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December Meeting

The White Table at Christmas was a great success, with a new layout which turned out to be very popular. Except for the Top Tables everyone sat at round tables. Bro Hash Patel was passed,



and Worshipful Master Hari Patel and number of his family join him at the Top Table



His Daughter in Law Ms. Shreeti Patel replied to the Visitors Toast and our picture shows her with the bouquet presented by the Lodge.

There have been two other events since the Christmas Break, The raising of Bro Manu Ram in the Elizabethan Lodge, which was carried out by the officers of their Lodge with their Stability working in front of their Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Richard Hardaker,.



Our picture shows Bro Manu Ram being congratulated by W.Bro. Richard Hardaker, Assistant Provincial Grand Master. A number of members of the Lodge supported Bro. Manu and our picture shows them in Temple No. One.



Library and Museum

In the first rising of Lodge meeting the Secretary usually offers the latest copy of Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication. In the September edition there is a report of the address given by the Director of the Library and Museum of Freemasonry, Mrs. Diane Clements. She reports that the most obvious was that many people visit Freemasons' Hall is when they join the regular guided tours of the ceremonial areas of the building. They are also attracted by the range of temporary exhibitions. Over the last four years the subjects of these exhibitions have included Freemasonry and the French Revolution, London Grand Rank and Masonic Charity. As someone who regularly has to respond to visitors comments such as I didn't know they allowed women in, she was particularly pleased by their exhibition on Women in Freemasonry which took place in 2009.

The current exhibition was The Masonic Emporium which showed the development of the commercial market for Masonic Regalia and furniture. Visitor numbers over the last four years have increased by 40%. Although the Centre for Masonic Research at Sheffield University has now closed Mrs. Clements reports that they have found that researchers from many academic bodies on the UK and abroad use the collections in London. Recent publications on individuals as diverse as an 18th Century French journalist a 19th

Century Jewish humanitarian as well as a study of the development of Blackpool as a seaside resort have all used information from the records of the Library and Museum. Those researchers would be amongst the 2,000 or so readers who are registered to use the library and archive collections. Mrs. Clements took the opportunity to mention the work of the Masonic Libraries and Museum Group which is run by representatives of Provincial libraries and museums across the country. The Middlesex Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Roger Croome QPM, is this year investigating where the Provincial Library and Museum can be housed and the committee recently made a tour of the Harrow District Masonic Centre to see if it could be housed there. There is an article in Freemasonry Today on the latest exhibition at Freemasons Hall. It opened on January 17th and runs until the end of May. It is called Building Solomon's Temple and explores how Freemasonry took King Solomon's Temple from literature to artefact and how archaeological exploration provided new material for use in Masonic ceremonies and architecture.

In 1924 the Grand Secretary led a delegation to Jerusalem when he inaugurated a new Lodge, the lodge of King Solomon's Temple. For more than 200 years the concept of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem had been central to organised Freemasonry.

Macmillan Nurses.

The Kenelm Lodge Presented a £300 cheque to the Macmillan Nurses at Northwick Park Hospital.



Our picture shows Charity Steward Bro. Ali Musani presenting the cheque to Nurse Andrea Nelson recently. This was a co-incidence as this was the nurse who looks after the father of Kenelm Secretary W.Bro. Ken Sinclair.

Sudbury Centre

Another cheque was presented to the Sudbury Neighbourhood Community Centre.

Our picture shows Charity Steward, Bro Ali Musani present the £100 cheque to Isabella, the centre manager. The Centre is a Day Centre for elderly persons to improve their life.



Watling View School

A third Cheque was presented to School for special needs children the Watling View School in St. Albans where Karen Sinclair, daughter of W.Bro Ken Sinclair is a teacher. Our picture shows her presenting the cheque to Tom Jackson Owen, the head teacher



St.Lukes Hospice

Yet another cheque was presented, this time to St. Lukes Hospice almost a neighbour of ours in Kenton



Worksharing Ceremony

We are planning that the next Worksharing Ceremony will be the Passing of Bro Raj Patel, on Saturday, March 19th, in Herga Lodge when we hope that a dozen or so Brethren will support Bro Raj when he takes his second degree.

Funeral of Bro. Arthur Steel

The major event of the month was the funeral of Bro. Arthur Steel on the 11th January. The funeral was at All Saints Church attended by 200 persons. Mayor of Brent in 1993 Bro. Arthur did not go on for the Chair in Kenelm.

After the cremation at Breakspear Cematorium in Ruislip around 100 attendees came back to the Harrow District Masonic Centre for refreshments

Bro Arthur was initiated into the Kenelm Lodge in December 1981, and though he was a regular attendee of meetings found his commitments to the local council and the Conservative Party did not allow him enough time to progress in the Lodge.

Forthcoming Dates

The scheduled date for the Kenelm April meeting falls on Easter Monday. Secretary W.Bro Ken Sinclair has arranged with the Centre that we will hold our meeting on April 27th

Again this year our scheduled date for the December meeting falls on Christmas week and we have arranged for the meeting to take place on December 12th.

We hope to organise a worksharing ceremony for our new members in October and another in November.

Special Dates

Some special dates you might like to consider

- South Middlesex Lodge No. 558 150 Anniversary on 29th April, 2011.
- Ariel Lodge No. 5596 75th Anniversary on 25th May 2011.
- Provincial Fete on Sunday July 17th 2011
- Haste Hill Chapter No. 7592 50th Anniversary on 12th Sept. 2011.
- Wealdstone Chapter No. 5236 125 Anniversary on 1st October 2011.

"Every decision you make - every decision - is not a decision about what to do. It's a decision about Who You Are. When you see this, when you understand it, everything changes. You begin to see life in a new way. All events, occurrences, and situations turn into opportunities to do what you came here to do."

