



The Masonic Province of West Kent



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ADDRESS BY THE MW THE GRAND MASTER HRH THE DUKE OF KENT, KG, AT THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2009

The Grand Master began his address as follows: Brethren, first thank you for re-electing me as Grand Master and let me say a very warm welcome to you all at this historic Quarterly Communication. Historic, as I have just had the pleasure of installing Most Worshipful Brother Peter Lowndes as the Pro Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother Jonathan Spence as the Deputy Grand Master. For a full copy of the address visit: <http://www.ugle.org.uk/news/gmspeech-110309.htm>

INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATE

A new booklet has been published on the Provincial website, entitled "Information for the Candidate". This is a very helpful guide for prospective freemasons, and gives information on what freemasonry is, what happens at a lodge meeting, the interview process, as well as details about mentoring and charity. Please feel free to print this guide and give it to people who are interested in becoming a freemason.

You can download the guide at:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/info_new_bretheren.php

MENTORING THE NEW MASON

A news article about "Mentoring the new Mason" part of The Way Forward series of seminars, has been published on the Provincial website.

You can read the full story at:

http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/info_new_bretheren.php

£5,000 EMERGENCY AID FOR FIJI FLOOD VICTIMS

The President of the Grand Charity has approved an emergency grant of £5,000 to help victims of flooding that has affected large areas of Fiji. For full details visit:

http://www.grandcharity.org/news.php/31/pound5000_following_floods_in_fiji

PLEASE NOTE: "THE WEST KENT MASONIC CHARITIES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING" WILL NOW BE HELD AT OAKLEY HOUSE ON TUESDAY, 19th MAY AT 7.30pm.

KENT v ESSEX

CHALLENGE FISHING MATCH BETWEEN KENT & ESSEX MASONS

A charity fishing match is being organised at Bassett Farm Fishery, Churn Lane, Goudhurst, on Sunday June 7th in support of the Masonic Samaritan Fund. Last year over £600.00 was raised. The owner, Bro. Robin Bell, has kindly offered the fishery free for this event. There will be a Bar-B-Q and raffle after the match. Space at the Fishery is limited so get your places booked as soon as possible. For further details contact Bro. Jim Young: Tel. 07706 373 241 or e-mail j.a.young@hotmail.co.uk

PRINCE GEORGE DUKE OF KENT COURT - Masonic Study Circle

Next Meeting Monday 6 April, 7.30 PM, Sun Lounge
Annual General Meeting followed by a paper entitled:
'Freemasonry and the Roman Catholic Church'

By W. Bro. Harry Carr (from the 1992 Revised Edition by Frederick Smythe)
This presentation is suitable for anyone who might be interested in the relationship between the two as it stood between the 1970s and 1992.
Dress smart/casual, Ladies welcome.

A SHORT COURSE FOR TYLERS & JANITORS

This Free course is to be held at Oakley House on Saturday 25th April 2009 from 9.30am to 1.00pm and all those interested will be most welcome.

For further information contact:

Ian Fraser, ProvGTyler/Janitor on 0208 249 1208

FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

SECRETARIES & FESTIVAL ORGANISERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you wish your Lodge Ladies Festival, or other important event, to be published in the eBULLETIN – details must be provided at least 6 weeks prior to the event.

PADDLESWORTH LODGE NO. 6162

All Master Masons and above are invited to the next regular meeting of the above Lodge, at the Wrotham Masonic Centre on Wednesday 8th April at 5.45pm Where the Provincial Grand Orator VW Bro. Graham Higgs PGSwdB, PDPrGM. and his Team will deliver an oration. For those interested in attending, dining on the evening will be £15.00 exclusive of wine. For further details please contact : W.Bro. Peter Shirley Tel. 01403 269 844 or Email peter_shirley4@btinternet.com

CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OTHER LODGES

The support team, under the chairmanship of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, is continuing to support Lodges by visiting them as paying guests. If you can also add your support by attending as a paying guest you will be more than welcome. Please contact: fredhalligan@aol.com

SUPPORTING OTHER CHAPTERS

The support team, under the chairmanship of the E.Comp Tony Forwell, is continuing to support Chapters by visiting them as paying guests. If you can also add your support by attending as a paying guest you will be more than welcome. Please contact: E. Comp Tony Forwell by email at: t.forwell@fsmail.net

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