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News round



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Council

A Review of Province Life.

The Grand President, Bro Michael Fielding R.O.H. Attended the Luton Province Presentation evening on Saturday the 4th March, at which time he was presented with a cheque to the sum of £500.00 for the Orphans.

Well done the Brethren of Luton and many thanks.

Newark Province

Dear Bro Ray

I am pleased to report that Bro Roy Lale R.O.H and his Buffess Elsie are both much better and at home again. Bro Roy still has tests and some treatment to have but he is attending lodge and fairly content. Bro Syd is much better and planning a holiday abroad (Not bad for 85). Bro Bertie continues to amaze despite his stroke he has taken on the Office of Grand Primo and is doing a good job.

Yours fraternally,

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

Bristol Province

It is my sad duty to inform you that Bro Stephen Morgan of the Venture Lodge has passed away following his stay in hospital.

Editor; Brethren, I would hope that you could find it in your hearts to carry on with the appeal on his behalf. His Widow may be in dire need at this time.

G.R.Cooke R.O.H. Editor

Grimsby Province

Dear Ray, Glad you enjoyed a well-earned holiday – you should try a few more! The pictures are of a bear which was given to Bro. Ernie Thompson who was recently raised to Primo in the Pride of the Wolds Lodge and this Brother, being the Buff that he is, decided it was the ideal fund raiser for a charity of the Lodge's choice. After some discussion we decided to donate it to the St. Christopher's Hospice for Children in Grimsby and Bros. Steve Parrott C.P., Paul Collins, C.P., Bro. Ernie Thompson, and I went along to present it to Yvonne Wright, the Fund-raiser in chief of the Hospice.



Whilst there, we decided that the bear would need a bed and some T.L.C. so gave them a sum of money to cover the first few months and will be continuing to pay for his upkeep in aid of a most worthy cause.

Best wishes, Bro Gordon Oxby R.O.H.

Newark Province

Dear Bro Ray

Bro Jim McCartan has passed his Primo examination and I will advise you of his raising date as soon as possible. Sadly Bro Ron is still ill and his tests have confirmed he has cancer of the pancreas. Bro Jim Hodgson returned home early from holiday with a poorly stomach and is to have tests shortly. Bro Roy is back at home awaiting his operation and we all hope and pray they will all make a speedy recovery. Hope to see you all soon,

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

(Editor; and so say all of us Brother Paul)

Nottingham Province



As promised from the previous issue, the Atlas & Ivy Lodge have sent a copy of the raising to 2nd Degree of Bro J.Huskinson C.P, shown here with the Grand Primo Bro Steve Radley K.O.M, who performed a well rehearsed ceremony.

Bro Ray Routledge R.O.H.
Chairman of the Benevolent Committee

Dear Sir and Brother

I would like to report that the presentation of the mobility scooter to Paul & Gillian Collins took place on Friday the 21st April at the Plough Inn, Binbrook, Lincolnshire, prior to the opening of the Pride of the

Wolds Lodge. Also present Bro B.Edwards a fellow Committee member.

The venue was packed out, I brought members of my Lodge, there was the Grand Primo of Grimsby with a compliment of his Officers with there good Ladies to complete the picture, Members of the Lodge.

The Doctor who sent the report for Gillian was there, a reporter from the Market Rasen news, who took photographs, saying, they would be in the 3rd May issue. A photo call followed, everyone wanted pictures. Gillian posed with Paul and their Son, finally to drive off in style and the Lodge was opened.

The Lodge was packed; the Sitting Primo handed over control to Bro Nick Osbourne K.O.M, the Grand Primo of Grimsby and all had to dig deep, but all for a good cause. Those present were so proud of what had been achieved and being Members of our Order. Subsequently the last charge of the evening was in support of Grand Council, which you will soon be made aware of. Much harmony prevailed, followed by a tasty buffet.

Yours faithfully and fraternally
Bro R.R.Routledge R.O.H.

*Editor, many thanks Bro Ray that feel good factor should be shared by all Brethren of Grand Council.
It is also most pleasing to see that a Chairman of the Benevolent Committee is now able to do more, than chair a meeting once a year.*

Worcestershire Province

It is my sad duty to inform you that Bro Gerry Paggett R.O.H a member of the Worcestershire Province passed away on the 3rd of May 2006.

Bro Gerry was initiated into the Holmewood Lodge on the 1st March 1957 giving 49 years of loyal service to the Order; he will be sadly missed by his Family and the Members of his Province.

Bro John Jeffs R.O.H.
Grand Lodge Secretary

The All Sections Consultative Committee



Bro John Jeffs R.O.H. The Grand President for 2004 is shown signing the All Sections agreement. To his right is Bro Jack Odey R.O.H, Chairman of the A.S.C.C and to his left is Bro Gerry Shirley R.O.H, Secretary of the A.S.C.C.

Bristol Province

Dear Brother Ray I am sorry to inform you of the death of Brother Steve Uppington of the Unity Lodge, No 1431.

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

The Castle Lodge, No 1833 - Worcestershire Province

Dear Editor

The Brothers of the Castle Lodge were surprised when at Bro Ken Robeson's raising to Roll of Honour; Bro Geoff Gurden R.O.H presented us with a photo of a plaque which was presented to the Loyalty Lodge of Sark by the Brothers of the Castle Lodge, in 1962. It had been lying in the old lodge room in the Mermaid Inn and nobody of the present Lodge knew anything about it. As you know, Brothers John Jeffs, Peter Normandale and Keith Hicks had visited the Loyalty Lodge in the past. Last year, Brother Mick Normandale joined us and as usual a good time was had by all.

On further investigation we found an extract from the minutes of 1961/62. Wednesday 15th November 1961. Primo G.Green sought permission for the use of regalia for the Guernsey trip, this being agreed he went on to propose that the Castle Lodge make a presentation to the combined Lodges of Guernsey C.I in the form of a plaque to commemorate the proposed visit.

After some discussion Primo T.Watson seconded, and it was agreed. Primo G.Abbot and Bro Pitts were requested to obtain an estimate for same and report back to Lodge.

Wednesday 22nd November 1961. Arising out of minutes the estimate for plaque and fire screen was sought, it

being reported by both Primo Abbott and Bro Pitts that they would be made free of charge for which thanks was extended through the chair. As the minutes of the day were rather sketchy there was no mention of the plaque.



As the photo shows it looks a fine plaque in its day and well made.

Yours fraternally, Bro K.Hicks R.O.H.

Sussex East Province

Just to let you know that the Old Town Lodge 1141 has amalgamated with the Norway Lodge 978 and have changed their meeting place to the R.A.F.A Club, Wish Road, Eastbourne on a Tuesday evening.

Sad News

With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry LaPrise, the man that wrote "The Hokey Cokey" died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 93.

The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started. Shut up. You know it's funny.

Forthcoming Raisings

09.05.2006 Bro J.McCartan – The Sir Robert Lodge, No 1816, Newark Province

13.05.2006 – Bro Mark Butterfield – The Jubilee Lodge, No 2172 – Bristol Province

19.05.2006 Bro J.Grumbett – The Trafalgar Lodge, No 2102. London S W Province

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- 24.06.2006 Bro J.Nicol – Harmoney Lodge, No 2141 – Cambridgeshire Province
- 24.06.2006 Bro Stuart Pitt – Harmoney Lodge, No 2141 Cambridgeshire Province
- 24.06.2006 – Bro Richard J. Brown – Alec Brook Lodge, No 2154 - Cambridgeshire Province
- 01.07.2006 Bro M.J.Kent – The Britannia Lodge, No 1284 – Gillingham Province.
- 01.07.2006 Bro Ronald H.Kent – The Britannia Lodge, No 1284 – Gillingham Province
- 06.08.2006 Bro P.Gallagher – The Brave Old Oak & Friendly Lodge, No 108 – Nottingham Province.

Editor, thank you so much for your kind letter Bro Geoff, we really did enjoy your stay and rumour has it that, Bro Ray only had his head bandaged to gain access to the wholesale warehousing in Leicester.

Seriously though, it was reputed to be a nasty wound and we all wish Bro Ray a speedy recovery.

Having just spoken to Bro Albie, it transpires that he has purchased a Satellite Navigation System. I wasn't aware that British Rail sold them or that you could ride a motor scooter down the lines now.

He further informs me that he is about to go in for yet another operation, this time to his other knee. I think I recall how he looked after the last op, see opposite?

Best of luck with your operation Albie, and Sue, best of luck looking after him and don't forget to look in room 101 in a short while, for a lost sat nav!

Grand Council Treasurer

Dear Bro Ray

As you are aware Brenda and I have just had the pleasurable experience of visiting Lincolnshire on a short holiday.

During our stay we were met with the warmest of welcomes and almost overwhelming hospitality and kindness from the Buffs and Ladies of both Lincoln and Skegness Provinces. May I, through your office, express my most sincere thanks for all the open-handed friendship we both received....I believe it taught me a great deal about what Buffaloism is really about.

There were many moments of what passes for amusement amongst we Buffs. Laughing at poor Bro. Ray Routledge's awful head wound (what are friends for if not to be unsympathetic?) – Bro John English paralysed by laughter on finding out my wonderful bargain buy in Chapel St Leonards was half the price in the next shop – the terrible jokes in the Lodges I visited – all confirmed my suspicion that it requires a rather unique sense of humour to be in our Order....

But it was good to meet old friends from Sark visits and to make new ones, and I would be most grateful if you would pass on our appreciation to both the Lincoln Province and to your own for the many kind considerations that were shown to us during our stay. You have made our holiday a very happy one.

Yours sincerely and fraternally
Bro Geoff



A good likeness, don't you think.

Newsflash

On Sunday the 7th of May Bro John Jeffs R.O.H. Grand President 2004, was admitted to hospital and he was to say the least, very, very poorly indeed. I went over to see him in Warwick hospital and his whole family were there with him. Josie, God bless her, had no sleep for almost 48 hours, but was much gratified to see Brother John have the gates close before he entered, and once again he is, I am most pleased to announce, making a steady recovery.

I feel sure, we can look forward to seeing you at
Conference Bro John and the milkie bars are on me!

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*Editor, I am now taking Bro Gordon's advice and will be
on holiday from Tuesday the 16th until the 21st.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at Conference and
for those of you who are unable to attend, please take my
greetings back to your Lodge and keep on Buffing.*