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A FITTING MEMORIAL

A talk by VW Bro John Hamill, PGSwdB, to mark the 75th Anniversary of the opening of Freemasons' Hall

VW Bro John open by saying: On the 18th July 1933 some 6,299 brethren gathered at the Royal Albert Hall for an especial Grand Lodge meeting. The MW The Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Connaught, a younger son of Queen Victoria, presided accompanied by no less than four Royal Princes; HRH The Prince of Wales (later Duke of Windsor), HRH The Duke of York (later King George VI), HRH Prince Arthur of Connaught (the Grand Master's son) and the young Prince George, later to be Duke of Kent, our Grand Master and the father of our present Grand Master. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: to welcome the forty three delegations from sister Grand Lodges who had come to take part in the celebrations for the completion of the present Freemasons' Hall, and to invest HRH Prince George as Senior Grand Warden.

For a full version of this very interesting talk visit: <http://www.ugle.org.uk/news/jhamill-100908.htm>

THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

We are delighted to have welcomed our 3000th visitor since the launch of the new web site in April. Over 39,2780 pages have been viewed by interested readers from as far a field as USA and New Zealand. 3,000 individual visitors since launch, 6,142 visits, 33,820 pages viewed, 7.5 average number of pages viewed when visiting the site, 4 minutes 15 secs average time on site, 20% of our visitors find us using Google. We even have international visitors!! 72 USA, 33 Germany, 24 Spain, 23 Ireland, 18 South Africa, 18 France, 12 Greece, 11 Netherlands, 9 Denmark, Australia & New Zealand.

We've made some great progress in just over six months.

PRINCE GEORGE DUKE OF KENT COURT STUDY CIRCLE

'The Falsification of the Charter of Compact'

Shepherds Green, Bromley Lane, Chislehurst, Kent. BR7 6PA Monday 6th October, 7.30 PM
Sun Lounge (upstairs). All Master Masons Welcome. Dress casual. Short Paper for the evening followed by refreshments & Q & A session.

GALA BALL **ONLY 15 PLACES LEFT!!**

Have you booked your table for the Gala Ball on **Friday 10th October** at the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club. The evening will begin with a Four Course Gala Dinner with entertainment throughout and followed by an evening of dancing to Todd Miller and the Joe Loss orchestra. The PGM will present the Final Cheque to Demelza and he looks forward to your support. Tickets are £45.00 per person or £430 for a table of ten. For further information please contact: fredhalligan@aol.com or Roland Stokes: riggs1@tiscali.co.uk

DEMELZA APPEAL FINAL UPDATE

The first batch of stones have arrived and are currently being laid- many Lodges and Chapter stones are already in place. If your Lodge or Chapter has donated £1000 or more to the appeal and has ordered a stone you should have received confirmation from the suppliers, if not or if you wish to place an order for a stone contact the Provincial Grand Charity Steward urgently.

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TARGET SHOOTING

Attention all West Kent Clay Target Shooters! Masonic competitive target shooting is now bang on target within London and the Provinces. The recent Home Counties Inter Provincial Masonic Clay Shooting Competition held at the Dartford Gun Club in Kent, hosted by the Surrey Masonic Sports Association in aid of the British Heart Foundation and the RMBI, was a huge success and very well supported across the Provinces. Next year Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London Clay Shooting Association will be hosting the event and will be expecting equal support from West Kent shooters. We are looking for West Kent shooters at all levels of experience to participate in these fun events, or even create their own association, for further information please contact: Phildevaux@btconnect.com.

INVITATION TO A CHAPTER MEETING

Sevenoaks Weald Chapter 8882, Wednesday 22nd. October at Sevenoaks Masonic Hall. TN13 3PE

Companions from Priory Chapter No. 5819 will demonstrate the revised ritual. They do it in an informative yet entertaining way with E. Comp. Alan Game, PAGSoj., P2ndPr.G.Prin. as the commentator. Start time 5:30pm with a four course dinner following costing £17:50p.

Those wishing to dine please contact Scribe E John Bryant, 01959 562645 or john.bryant@mac.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.

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