



The Masonic Province of West Kent



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IS FREEMASONRY INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE ?

From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been involved in charitable activities, and since its inception it has provided support for many widows and orphans of Freemasons as well as for others in the community.

All monies raised for charity are drawn from amongst Freemasons, their families and friends, while grants and donations are made to Masonic and non-Masonic charities alike. Over the past five years alone Freemasonry has raised more than £75m for a wide range of charitable purposes including those involved in medical research, community care, education and work with young people.

For the full Text go to: <http://www.ugle.org.uk/masonry/A2L-community.htm>

HELPING YOU TO A HEALTHY FUTURE

The Masonic Samaritan Fund is a grant making charity that supports Freemasons and their dependants who have an identified medical need and, faced with a long wait for treatment, are unable to afford their own private care.

For a fuller picture of the MSF visit their website <http://www.msfund.org.uk>

FREEMASONRY - BEHIND THE SCENES

"Is it an 'Old Boys Network' or an inclusive movement committed to raising money for charity?" "What about women in Freemasonry?" "Is it an exclusive club for white male Protestants?" These are just some of the many questions asked, and answered by members of the Craft including the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, in two sensitive yet thought provoking articles conducted by Rachel Hepworth for Thames Valley Tonight. A must to view on the following links.

<http://www.itvlocal.com/thamesvalley/news/?&void=275845>

http://www.itvlocal.com/meridian/news/?player=MER_News_15&void=276401

"IS THE DREAM OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS STILL ALIVE?"

A thought provoking question asked by President Barack Obama during the Presidency Elections. This same question is asked of Freemasonry by the Deputy Editor of Freemasonry Today, Matthew Scanlon. One of many interesting articles in the current issue which vary from the history of Liverpool FC to Masonic Mentoring, the four main Masonic Charities and reviews of books and films. If you have missed your copy in the post you can access this and all back issues on the internet.

For issue No. 47 visit: <http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/public/index-47.php>

For the main website - visit <http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/>

ALL BIKE RIDERS - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

'SERV' - Service by Emergency Driver Volunteers - also known as the 'Blood Runners' is a Charitable Organisation that delivers blood products to the emergency and accident hospitals across southern England, at night ,free of charge, when official Health Services don't operate. For further details please contact W. Bro Mick McNally at greyhaired1@yahoo.co.uk
Or visit <http://www.serv.org.uk/>

FUTURE LODGE EVENTS LOTUS CHINESE MEAL

Sunday 15th February 2009 3.00 – 8.00 pm, 3 Course Chinese Meal with entertainment by Iain Mortley and his magical friends. Music throughout the meal Followed by music for dancing. Adults £25 Children(under 11 £15)
Dress Smart Casual We are limited to 150 seated, so first come, first served
Contact: Dave Tickner: ticknerclan@tinyworld.co.uk Tel: 01474 708587

Meridian Lodge of West Kent 9202: Ladies Night at Dartford Masonic Centre, West Hill, Dartford DA1 2HJ. On 14th February 2009 (Valentines day) 18-00hrs for 18-30hrs.
Contact: W.Bro. Ian Garrett 020 8855 5333 Or email: i.garrett@btinternet.com

The Richard of Bordeaux Lodge 8333: This Lodge is arranging a charity evening on the 28th Feb with all proceeds/ excess funds being donated to the Ellenor Foundation.
For further details please contact: W.Bro Rob Norris at robnorris@talktalk.net
Or Visit http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_forthcoming_events_item.php?id=33 for full details.

OAKWOOD CHAPTER CONSECRATION

Consecration of the Oakwood Chapter 8299 at Oakley House, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent, BR2 8HA
on Thursday, 19th February 2009 at 3.30pm. Companions must be in their places by 3.15 pm

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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