



# The Masonic Province of West Kent



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**2015 FESTIVAL UPDATE**

The total raised for the 2015 Festival for the Masonic Samaritan Fund at the end of January 2010 is **£314,350** of which **£17,102** has been donated by Chapters. Included in the above amount is **£27,738** in reclaimed tax on 'Gift Aided' donations and **£1,331 in interest** - 144 Lodges and Chapters have so far made contributions and we have 683 'Gift Aid' pledges in place.

For details on how you can qualify for a 2015 Breast Jewel ranging from Steward to Grand Patron, please visit;

[http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/2015\\_festival\\_honorifics.php](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/2015_festival_honorifics.php)

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **The PGM launches new Provincial Recruitment Strategy**

At a meeting of the Provincial Executive Committee on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January, a comprehensive strategy was agreed to promote future recruitment across the Province. This will be overseen by W Bro Mark Estaugh APGM and a team of Recruitment Co-ordinators. Speaking at the launch on 20<sup>th</sup> January RW Bro Jonathan Winpenny PGM said "The importance of a buoyant and sustainable membership cannot be understated. We cannot take the long-term prosperity of West Kent for granted. To ensure that we continue to have a vibrant and successful Province in the future, we must do the groundwork today. I have put in place a recruitment structure where we can all play our part thereby achieving increasing levels of recruitment. Let me be quite clear, none of us should see this as a short-term project or initiative. Our recruitment approach should be embedded into our day-to-day lives, and become a permanent feature as we shape our organisation for a sound future."

Further details will be published on the West Kent Provincial website in due course.

### **The New Royal Arch Provincial Grand Treasurer**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 E.Comp Peter Sawyer will be Invested as the Royal Arch Provincial Grand Treasurer by the Deputy Grand Superintendent, E Comp Bob King at the re-arranged Convocation of Anderida First Principals Chapter 8593 at 5.30pm at Sevenoaks Masonic Centre. The Regular Convocation in January having been postponed due to adverse weather conditions. For further details please contact: E Comp Graham Higgs: [higgsg@sky.com](mailto:higgsg@sky.com) All companions wishing to dine, please contact E Comp Bipin Patel: 020 83032707 e-mail [bipinbp@googlemail.com](mailto:bipinbp@googlemail.com)

### **The Hundred of Wilmington Lodge 9164**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 the Provincial Grand Orator, VW Bro G C Higgs PGSwdB, PDPrGM, together with members of the Oration team, will be attending the meeting of the above Lodge at Sidcup Masonic Centre at 7pm to deliver a number of orations.

Brethren wishing to attend and dine please contact the Secretary D G Viggers Tel: 01322 665973 e-mail: [david\\_g\\_viggers@btinternet.com](mailto:david_g_viggers@btinternet.com)

## **NON-MASONIC EVENTS**

### **Sponsored Canterbury 'Pilgrimage' in aid of the 2015 Festival**

5 members of Sidcup Lodge No 6552 will be undertaking a sponsored walk hoping to raise £2000 in support of the 2015 Festival. Starting in London at the site of the Tabard Inn portrayed in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the intrepid quintet hope to ambulate the 70 miles in 4 days. To sponsor them and for further details contact: Fred Estaugh on [ed.estaugh@googlemail.com](mailto:ed.estaugh@googlemail.com) or Tel No. 07977 135146 [http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news\\_non\\_masonic.php](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_non_masonic.php) for further details.

### **The William Sennocke Lodge No 6932 – Quiz Night – New Date**

Due to postponement as a result of inclement weather – now to be held at the Masonic Centre Sevenoaks on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. The Bar will be open and light refreshments will be served during interval. There will be a raffle. Teams of up to six at £5 per head, with a Trophy to the winners. Pit your wits against the mighty brains of West Kent ! For further details and entry forms please contact John Worster, Tel: 01892662798 mobile 07762564566. or e-mail : [johnworster@sky.com](mailto:johnworster@sky.com)

### **Bexley Heath Lodge No 4918 – White Table Meeting**

The brethren of this Lodge are keen to attract candidates from Welling and the surrounding areas. In anticipation that brethren in these areas may know of a potential candidate the Lodge would be happy to invite you to bring them along, together with their wives or partners to a White Table Meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Westwood Masonic Centre. Potential candidates and their partners will dine as guests of the Lodge and will enter the temple to receive a 30 minute talk by W Bro Gordon Davie PAPGM, following which will be a question and answer session. The cost of the meal for all masons will be £19.50 including wine. For further details please contact the secretary, David Stocker  
Tel: 020 8877 9390 Mobile No: 07785 280 628  
[http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news\\_non\\_masonic.php](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_non_masonic.php)

### **Hundred of Wilmington Lodge No 9164**

The W Master and brethren of this Lodge invite you to an evening of "Dance and Entertainment" at the Bexleyheath Working Mens Club, 2 Royal Oak Road, Bexleyheath on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds in support of the 2015 Festival. For more details contact: Brian Bishop on 07770 851 771 or Vic Parrott on 020 8309 7258 [http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news\\_non\\_masonic.php](http://www.freemasons-westkent.org.uk/news_non_masonic.php)

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **The Freemasons Grand Charity**

Following the devastating earthquake which took place in Haiti on Tuesday 12th January 2010, the President of The Freemasons' Grand Charity has approved two emergency grants totalling £30,000. The funds have been issued to the British Red Cross and Plan. For further details go to:  
[http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/30000\\_granted\\_for\\_haiti\\_earthquake\\_relief.html](http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/30000_granted_for_haiti_earthquake_relief.html)

## **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: <mailto:chris@sea-systems.co.uk>

## **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](mailto:t.forwell@fsmail.net)

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