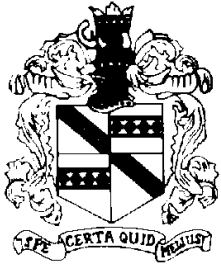


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INSTALLATION

Our Installation of W Bro Mick Passmore in September was a great occasion. 43 Members and Guests, including our very own Asst PGM, sat down to Festive Board afterwards. W Bro Sidney was an excellent Installing Master – but none will ever forget W Bro Sidney’s exhortation to Brethren to “... now pass around the Lodge and shoot the Worshipful Master” ... ?!

COMPASS MAGAZINE

This has been relaunched in a new format and should have landed on your doormats by now. Please do complete the questionnaire inside it.

DIARY DATES

On the 16th December, Province will conduct a 3rd Degree at Vivary.

CANDIDATES

Brethren present in September will have been greatly pleased to hear that after several fallow years, we now have two candidates. We will initiate Mr Colin Maddock in November, when we hope there will be a good attendance for this initiation ceremony. We will then initiate his brother Paul in February 2012. Consequently, at our September festive board, our new WM thanked Bro Ron Hayman who has acted as “Bro Huish” for some 4 years now, while the Lodge was unable to initiate a candidate. Bro Ron was greeted with deserved acclamation by the Brethren.

SECRETARY & TREASURER

A reminder that subscriptions (£82.00) were due on 1st September this year – if you are unable to attend in November and have not yet paid, please post your cheque to the Treasurer straight way. Do please let the Secretary know if you change address / phone / email.

W BRO JOHN HUSSEY

We were sad to hear of the resignation, through a combination of ill health and travelling distance, of W Bro John Hussey. W Bro John was initiated into

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the Lodge in 1990 and was our Worshipful Master in 1999. He also served as Charity Steward from 2005 to 2008. We wish him well.

W BRO ALAN CALVERT – 50 YEARS IN MASONRY



Bro. Alan was born in London and came to Taunton, starting at Huish in the academic year 1937/38. After leaving Huish, he joined the family business of Calvert’s and stayed for 10 years. He then joined his wife’s family furniture and undertaking business in Penzance.

Alan was initiated into Mount Sinai Lodge 121 in Penzance, becoming Master in 1975. As well as being a founder of The Richard Huish Lodge, Alan is also a Founder of Acacia Lodge 8302 (the Undertakers Lodge) Alan was appointed to Cornish Provincial Grand Rank in 1986 and in 1993 was promoted to PPRJGW. Alan was advanced into St. John the Baptist Lodge of Mark Master Masons 404 in February 1964 and became Master in 1977. Alan was Chairman of the 2006 Festival Committee which raised over £500,000 for the Mark Benevolent Fund and was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark between 1998 and 2000. W Bro Alan’s 50 year certificate was presented by W Bro John Winston, the Asst PGM.

ITMA...

Bro John Owen is running the 200 club, and says that “Last season’s 200 club was very successful. In particular, the club supported the costs of improving the robing room and toilets, as well as £1,100 as draw prizes (including a top prize of £300). This season’s 200 club is now running and application forms are throughout the Hall. Each share is still only £10 and as a bonus, Brethren purchasing three or more will be allocated one free number. You will retain your numbers for the whole season so the earlier you purchase the more draws you will be included in.” The first draw of the season was held at 261 on Wednesday 19th October – and **W Bro Sidney** was the winner of the £50!

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RAFFLE

Our November raffle is in aid of the building fund, and W Bro Mike Rawlings will be pleased to receive your prize donations on the evening.

INFORMATION FROM PROVINCE

The PGM has agreed that in future the Holy Royal Arch representative will be welcomed at Installation Meetings at the same time as the Mentor and Lodge Information Officer. This year, our HRA rep is W Bro Maldwyn Davies.

The mini-bus will be running for another year, following its success this year. A donation of £100 from Taunton Lodges, following the Freemasonry in the Community day, was made towards the running costs.

W Bro David Rosser, from Jersey, has produced a booklet entitled "The Sacking of the Masonic Temple Jersey 1941". It will sell for £5 and W Bro Rosser is prepared to visit any Lodge and talk about the occupation of Jersey.

The Somerset Community Foundation will hold a 'Sing for Somerset' Carol Service at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 10th December 2011 at 7.00 p.m. The Trustees have pleasure in inviting Brethren and their families to attend and enjoy what is always a great festive occasion. There is no entry charge or requirement to book seats.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

Attendance at Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge is restricted to Wardens, Masters and Past Masters of Lodges. A pilot scheme is being introduced whereby a number of Master Masons will be invited to attend on a Provincial rotational basis.

Somerset has been invited to send 17 Master Masons to the meeting being held on Wednesday 14th December 2011. This will be a unique opportunity to witness the ceremonial and business of a Grand Lodge Meeting. If you are interested in this, please let me have your name, UGLE and Grand Certificate numbers by 12th November.

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TAUNTON MASONIC HALL Co.

At the Board meeting on 25th September, agreement was reached on the way forward regarding the wall at the rear of the car park. It needs urgent repair but questions about ownership and costs have delayed progress. These seem to be pretty much resolved now and so repairs will start soon. Afterwards, the car park spaces will be relined and W Bro Nigel Handbury has taken on the role of managing the leased spaces.

The future use of No. 20 remains an issue and thinking now includes the possibility of conversion to residential use. More likely, however, is the mothballing of the premises until the property market shows signs of recovery.

Brethren are reminded that only signed up Members of the new company are legally entitled to buy drinks over the Bar. A number of members of the Richard Huish Lodge are still not signed-up and W Bro Charlie Barker would be pleased to resolve that for you.

The TMHC AGM will be held on Monday 23 January 2012; the bar opens at 6:00 pm, with the AGM commencing at 6.30 pm. Do please come along – attendance last year was good but we can do better!

W BRO DOUGGIE BAKER

Jean Baker, widow of the late W Bro Dougie, has kindly donated his Provincial dress regalia and case to the Lodge. They are for sale with all proceeds passing to the Lodge charity fund. Please see the Secretary.



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