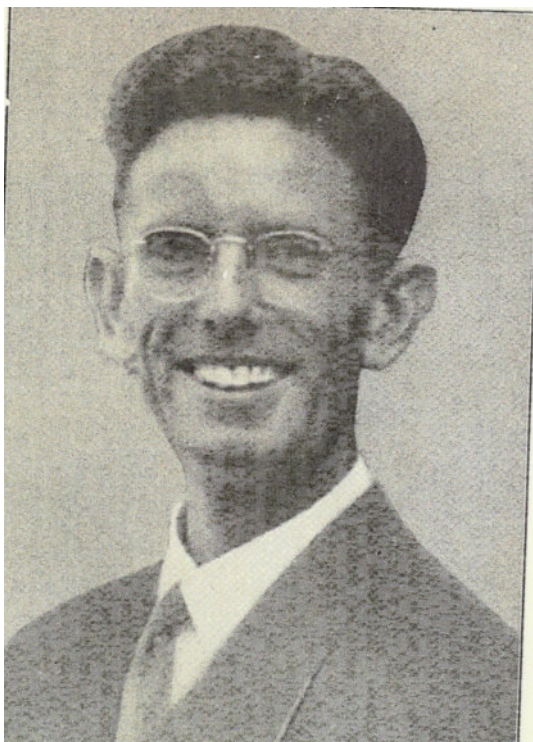
The Queen's most excellent Majesty, Madam, May it please your Majesty to permit me to offer the sincerest congratulations on behalf of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes to your Majesty on reaching your Silver Jubilee. A milestone in history that will bring pride and pleasure to future generations.

Twenty five years ago I had a dual duty to perform, the first one being to offer our sympathy and condolences on the passing of our beloved sovereign, your dear father, King George V1. The second was of a more pleasing feature, to acknowledge you as our sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth 11 and pledge our allegiance to your Majesty.

In this year of celebration it is my privilege and pleasure to address your gracious Majesty and re-affirm our allegiance to yourself, H.R.H. Prince Philip and the Royal Family. We hope and pray that now you have achieved what your Grandfather and

Grandmother did in 1935, you will, by the grace of God, emulate your illustrious Great Grandmother, Queen Victoria, and reign for many years to come. Lincoln Province

A tribute to Bro L. H. Robinson R.O.H.



Bro Les sadly passed away on the 1st February 2006. He joined the Order some 52 years ago; he was a quiet man, someone who lived his Buffaloinism to the full. He continued to serve the Lincoln Grand Lodge also Chapter for over 40 years, only resigning his office this last year, having been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

My first recollection of this good Brother was when I joined the Grand Lodge in the early 80's, from then I got to know him and the measure of the man. When he was a child, Members of our Order organised what was called "The Robin Hood Dinners" where they fed and clothed needy children of the City and Les was one of these. To them, R.A.O.B. stood for "Raggy Arsed Old Boys". He never forgot this and later joined the Order, always remembering its principles.

Among my memorabilia I have turned up a raising card dated 1966, where he was the "Installing Officer" (*Picture above*). I was privileged to be raised by him some 30 years later to K.O.M and R.O.H and what an experience, he performed both ceremonies from memory with such feeling and meaning.

He told me stories when there were some 15 Lodges in the Province at which time, my Lodge registered over 60. He would say can you consider the duties of a Grand Lodge and Chapter Officer, attending all Primo, K.O.M and R.O.H raisings, Jewel and Emblem presentation, beside Lodge visits. He would swap his shifts, some nights visiting 3 Lodges and then off back to work. This was the measure of a dedicated Buff 'A good, true and loyal Buffalo.

He will now be in our Great Grand Lodge renewing his friendship with those many Members he associated with while progressing our Order and finally, his name will be inscribed on our "Illustrious Roll of Honour."

Finally, I was fortunate to be a Member of the Benevolent Committee who awarded him an electric wheelchair which gave him some extra quality of life. I remember telling him that the Grand President Bro J. Jeffs R.O.H. along with the General Secretary Bro G.R. Cooke R.O.H would be there to make the official presentation, firstly he did not want the fuss, but afterwards I was assured that he was privileged and cemented his belief in the R.A.O.B. whom he had dedicated many years of his life.

Yours faithfully & fraternally,

Bro R.R. Routledge R.O.H.
Grand Lodge Secretary

Editor, well done Brother Ray, a noble tribute.

News from the Newark Province

Bro Jim McCarten has now begun to train towards becoming a Primo. Sadly Bro Ron is still ill and awaiting further tests. Both Bro Roy Lale R.O.H. and his Buffess have been hospitalised for a short period and Bro Bert Hemmings R.O.H. continues to improve each week and is our Grand Primo for 2006.

Bro Paul Wright R.O.H.
Grand Lodge Secretary

Editor, thanks for the update Bro Paul, will this inspire others to write, I wonder!

Luton Province

It is my sad duty to report the death of Bro Charles 'Charlie' Ellingham R.O.H, who passed away on the 2nd of February. He was born in Luton on the 1st of October 1913 and was initiated into the Farley

Lodge on the 26th April 1951, service in excess of 55 years.

He distinguished himself in many ways throughout his Buffalo career and in 1965 had the Roll of Honour conferred upon him. He was a real character and will be sadly missed.

The funeral took place on the 20th of February at Stopsley Village Cemetery, the Reverend Betty Trinder officiating.

The R.A.O.B. was represented by 20 Brethren to include, Bro J.W.English R.O.H. Grand Council Trustee. Bro M.Burgoyne R.O.H the Grand Primo of Luton Province, supported by Bro A.Everett R.O.H of the Luton Knights Chapter.

The Farley, Wyvern, Springs, Moor, Normandy, and St. Plegmond Minor Lodges were also represented The Eulogy was given by Bro Bill Brooks R.O.H. After the service family members & friends retired to the R. N. A. Club for refreshments and to celebrate the life of Bro Charles.

Grimsby Province



The photograph above shows Bro Ernie Thompson of the Pride of the Wolds Lodge, No 2176, Grimsby Province, who was raised to the 2nd Degree on the 3rd of February 2006 and congratulated by the Grand Primo, Bro Fred Standland K.O.M.

Nottingham Province

It is with much regret that I must inform you of the death of Bro Colin Watt R.O.H. of the Sherwood Lodge, No 2154. Bro Colin passed away on the 21st February 2006.

Bro Gren Handley R.O.H.

Grand Lodge Secretary

Bristol Province

I am sorry to inform you of the death of Bro Robert Kiddle R.O.H. I will furnish more details later.

Bro Richard Wyatt R.O.H.
Grand Lodge secretary

Editor, My goodness, this is getting to be a very bleak winter. Please let us remember all of these Brother's at Absent Brethren.

From the Editor - To all Provinces, please, if you are proud of the Brother you have raised to any Degree, or have a deed that is worthy of note, then send me a photograph and if possible, correspondence that I can put into the 'Newsround'. Don't let complacency be your watchword. This little 'Newsround' is designed to keep you informed of what is happening in the Provinces and it depends upon you to support it, no support means that it may go the same way as the previous efforts. DO IT NOW.