



KENELM LODGE NO. 8255 NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2010 ISSUE 20

Greetings Brethren

A VERY SPECIAL DATE

Bring all your Masonic friends to the Kenelm Meeting on Tuesday, September 28th when four new members will be initiated. Rule 168 in the Book of Constitutions states that only two persons should be initiated at one meeting unless a Dispensation is provided by Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge due to special circumstances.

The Kenelm circumstances with which we obtained the Dispensation from Provincial Office are that we balloted two new members, Mr. Suresh Kansagra and his son, Jesal Kansagra at our last meeting in April. We have received two more applications for membership from Mr. Raj Patel, and Mr. Hash Patel, no relation, although Mr. Raj Patel is Bro. NC Patel's brother. In addition we have received an application from Mr. Vishaal Shah, the son of Bro. Jay Shah, who if the progression programme goes as planned, will be the master in 2011. He has stated that during the meetings for which he is in the Chair of King Solomon he would like to initiate, pass and raise his son. This would mean that if we do not make special arrangements as we are making on September 28th we would have to keep the two Mr. Patel's waiting for nearly two years to join the Lodge, something which many masons might have had to do years ago but we consider that these days it would be wrong. In addition to make progress with these four members and other members we are making arrangements to carry out work-sharing ceremonies in a number of Lodges at

Harrow. The first of which is on Monday, October 18th when Bro. Manu Ram will be passed in Windmill Hill Lodge. We hope to have at least 10 members of the Lodge supporting Bro. Manu at this meeting.

In order to help Brethren who are supporting these work-sharing meetings, on October 18th, 1st November at Harrow Lodge, January 10th, at Elizabethan Lodge Treasurer Ramesh Parmar is supporting the dining fees with Lodge funds by £5 per member.

Please let Secretary, W.Bro. Ken Sinclair know if you can be one of the Brethren supporting Bro. Manu.

APRIL MEETING



At our last meeting in April we had the pleasure of the attendance of Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Brian Lown, who is seen here with Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Hari Patel Bro. Frank Dobkin and Bro. Kaushik Shah following their raising at which he made the 'address to the grave' a piece of ritual which we had not previously seen at Kenelm.

FORTY YEARS



W.Bro. Brian Lown, APMG, presenting a certificate to W.Bro. Mike Ford, celebrating his 40 years as a member of Kenelm Lodge

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR SECRETARY

With the conclusion of the summer break, Secretary W.Bro. Ken Sinclair wishes to remind all members that as agreed at our previous Committee Meeting, Minutes, Summonses and other items will be sent via email and published on our Website

<http://www.kenelm lodge.com>

The exception to emailing items is when we are aware that a member does not have email or a member specifically requests hard copy. Likewise, members will be asked whether they will be attending meetings and given the dining choices with a request to telephone or email W.Bro. Ralph Miller with the choices. This worked well at the last meeting in April and we wish to continue this way for the September and future meetings.

There will be a very limited number of hard copies at the meeting for visitors to the Lodge though the hard copies of the Newsletter will be available at the Festive Board.

The cost savings not only enable us to keep fees down but also enable W.Bro. Ramesh Parmar, our Treasurer, to be able to offer members subsidies for dining at

the Lodge of Instruction Festival as well as when we are visiting other Lodges to support members

Finally, W.Bro Ken repeats what has been said on page 1 of this newsletter – A doubles Twin initiation is a very special Meeting on 28th Septembers.

MIDDLESEX PROVINCIAL FETE

We liaised with Bro. Veni Vaghela, now a member of the New Broomfield Lodge at West Ealing, for the Middlesex Provincial Fete at the Girls School at Rickmansworth. We shared a stall with Nkokonjeru Lodge. The Fete opened at 12 noon, and we sold over one hundred portions of Chicken Curry by 2.00pm.

The work was done by W.Bro. Hari Patel, who produced the unique equipment and the curry, Veni & Mrs. Vaghela & W.Bro. Ken Sinclair.

£150 was contributed to the Fete Charity Funds. Charity is a major aspect of Freemasonry and the summer edition of Freemasonry Today reports that the Grand Charity, to which we all contribute granted exceeding 37 million last year. They made 1,930 Masonic Relief Grants totally £3,478,700 with non-masonic grants came to £2,928,900.

The Gift Aid Envelope Scheme continued to grow around 72,000 envelopes being processed to raise more than £700,000 included Gift Aid tax reclaimed.

Total Gift Aid tax reclaimed during the year on all qualifying donations amounted to Around £750,000.

CHANGE OF DATE

The December meeting of Kenelm has been Changed to Wednesday, December 15th. Originally planned for December 22nd we considered it was too near Christmas so after consulting with the Centre as when there was an available date it was necessary to apply to the Provincial Grand Office to change the date for the previous week. Dates of Lodge meetings are planned by the Province in order that they do not clash with other meeting and can be accommodated by the Centre.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION FESTIVAL



There was a special reason for the Lodge of Instruction Festival to be an Initiation this year, when it was held on June 23rd. It particularly helped Bro. NC Patel to rehearse the Junior Deacon work which he will be using in the meeting on September 28th. Bro. Jay Shah was in the Chair of King Solomon, with W.Bro. Hari Patel taking the Senior Warden's chair and Bro. Neel Parmar took the Junior Warden's chair. Senior Deacon was Bro. Ali Musani, The working tools were explained by Bro. Frank Dobkin, while W.Bro. Ken Sinclair did the Chaplain's work. Preceptor W.Bro. John Cook gave an excellent rendition of the Charge to the Initiate. There were two initiates Bro. Kaushik Shah and Bro. Manu Ram. After the meeting all concerned went to the Taste of China Restaurant in Harrow

CARD FROM THE QUEEN



W.Bro. Les Howard and his wife Joan received a greetings card from the Queen for their Diamond Wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 31st, which was celebrated at a BBQ held at their daughter Sue's home in Twyford. He invited W.Bro. Ken Sinclair and W.Bro. Ralph Miller to the event.

They both are very well and we hope that soon we will see W.Bro. Les in the Lodge

RMBS & MSF

The average age of people living in RMBS homes is 90. Many of the older homes were built with only one lift. New lifts have been installed to ensure that residents can still move about freely if one lift is out of use. If you need to know more about the RMBS homes contact the Almoner

The Masonic Samaritan Fund is now responsible for providing grants for funding mobility aids and equipment as well as home adaptations for medical reasons.

Mobility scooters and rise and recline chairs are two very popular aids requested but the list of aids the Fund can provide is

extensive and includes stair lifts,(for homes, cars and baths) wheelchairs, power wheelchairs and specialist beds.

You should contact the Lodge Almoner who will make contact with the Fund for confidential advice about eligibility in particular the requirement to confirm the financial need.

GOLF DAY AT STANMORE



There were a number of changes in the Golf Tournament this year. The event was moved to Stanmore Golf Club and the event was run in connection with Humility and Fortitude Lodge, which is the Lodge that Treasurer W.Bro. Ramesh Parmar is the Secretary.

In addition we introduced a special charity activity, Sponsor a Hole for £25. This was a great success with eight holes being sponsored.

Winner of the event was W.Bro Vinod Pankhania, runner up W. Bro Nirmal Shah, and the winning non-masonic visitor was Jayesh Patel. Other prizes were Longest Drive won by W. Bro Vinod Pankhania and nearest to pin won by Hasu Devlia.

Next year's golf day will be May 11th.

The Middlesex Masonic Golf Section held their Golf Day at Northwood Golf Club on June 4th. There were 132 starting from two tees the first players finishing at 3.30pm and the last at 6.00pm. Pro. Provincial Grand Master Roger Croome presented the prizes and a cheque for £1000 was presented to comedian Brian Bevan.

The Sections next event is the Kenneth Reed Inter Lodge Cup competition which this year takes place on a single day which is a change from the past. Kenneth Reed

will present the cup in person at Pinner Golf Club on October .

FROM W.Bro. JOE DAWSON

With a new Masonic season coming up as KENELM Royal Arch Representative it is my duty to ask if any of our Master Masons are ready and willing to complete their third degree by becoming a Royal Arch Mason.

Royal Arch Chapters are usually smaller than craft Lodges and tend to generate a very friendly atmosphere, any who is interested please contact Joe and he can give guidance and arrange a suitable Chapter to join.

W.Bro. Joe also runs a small group to visit some of the very small Chapters that exist and we pay our own dining fee, so if you already are a Royal Arch Mason and would like to join our group or even take part in the ritual, please contact W.Bro. Joe and let him know you are interested.

As a reminder, W.Bro. Joe's address is 10, Oberon Court, Patron Way East, Denham Garden Village, Bucks UB9 5NP

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed. Sept. 8th First Lodge of Instruction

Meeting of the year

Wed. Sept. 15th LOI Officers Night

Wed Sept. 22nd LOI Officers Night

Tues.Sept. 28th KENELM MEETING

Mon. Oct. 18th Windmill Hill Lodge

Meeting Passing of

Bro Manu Ram

Mon. Nov. 1st. Harrow Lodge Meeting

Tues. Dec. 15th KENELM MEETING

Mon. Jan. 10th Elizabethan Lodge

Meeting

Tues. Feb. 16th KENELM MEETING

"All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim; have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible"