

November



My Beloved Brethren.....

News and Views to Educate, Entertain and Enthuse!

Tercentenary (1) – Royal Albert Hall Celebration Event

Citing the modern Welsh Bard – Max Boyce: *“We were there!”*

Yes indeed we were there in great numbers for a splendid occasion. I could wax lyrical for pages however do take time out to see what actually happened that will confirm the fact that we did indeed: *“Unite in the Grand Design of being happy and of communicating happiness!”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ciNkEPBGc-o>

Tercentenary (2) – Exceptional First Appointments to Provincial Grand Rank

My hearty congratulations to those worthy Brethren on whom I have conferred the rank of *PProvGStwd* as part of the Tercentenary celebrations as a first appointment in Provincial Grand Lodge. I shall look forward to investing the recipients at Castle Grove Masonic Hall, Leeds on Friday, 2nd of February 2018. This will be another first for this Province!

Family and friends will be most welcome to witness the investiture as I will have “Called Off” Provincial Grand Lodge.

Tercentenary (3) – 2018 Initiates

I am indeed heartened by the fact that nearly 200 men were Made Freemasons in our Province in our Tercentenary Year of 2017. As promised, I will be presenting special certificates at events throughout the Province starting in late January 2018 that will start with the delivery of the Ancient Charge. Families and Friends will also be most welcome to attend to support our new made Brothers. The increased interest created by Tercentenary activities inspires me to believe that 2018 will see an increase in membership.

Early indications of ever increasing interest in the Craft are very positive indeed.

Wanted! Talent! I’m looking for Talented Brethren for important Provincial Activities!

You will see that I need a Data Protection Officer and also a number of motivational and capable communicators to support an important 2018 Provincial Project concerning membership. Do not be shy! Personal rank or length or service is not important. I need professional talent to ensure that our magnificent Province thrives.

Interested? Please send your details to: malcolm.whiteley.wrprovince@talktalk.net

2018 Provincial Quiz

The details are now in circulation. A Team from your Lodge? If not - Why not?

Area 4 Masonic Lodges Annual Charity Ball – Saturday, 3rd of February 2018

Magna Science Centre - Templeborough - Rotherham

Well done Area 4! - As Music is one of the liberal Arts and Sciences, an evening involving the *“Magic of the Musicals”*..... Sounds terrific! I know that booking forms are in circulation.

My request is that there should be much more of this type of activity bringing Brethren, family and friends together please Brethren.

New Publication - A History of Craft Freemasonry in Sheffield

My congratulations to WBro. John Wade, *PAGDC* for bring such an important document of very high quality into being. Contact details for more information: j.wade@sheffield.ac.uk

My Diary – An Eclectic Month of Diverse Activities including.....

Royal Arch Provincial Grand Chapter – My thanks to EComp. Stewart Carley, our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, for the courtesies extended to me and especially for the warmth of the welcome received at a splendid Provincial Convocation held at Bradford.

Lodge Closure - The work of St. John's Lodge No: 4779 having been completed, the Warrant of the Lodge was returned to me in due and proper form at the last meeting of the Lodge where many Brethren from many Lodges met in love and harmony. The excellent Festive Board was fitting tribute to the significance of the occasion.

Lodge closures are always tinged with sadness however we must not be downhearted.

The great work of any Lodge in having contributed to the greater Masonic edifice should always be a cause for lasting celebration and happy memories.

Welcome Royal Arch Chapter Centenary Meeting – It was a pleasure to support the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of the Royal arch Province at an excellent Centenary Convocation held at Sheffield.

Provincial Full Team Visit – We were treated to a splendid Initiation ceremony at Rugby Football Lodge No: 9811, Huddersfield. It was indeed a sparkling evening of enjoyment with the 2017/18 Provincial Team in great spirits. "Oh! What a night!"

Installation - Knaresborough Priory Lodge No: 4171 - A sheer delight in good company! I did chuckle after the Festive Board having implored the Brethren to cuddle and kiss their wives and partners. The Lodge Ladies then arrived having enjoyed a wonderful meal locally. One wife looked quizzically at her husband after being so cuddled and kissed with the challenge: "*What have you done wrong then?*" I leapt to my Brother's defence confirming that it had been my instruction! 😊

And Finally for November as the end of 2017 approaches:

At this time of year it is a pleasure to say:

Thank you my Brethren for all your hard work and efforts in our wonderful Tercentenary year of 2017. I promise you, 2018 will be even better!

My Fraternal and also Festive best wishes to you and yours as ever!

RWBro. David S. Pratt – Provincial Grand Master