



Festive Cheer

Brethren,

Its that time of year again, when some reflect on the past year and look forward to the new year ahead. The Installation season is in full swing and I would like to express my sincere congratulations to all of the New RWM's and Office bearers throughout the province and beyond and wish you all a very successful year in office.

December brings with it our own AGM (1st December – Tonight), and all going well, our own WSW Bro Peter Walker will be duly nominated and elected for the forthcoming year.

Looking back, it has been a very quick year for myself at the helm of the Lodge. I have had great support from every brother within the lodge both at our regular meetings and also on our travels.

I can only hope that that support continues for the remainder of my term as RWM.

Prior to the Christmas festivities we also have our WSW degree on the 15th December, where Peter will be at the reigns for the Entered Apprentice degree.

As well as the festivities ahead I would also ask you to spare a thought for those who are no longer with us.

At the time of writing this, I focus on Bro Cliff Paterson, who sadly passed to the Grand Lodge Above last week. Cliff was a very good attender to the lodge and a faithful servant and our thoughts go out to all of Cliff's family especially at this time of year. Also think about the servicemen and women who are doing their duty near and far and who won't be home for christmas.

On a lighter note I would like to wish each and every one of you, along with your families, a very Merry Christmas and an extremely prosperous New Year

Remember...if there is anything you would like to see included in this newsletter, please email the Bro Secretary direct. (bod101uk@yahoo.co.uk)

Fraternal Wishes

Scott

"...reflect on the past year and look forward to the year ahead."

Happy Birthday:

Bro Peter Walker (WSW) celebrates his birthday on the 12th

Happy Birthday Peter.

Obituary:

Sadly Bro Cliff Paterson passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Saturday 26th November. Cliff affiliated to our Lodge on the 25th April 1985. He held many minor positions within the lodge over the last 25 years and was a faithful Servant. Our thoughts are with his family at this very difficult time. Arrangements are still to be finalised.

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1658 Visitation:

On the 8th November the lodge visited Lodge Almondale No1658 to confer the FC degree. A very good turn out from the lodge swelled the columns. Following the degree a few hours of harmony was enjoyed by both Lodges. The RWM would like to thank all of the brethren who accompanied him on this occasion.

November Degrees:

The month of November saw 1186 conferring the MM degree. This was an emblematical degree and Bro Alan Rennie **VOLUNTEERED** as the candidate! The second meeting of the month saw Lodge Oak No877 confer the MMM degree on Bro's Nathan Brown and Andrew Hamilton in an excellent manner

Test Fees:

Test fee are now due.

Test Fees are still currently £30

Donations are always welcome from Life members

Future Articles:

Should any brother have any articles of interest, photographs etc., trips down memory lane, then please submit them to the Bro Secretary, PM Bro Alan Borsbey at the following email address...

bod101uk@yahoo.co.uk

Please note:

Only photographs sanctioned by the owner will be used.

Is Father Christmas a Freemason?:

Let us consider the facts....Whom does this remind you of....

A worthy gentleman, who is (we must admit) getting on a bit in years and is perhaps a little overweight, who wears a very distinctive costume as the badge of his activities, who provides the opportunity for friends and visitors to meet in fellowship, who is surrounded by secrecy and mystery, dispenses goodwill and charity of gifts all over the world and is there doing it year after year.

All reports have him coming from the North Pole. As the sun rises in the east to open and enliven the day, and with him needing to finish the world before Dawn, then he would have to begin in the East and move towards the West. Therefore Father Christmas must begin his journey at the North east corner of the world. This is exactly what we do as an entered apprentice.

Similarly, you would assume he would finish heading for home, which would place him in the North West corner at the end of his work. Convincing Proof?

To tell the younger ones the secret of Santa, to break the faith that they should have kept, your punishment of them pointed out that they were void of all moral worth and totally unfit to be received at the dinner table.

Surely all of this evidence shows us that Father Christmas is a Freemason! He practices Brotherly Love and Relief, we are happy to meet him at the Christmas Season and sorry to part after.

So, I feel we can safely say that Father Christmas is indeed a Freemason. Not only does he show so many signs and tokens of being one, but he brings us the message that we, as Freemasons, can heed for the whole year....

Peace on Earth and Goodwill towards all Men!

Have a Very Merry Christmas and an Extremely Prosperous New Year



Petitions:

There is currently one initiation petition pending. Mr Christopher Andrew Hamilton. Ballot takes place on the 15th December. Please see the Bro Secretary for Application / Affiliation forms.

Mark Your Diaries:

1 st Dec	AGM Nomination and Election of Office Bearers (1186 Members Only)
15 th Dec	Reg Meeting. EA Degree conferred by WSW

Merry Christmas

5 th Jan	Reg Meeting.EA Degree conferred by 1658
9 th Jan	Committee Meeting
19 th Jan	Reg Meeting. FC Degree conferred by 272