

FEBRUARY

February – A Month where Love is in the air! Brotherly Love and St. Valentine's Day
(Also the month when I made my entrance into this Mortal Life)

Grand Lodge Tercentenary/Provincial Bicentenary Celebrations

Activities are already happening Brethren and variety is indeed the spice of Life! Please choose to be part of this joyous year involving your families and friends! I am so looking forward to leading a West Riding delegation to the celebrations at the Royal Albert Hall in October and it looks as if we have been able to accommodate everyone that requested a ticket for a "Once-in-a-Lifetime" (or many lifetimes!) occasion. I note that a Tercentenary Master's Collar Ornament is now been authorised by UGLE. Locally, the support from Harrogate Borough Council is a most welcome delight with floral displays in the shapes of the Tercentenary/Bicentenary logos in Harrogate and Ripon.

The 24th of June is the actual day of the Tercentenary and I would ask Lodges and Masonic Halls to consider opening their doors to the public on that day to show what we do, what we are and just how proud we are of our wonderful Order.

If you choose to obtain a Tercentenary breast jewel please wear with pride on all Masonic occasions when regalia is permitted to be worn.

RMBI 2017 Festival – The conclusion of five years of hard work for our Charity

Nearly there Brethren! The finish line is in sight! I know that Lodges are finalising plans to submit the last donations for the Festival. Conscious that this is family money, I am amazed and delighted at the generosity that has been shown since the start of the Festival. Thank-you indeed Brethren! *Now to the banquet we press!*

Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting – 2nd of May – Harrogate

I can promise at least one "exotic visitor" from a Foreign Constitution and we do not get many Past Grand Masters at our meetings! This will be a meeting of great celebration and I would like to see Masters, Wardens and Master Masons in attendance.

Finally – it looks as though Spring may well have sprung? The sun is shining and everything is looking good for a glorious year ahead. I hope to meet as many Brethren and their families as I possibly can in this year of great celebration.

My love and very best wishes to you and yours as always.

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Provincial Grand Master