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Sorry, but due to Conference and other
commitments, I had to have a double issue this
time.

A letter from Bro Derek Fello R.O.H.
Of the Grimsby Province

I have in my possession an old five-page program for the
Seventh Lincolnshire County Rally to be held at
Cleethorpes on Sunday 5th June 1966 although in good
condition. Program 2/6 pence.

The program has been in my possession for a number of
years and I cannot remember who gave it to me, along
with two newspaper clippings containing 5 photos, I am
going to copy the reading from the first clipping. (Quote)

‘150 Buffs. In full regalia parade at County Rally’

More than 150 Lincolnshire members of the Royal
Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes Grand Council went on
parade in full regalia at Cleethorpes for the seventh
county rally, arranged by the orders Grimsby Province.
Rain in the morning caused the cancellation of the bowls
competition, but this was the only part of the scheduled
Programme affected by the weather. The competition is to
be held at a later date.

The parade from Sea-Road to the War Memorial in St.
Peters Avenue was headed by the Royal Lincolnshire
Regiment (Territorial Army) Band, Under the direction of
Company Sergeant Major C.H.Lowery, followed by The
Cleethorpes Band.

During a short ceremony, wreaths were laid by the Mayor
of Cleethorpes Council. F. W. Mitchell on behalf of the
county and by the Grand President, Bro.T. Green on
behalf of the order.

Afterwards a bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille.
The parade then continued to Sussex Recreation Ground
for a drumhead service, conducted by Cannon A.O.Jones
of St.Marks Church, Lincoln.

When members and guests returned to the Pier Pavilion
for tea, the Mayor and Bro. Green together took the salute
at the march past in Sea Road.

Speakers, at the Pier included: Bro. J.Partridge of
Grimsby; the Mayor of Cleethorpes; Bro. F.Overton of
Grimsby; Bro.Green; the Deputy Mayor of Lincoln

Councillor. G.G.Elsey; The rally secretary, Bro.W.S
Enderby of Lincoln; Councillor. H. Ridley of Cleethorpes
and the secretary of the Grand Council, Bro.H.
Henderson.

More than 450 people attended the evening concert given
by a variety of artists. (Unquote)

Brother Derek does name some of the Brethren seen in
the photograph and I have taken a quick peek, while at a
raising in Grimsby, but most unfortunately at this moment
in time, the photograph is not available. He goes on to say
that ‘The reading from the second clipping I will send
later possibly for the next edition this is about a Lincoln
Rally 1964. I also have numerous Raising Invitation
cards, the oldest is dated 1956. I can remember one or two
of the older Bro's who always gave a song or two in
Harmony, with the Harmony Bowl in the middle of the
Lodge floor, with a bell on it which you tried to ring. This
kept the constable busy,

Bro.Derek Fello R.O.H.

Many thanks for your contribution Derek

‘Buff Oonery’

The answer to the anagram in last months Mag was
‘Relatives’, did you get that.

Here is No 5. “Time a pint” one word, 9 letters. Clue,
Eager. Answer in the next issue.

Alexandra Lodge No 69, Grimsby Province

Dear Editor

On the evening of Saturday the 26th June a very well
conducted and pleasing ceremony was performed by the
No 4 Sampson Knights Chapter of the Grimsby Province.
A double Roll of Honour Exaltation of Brother’s Brian
Edwards and Jim Cox, which was well attended by many

Brethren of both the Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of England, from which there were many distinguished guests. But most importantly and namely the newly installed Grand President Bro John Jeffs R.O.H. and Grand Council Steward Bro Albie Heaver K.O.M. along with the General Secretary Bro Ray Cooke R.O.H. Past Grand President Bro John English R.O.H. P.G.P. and Grand Knight Commander Bro John Turner R.O.H. Past Grand Knight Commander Ray Routledge R.O.H. Bro Malcolm Maloney C.P. Chairman of the Benevolence Committee. The Ceremony was conducted by the Installing Officer Bro Bill Dodd R.O.H. who was well assisted by the Knight Director of Ceremony Bro Trevor Renison R.O.H.

Brother's Brian and Jim as well as being in awe of the Ceremony were very grateful that these named dignitaries were able to attend, especially so soon after the Annual Conference, and lend some "pomp" to the occasion. They wish to convey to all who attended their heartfelt thanks in making their exaltation a very memorable one.
C.W.Norfolk R.O.H.

It was noted during Conference that a certain Buff Orpington of the Rother Valley Province was seen chatting up the newly elected Grand President, Bro John Jeffs R.O.H. Bro Orpington is well known for his ability to order drinks and his inability to pay. He is seen here chatting with the Grand President and Bro John English R.O.H. the Delegate to Rother Valley.



Psst, last time I heard he was making advances to Bro Geoff Gurden R.O.H. our Grand Council Treasurer.

Apparently Bro Orpington was looking for a few days holiday in Sark. But for all his vices he does send home a card from where ever he visits.

A Health Warning

I went to the Doctor yesterday and sad to say I have been diagnosed with age activated attention deficit Order and this is how it manifests itself.

I need to wash the car, as I start towards the garage I notice there is mail in the hall. I decide to go through it before washing the car. I put my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the bin and notice that the bin is full. So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the bin.

But then I think, since I am near the post box when I take out the bin, I might as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left, so I go to my desk in the office where I find a bottle of Coke I had been drinking. I am about to look for my new chequebook when I notice the Coke is warm, so I decide to put it in the refrigerator.

I head towards the Kitchen when a vase of flowers on the worktop catches my eye, they need water. As I put the Coke down on the worktop I notice my glasses which I have been looking for all morning. I decide I had better take them back to my desk, but first I must water the flowers.

I have just filled a jug with water when I spot the TV remote on the dining room table. Tonight when we are watching TV we will be looking for it so I decide I must take the remote back into the lounge, but first I must water the flowers.

I splash some water on them but some spills on the floor. So I put the remote down to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

Now it is the end of the day, the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a bottle of warm Coke on the worktop, the flowers are not watered, there's only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote or my glasses and I don't know what I did with my car keys.

I try to work out why nothing has been done today and I am baffled because I have been very busy and now I am really tired. I realise this is a problem and I'll try to get some help – but first, I'll check my e-mails?

Oh what a day, what a day, what a glorious day

Please take a look at the new Web Site, raobgc.org.uk
On Saturday the 26th June I spoke to Bro Dave Farley R.O.H. of the Worcester Province and asked if he could help me speed up the process of setting up the site we had. "You want a dedicated site", says Dave, "leave it to me". On Sunday Morning I received a telephone call from Bro Dave to inform me, "it's up and running". I couldn't believe it. "All hale to the Web Master", say's I. He certainly knows his stuff; it just gets better and better. On behalf of Grand Council Dave, our eternal thanks and let us not forget the work that Allison Handley did earlier.

Claire Frisby talking about a jumbo hot dog on look north said: "There's nothing like a big hot sausage inside you on a cold night like this."

US PGA Commentator – "One of the reasons Arnie (Arnold Palmer) is playing so well is that, before each tee shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them....Oh my god!!!!What have I just said?"

Letter from Sark Province

Dear Sir and Brother Ray

Please find an alarming picture of one visiting Brother, giving his name as Buff Orpington of the Rother Valley Province, on his release from our Island jail where he has unfortunately been banged up for several days following an accusation of smuggling en-route from Eastbourne and a cavity search. We shall be pressing for his suspension sine die for bringing the Order into disrepute, as said Brother Orpington shows no remorse for his actions and refuses to pay fines.

Bro Geoff



Editor, well! I really do not see what this Brother has to crow about.

South Lancs Province

Hi Ray, I would like to inform you that members of the South Lancs Province went to Nottingham Province for the exaltation to R.O.H. of Bro R.Spouge.

It was an excellent ceremony and well attended by 37 Brothers, this raising will be remembered though for many years to come for the excellent entertainment that the Brothers of Nottingham put on for Brother Spouge and was very well appreciated by the watching brothers who felt somewhat raised themselves.

I would like to say on behalf of the visiting Brothers to Nottingham, thank you for a most entertaining afternoon. Kindest regards, Brother Alby

Editor, well Brother Alby did hope to send some photos, but they may prove a little too revealing.

The Skegness Province will be holding a dinner dance on the 25th of September 2004 at the Ship Hotel, Skegness. To give honour to Bro John Turner R.O.H. the Grand Knight Commander for 2004 and Bro John Turner-Johnson R.O.H. the Assistant Grand Knight of Records. The Grand President for 2004 and his Buffess will be attending as guests.

Tickets are on sale at £14.00 each and all are welcome to attend. Please come and join in our celebrations.

To reserve tickets, please telephone Bro John English R.O.H. on 01754 766770.



Bro John Jeffs R.O.H. The Grand President

To all who attended the Conference 2004? I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating all Officers and Delegates for the way this years Conference was conducted.

I would like to thank Bro Ray Cooke R.O.H. General Secretary, for all the preparation and hard work that he put in for us to be able to conduct the business of Conference this year.

Also Members of the Executive and the Rules Revision Committee for their contribution – not forgetting all the work that Bro Dickie Allerton R.O.H. Grand Council Trustee has done this year.

Special congratulations to Bro Mike Fielding R.O.H. on his election to Vice Grand President. Also many thanks on behalf of the Order for 15 loyal years service as Grand Council Treasurer.

Finally, I wish to thank all visiting Brother's and the Ladies for making it such an enjoyable week

Bro John Jeffs R.O.H.
Grand President

I received the following letter from Brother David Melling, Delegate to Sark.

Dear Bro Ray

A note from the tiny Island of Sark to say thank-you and the rest of the Executive for the way in which the 2004 Quinquennial Conference was managed. As a first time delegate O did not know what to expect, other than the warnings that Bro Geoff had given me about making sure

my medical insurance was up to date, and I was very impressed with the conduct of the whole meeting.

As you are aware both Bro Geoff and myself are involved in our own government and I feel that if it was possible they should all come to one of our conferences to see how things should be done! A great deal was achieved in short time and certainly to the benefit of the Order.

Congratulations once again on a good conference hope to see you in Sark before too long.

Yours faithfully and fraternally
Bro Dave Melling K.O.M.

Sorry Dave, but I couldn't keep this one to myself, and yes you will see me on the Island, you can book me into Sark for September of 2005 and I look forward to it.

Three Buffs were sitting behind a couple of Nuns at a Football match (Whose habits partially blocked the view), They decided to badger the Nuns in an effort to get them to move.

"I think I'm going to live in Nottingham", said the first Buff, There are only 100 Nuns living there."

The second Buff spoke up and said, "I think I will go to live in Wigan, there are only 50 Nuns living there."

The third Buff spoke, "I thing I will go to live in Snodland, there are only 25 Nuns living there."

One of the Nuns turned round and looked at the men ever so sweetly and said, "Why don't you all go to Hell, there aren't any Nuns there."

Dates for your diaries

14th August 2004 - Bro A.L.Heaver has the Roll of Honour conferred upon him by the Sir William Edmonds Lodge No 2133, Lancashire South Province. For Information Tel 01942 733714

28th August 2004 - Bro K. Hilton K.O.M. has the Roll of Honour conferred upon him by the Atlas & Ivy Lodge No 1609, Nottingham Province. For Information Tel 0115 8 773528

18th September 2004 - Bro W. Rees K.O.M. has the Roll of Honour conferred upon him by the Moor Lodge No 2112, Luton Province.
For Information Tel 01582 738602

2nd October 2004 – Bro C. Bacon has the Roll of Honour conferred upon him by the Good Hope Lodge No 339, Essex Province.
For Information Tel 01245 467241

26th November 2004 – Bro J.Sutherland, will be raised to the Second Degree or that of Primo at the Old Friar, Roman Bank, Skegness by the Tudor Rose One Lodge No 2166, Skegness Province.

19th February 2005 – Bro B.Frost and Bro T.Frost have the Roll of Honour conferred upon them by the Sir Frederick Lodge, No 1259. Essex Province. For further information Tel 01245 457241.

26th February 2005 – Bro C.McMahon has the Roll of Honour conferred upon him by the Nevil Lodge, Snodland Province. For further information Tel 01634 240907

“Mortals are not at all times wise” this motto he found true, to lighten others darkened eyes, this he leaves to me and you.

The spirit of true Buffaloism will always be my aim, to be a Buffalo’s Buffalo Son, so help me, my good name.

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

It is my sad duty to inform you of the Death of Brother Alan F. Lewis R.O.H. Grand President 1985 and a Grand Council Trustee. He passed away on the 19th of July 2004. Our thoughts go out to his Wife and Family at this moment in time.

Further sad news is that Brother Brian O’Mahoney R.O.H. of the Nottingham Province passed away on the 21st of July 2004. Brother Brian a Previous Nottingham Delegate to Conference will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to his Wife and Family also.

TRIBUTE TO A DEPARTED BUFF

It was his spirit of Buffaloism that earned him the title of “Knight”. For philanthropy and Harmony, he strove with all his might.

To the world he was one of the crowd, to his family, a good husband and a Dad. But his Mother Lodge are very proud of a Brother whose loss was so sad.

His portrait you will never see, in the hall of fame. Though he struggled for each Degree, he always played the game.

His memory may sometimes fade, his name may be quite strange, but his principles are steadfast made, and his aims will never change.