



# FORUM

THE NEWSLETTER FOR SUFFOLK FREEMASONS

February, 2001

Jane Reynolds pictured relaxing in the new reminiscing room at Cornwallis which she officially opened on the occasion of her last visit as chief exec of RMBI. The room is fitted out in 1940's style and is well worth a visit, Jane has now moved on to pastures new and we wish her well, and thank her for the excellent job she has done.



## Back in Time at Cornwallis Court



## GOLF CHALLENGE

The Sudbury lodges issued a challenge to the Braintree lodges in the form of a golf day at Newton Green. Although the weather could have been kinder, there was a splendid turnout and an enjoyable meal after. In the event Braintree won by a whisker and £310 was raised, to be divided equally between Cornwallis Court and Stisted.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Pam and I wish all the Brethren and their families a happy, prosperous and a New Year of good health.

2001 brings a fresh crop of masonic events and challenges, all of which, I am sure, we will enjoy and, where necessary, rise to the occasion.



We are now entering a new phase in our charitable giving with the New Masonic Samaritan Festival in 2009. I am confident that, with the commitment and energy so clearly available in our Province, the eight years remaining will provide us with more than ample time to achieve both a satisfying and successful outcome. Robert JR Tile

# THE LONG HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

*W.Bro Alf Pannell (Suffolk) and W.Bro. Leslie Coburn (South Africa)*

The story of two WWII friends and the Masons of Northumberland and Suffolk. W.Bro. W. Ray Jackson, Orient Lodge No.4085, Province of Suffolk

## Part One: THE WAR AND VISITS TO ESSEX AND DURHAM

The story begins in WWII. Alf Pannell, Essex born, was called up and in 1942 was sent to the Far East with Combined Operations. There he teamed up with a North East lad, Leslie Coburn, a shipwright on the Tyne, and they soon became the best of friends. When leave came they got together and visited each others homes, in Sible Hedingham, Essex, and Boldon Colliery, County Durham. Leslie had two sisters, Alice and Mary, and they also became good friends of Alf.

Alf left the navy in 1946 and he and Leslie last met in Essex in that year. In time, Leslie and his two sisters got married and the family split up. Alf lost contact. All that he recalled was that Leslie had emigrated, possibly to South Africa, while Mary had settled in Wallsend, Northumberland, and that Alice had emigrated to North America.

## Part Two: INSTALLATION, INITIATION AND THE SEARCH

1996 was my installation year in the Chair in Orient Lodge 4085, Suffolk. My Mother Lodge is St. Luke's Lodge 6564 and I had the pleasure of taking a small team of Norfolk and Suffolk Masons to St. Luke's Lodge in September of that year. On learning that my son, Piers was to be initiated into Orient Lodge in October, a party of twelve Northumberland Masons decided to pay a return fraternal visit.

This was an opportunity which Alf could not resist and at the festive board he talked to them all seeking to find if anyone knew of the whereabouts of the Coburn family. He was in luck - one recalled Mary and her husband but thought that they had moved away from the locality. He agreed to place an advert in the Newcastle Journal but there was no response. It later transpired that Mary had died but her husband, while getting the Journal, did not read the advertisement. Alice also had died. The End?

## Part Three: REUNION AND ALFS THANK'S

Every month, Mary's husband would send a few Newcastle Journals to his niece, the daughter of Alice, in the States. Fortunately, one of those he sent contained the advertisement, which she read, and contacted her father in Atlanta who then rang Alf and informed him that the advertisement would be relayed to Leslie.

Then in 1998, Alf received a telephone call. It was Leslie. He had settled in Zimbabwe. Leslie arranged to visit Alf and duly arrived in Lowestoft in August. One day Leslie asked 'Tell me Alf, how did you manage to trace me.' This was a question that Alf had anticipated but being cautious and mindful of who had been of assistance was reluctant to answer in full. But he took the plunge.

'Leslie, I have to tell you that I am a Mason and when all usual searches failed I decided to get the help of some Geordie Masons' and Alf then told the whole story. When he finished Leslie responded, 'Well Alf, I understand your caution but that assistance does not surprise me, because I am a Mason also.' And Alf has only one thing to say '52 years of a friendship lost has been resumed, thanks to you, Geordie Masons.'



*At Cornwallis the new hairdressing salon was opened and the picture shows the ribbon ceremony pictured front Ken Roberts chairman of friends, and Mrs Roberts (no relation) a resident, standing behind L to R Julie Wright home manager, Mrs Williams resident, Tony Green, Fundraising secretary. Back row, L to R Sandra Bartrup hairdresser, Henry Bland Vice chair and John Webster Sec.*



*£750 from the Suffolk Masonic golf society, W.Bro Derek Eastham captain of the society in 1999/2000 is pictured presenting a cheque to W.Bro Canon Ken Roberts at the annual strawberry fair at Cornwallis Court.*

## PREPARATION OF CANDIDATES

Many distinguished Brethren have offered the reason for Candidates mode of dress prior to initiation or subsequent Degrees, as there is no actual theory to be found in Masonic Ritual. The following is offered, based on a paper written by the late W.Bro. Air Commodore Sowman a distinguished researcher, about 1976-77, when a member of Wayside Lodge No.1395.

**THE DARK SUIT, WHITE SHIRT, BLACK TIE** being the symbols of light/darkness and the joys and sorrows of life.

**THE BLINDFOLD:** The revealing of Masonic light (ie VSL, Square and Compasses) when removed.

**THE BARING OF ARM/S:** The left indicating the willingness to work. The right to work on the rough ashler. Both

arms to work on the perfect ashler, indicating the perfect Mason.

**THE BARING OF THE KNEE/S:** indicated that there should be nothing material between the VSL and the kneeling stool when taking obligations.

**THE MULE ON FOOT/FEET:** This is symbolic of the removal of shoes and the wearing of slippers when entering the Ancient Temple.

**BARING OF BREAST/S:** To expose the heart on which the poinard, square and compass are placed, depending on the Degree.

As a Tyler for many years, I have found the above most useful in allaying many myths when preparing Candidates.

*W.Bro G W Morris PPJGD - Lodge of Dawn No.8799 and Selig Lodge No.9459*

## A TESTIMONIAL FROM WAVENEY LODGE

The last two decades from our 137 years of existence have proved to us, that kindness begets kindness. Not a new idea in masonry but one which members of our families and our non Masonic friends have illustrated in no small way to Waveney Lodge. A parallel, which if continued throughout the world, would make the whole world, a much better place.

I write now of the relationship between the Waveney Ladies Supper Club and Waveney Lodge. The supper club really means Edna Woolsey and Kathy Hall together with their friends. Lodge was placed in a position with the help of the ladies to purchase the building which housed the Temple. Then with their financial aid the lower rooms were converted into a dining room, the kitchen area refitted and modernised. New equipment in the shape of Cooker, Refrigerator and all the necessary cooking pots and pans and so forth appeared together with Tables and Chairs. What more could we ask for our Fairy-God Mothers, Oh yes, the meals, these, cooked to the satisfaction of the members and so many visitors and at a price that left others wondering how we managed to find such aid. The antiquated heating system like many of us, ageing, and needing help, was viewed and a suggested replacement was again taken so it was and replaced. Again this was paid for by the Ladies Supper Club.

Ill health however now has overtaken Kathy, and to our great regret Edna finds it impossible to continue on such a responsible undertaking alone. Our last meal by them was the September Festive Board but it is not the end of their help, because, over the years the sum of £4,000, a loan when we purchased the building, has been donated to the Lodge by the Ladies Supper Club together with an extra gift of over two thousand pounds which has allowed the refurbishing of the Temple.

With our heart felt thanks, we close a chapter in our history hoping that kindness such as this reflects the image we ourselves hope to project. An approximate sum exceeding £17,500 in total might just cover all the aforementioned aid, but their kindness and sincerity coupled with continuity over the years, is a perfect target for us who know Masonry for what it really is.

So our prayers and sincere wishes are for you Kathy and Edna and to all your helpers over the years who we have come to know and they to know the spirit of Masonry for what it is.





W.Bro. Barry Ross, Provincial Grand Secretary presenting a cheque for £2,500 to Mr. Roger Curtis Fundraising Manager of St. Nicholas Hospice on behalf of the Grand Charity under the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Charity is supporting 196 Hospices throughout England and Wales in 2000 with donations amounting to over £490,000



W.Bro. Michael Leighton, Provincial Grand Almoner, presenting a cheque for £2,900 to Mrs. Rosie Norton, Fundraising Manager of St. Elizabeth Hospice on behalf of the Grand Charity of Freemasons under the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Charity is supporting 196 Hospices throughout England and Wales in 2000 with donations amounting to over £490,000.



W.Bro. Michael Leighton Provincial Grand Almoner of Suffolk presenting a cheque of £2,600 to Mrs. Lisa Moss and Mrs. Sheila Gauld, Senior Staff Nurses of East Anglia's Childrens Hospice (Ipswich) for the benefit of Ipswich and Quidenham Children's Hospice on behalf of the Grand Charity of Freemasons under the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Charity is supporting 196 Hospices throughout England and Wales in 2000 with donations amounting to £492,500.



## THE £2.00 COIN

*With apologies to Pam Ayres...*  
I read in the 'Essex Freemason'  
An acknowledged Pam Ayres type of rhyme  
On the work of a Deacon's commitment  
To study and allocate time  
To read up his Ritual and make sure  
On the night when his duties fall due,  
He refrains from saying 'I know it', then discovers  
he hasn't a clue.

Another article thanking the brethren  
Written by Bro. Clive Flint  
Expounded the problem of sterling,  
And proposed action by the Royal Mint.  
The reasons are painfully obvious  
The Pound Coin is used in such haste,  
And Bro. Clive Flint is correct in this statement,  
'The One Pound Coin should be replaced.'

This rhyme being very attractive  
It didn't take long to catch on  
To write yet another Pam Ayres poem,  
This time on Alms and so on.  
Alms Boxes are eternally grateful  
For the gifts and donations that flow,  
But concern is they're static,  
not matching inflation,  
are stunted - unable to grow!

Clive states Half a Crown was considered  
A coin that did a good job  
Until was replaced in year 1970  
By a little brown note called Ten Bob  
It gave us 400% increase  
And brought to Collections more cheer,  
But alas, only lasted a short circulation  
and was withdrawn in just under a year.

For twenty years we have contributed  
An average of £1 per head  
Inflation has risen Five Hundred Per Cent,  
Which means the Pound Coin is now dead.  
How can our poor widows and brethren  
Be maintained on such a decline  
In their standard of living and help  
we are giving when some could be on the bread line.

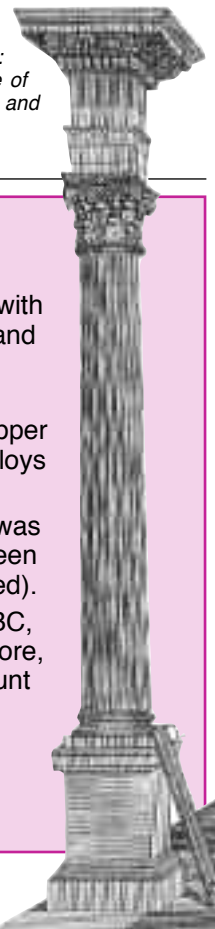
Many Masons do more than their fair share  
This poem is not a complaint  
A man is applauded who gives of his best,

Is sincere, a good man and a Saint.  
When next in the Bar, just pause and display  
A coin valued only One Pound  
And see how many drinks that coin will bring forth,  
especially when buying a round.

There IS a coin out that's worth double  
£2 to be accurate and true,  
If this could replace that dead One Pound Coin,  
Consider what work it will do.  
Where are these Two Pounders we mention?  
Supplies from the Mint must have dried  
Don't worry, just pick out a COUPLE of Pounders,  
they'll be gratefully received and applied.

Imagine the result of this effort  
In place of a Ten there's a Score,  
This means the Columns are doubled in size,  
No-one can expect any more.  
It is here we must finish our poem,  
I am sure Pamela Ayres would be pleased  
If we all set to JOIN in this cause for more COIN  
and set Charity Stewards at ease.

*With acknowledgments to:  
W.Bro. Clive S. Flint Lodge of  
Good Fellowship No.276 and  
The Essex Mason.*



## UndergradAid

The MTGB has launched a new bursary scheme for students.

The abolition of Local Authority Student Maintenance Grants makes it harder for many Masonic families to support a child at university or tertiary college. As well as the existing Scholarships awarded to Beneficiaries, the Trust is now offering smaller Bursaries - currently £1,000 per year - to other Masonic children.

The scheme, known as UndergradAid, has been warmly welcomed by members of the Craft who have already heard of it. Details are being sent to all Lodge Secretaries.

Potential applicants should telephone or email the Trust for an application form as soon as possible. The means-testing is generous, so please encourage everyone to apply.

*Your sincerely and fraternally, John Chambers*

**Question:** Were the pillars of Solomon's Temple made of brass or bronze?

**Answer:** The Hebrew word which appears in connection with the story of the Temple Pillars in 1 Kings 7 as 'nehoshet' and is translated as 'brass' in the Geneva Bible, and in the Authorised Version.

Brass is an alloy consisting mainly if not exclusively of copper and zinc; in its older use the term was applied rather to alloys of copper and tin, known as bronze.

The brass in the Bible was probably bronze, and so also was much of the brass of later times, until the distinction between zinc and tin became clearly recognised, (Ency. Brit. 14th ed).

The word bronze is believed to date back to before 2000BC, in Egypt and the Near East, and it seems probably, therefore, that despite the use of the word brass in the biblical account the Pillars were made of bronze.

So there you have it, when you next deliver the second degree tracing board, think carefully about that section of the ritual, but stick to the little book!

# Around the Lodges

## A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Fellowship (Widows) based in Gt. Yarmouth. Held their Annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday 14th December, 2000. As lodges from both Norfolk and Suffolk meet at Gt. Yarmouth, and the club having members from both, they were honoured by the presence of both Provincial Grand Masters.

57 members and guests enjoyed an excellent lunch, with tea and mince pies in the afternoon, W.Bro. Bruce wished the ladies a happy Christmas in reply to the Chairmans welcome.



Photo R to L Chairman, Mrs. R. Carter. PGM Norfolk RW.Bro. I Bruce. Mrs. P. Tile PGM Suffolk, RW.Bro. R. J. R. Tile

## FIFTY YEARS OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

On the 19th April Excellent Companion Don Standish received his 50 year certificate together with 4 Edinburgh crystal brandy glasses from the Grand Superintendent Excellent Companion W. H. Hughes.



The three Principals of Felix Chapter No.2371 presented the necessary bottle of brandy. At the Festive Board there was a further presentation of a celebration cake and also flowers for Mrs. Standish.

A congratulatory letter was received from the Hastings Chapter No.6035 in the Province of Northumberland in which Don was exalted. His father was a founder member and Secretary.

## DORIC LODGE No.81

### DORIC MEETS DORIC!

Friday 18th February, 2000 saw five members of Doric Lodge No.81, leave England via the high speed ferry from Harwich, to visit the brethren of Doric Lodge No.886 (GC) in Osnabrück, Germany, for their installation meeting. It is believed that this is the first time that members of Doric Lodge have travelled to the European mainland for a fraternal visit. Our journey 'on the other side' was uneventful except that we had an unguided tour of Hilversum on the way - in other words we got lost!

However, our arrival at about 7.30pm was on time and we were received at the Lortzinghaus, the Masonic Temple in Osnabrück which is owned by the German Lodge, Loge zum Goldenen Rade (Lodge of the Golden Wheel) and used by our hosts by mutual agreement. The Golden Wheel emblem forms part of the insignias of the Osnabrück Lodges and has been adopted by Doric Lodge as their badge but which also included the top of the Doric Column, thus representing the second craft lodge formed in the city. We had a conducted tour of the building and were given a potted history of Freemasonry in Osnabrück both before and after the second world war. There is a degree of poignancy when one enters a particular room where there is a collection of photographs of the Masters from the pre-war years and one becomes very conscious of the fate of many of those brethren.

As some of the brethren and visitors can travel considerable distances to the lodge, breakfast is provided from 9.30am onwards and the Lodge is opened at 11.00am. Most of the brethren are either serving members of HM Forces or have retired there from and have decided to remain in Germany in their chosen career. There are, however, some local and some Dutch members.

The occasion of our visit was honoured by the presence of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany, MW.Bro. D. F. Gale. This office is only held for a period of three years, after which it is usual for the Deputy Grand Master to succeed.

Emulation ritual is used so there were no problems with either ceremony or language. An excellent Festive board followed the installation festival and during the speeches we were presented with a print of one of the old gates of entry into Osnabrück, drawn and signed by W.Bro. Bob Garrett, a member of the Lodge, to commemorate our visit. This drawing is also inscribed with the badges of the various Masonic degrees which meet in the city. A wine goblet was also presented, to be used at our Festive Board by our Worshipful Master for the time being, as a further permanent reminder of the occasion. Books on the history of the Lodge, consecrated in 1963, were given to each of us with an additional copy for our Lodge records.

All too soon the celebrations were over and we retired to our hotel in the early evening to change and enjoy the rest of our short stay. Having completed a most pleasant weekend, with all of us being convinced that we had, over the past two or three days, made a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge.

We are hoping that a return visit to Suffolk can be arranged for the Autumn, when we will be able to offer hospitality similar to that so warmly given to us. Our thanks go to W.Bro. John Kellas PGS, for initiating the arrangements in Osnabrück, and to VW.Bro. Ken Adrian OSM, PSGW, Secretary of Doric 886, for all the hard work put in to co-ordinating our visit and make it the success it was.

## LODGE OF WISDOM No.9333

It is quite common to hear of fathers installing their sons into the chair.

At the Installation meeting of the Lodge of Wisdom on 14th March the reverse took place. W.Bro. Frank Featherstone PPAGDC (Essex) installed his father Bro. John Featherstone into the Chair.

## MARK MASONS SUPPORT SEA CADETS



The Felixstowe Sea Cadet Corps have benefited from a donation of £400 from the East Anglian Mark Masons Benevolent Fund.

Councillor Doreen Savage, Chairman of the Felixstowe Corps, received the cheque from the Revd. H. R. Chalkley the Chaplain of the Brackenbury Mark Lodge.

## LODGE OF PERFECT FRIENDSHIP No.376



**Crossroads** - As a result of money raising efforts during his year of office, W.Bro. Bob Maynard was able to help "Crossroads", a local voluntary respite care organisation. A cheque of £1000 was presented to Ann Page, the manager of Crossroads by W.Bro. Arthur Tydeman, the Charity Steward watched by W.Bro Bob Maynard at their premises in South Street, Ipswich. Crossroads is a small charitable organisation which tries to provide respite for individual carers, usually a member of the family who has undertaken the responsibility for caring for a near and dear one but without any real respite "back-up" from the state system.

## LODGE OF VIRTUE AND SILENCE No.332

**London Marathon 2000** - Bro. Mac Speake, presenting a cheque for £6,000 to the Sudbury and District Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society raised by sponsorship for the above event. A considerable proportion of which came from Suffolk brethren for which he is most grateful. This year's Marathon was the twentieth running of the event and Bro. Mac is one of only thirty-nine competitors to have completed and finished in all of them.



Left to Right front: Valentine Hurrell, Hilda Colgate, Sheila Boreham, Dr. Mac Speake, Trena Brogue, Barbara Trueman. Back: George Fearn and Ben Trueman.

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# Around the Lodges

## FELIXSTOWE LODGES

In 1994 a Felixstowe masonic bowls league was formed between the four craft lodges meeting at the Masonic Hall in Felixstowe during the close of masonic activities May to September.

We have a bowls supper in September each year when the Croydons silver cup is presented by the chairman's wife, this year being Mrs. Christine Peck and the chairman presenting the runners up cup W.Bro. P. P. Peck.

We also made a generous donation to the Masonic Hall Trust to the chairman of the trust W.Bro. E. M. Hall. It was presented by Mrs. Pam Thwaites the wife of the late W.Bro. Terry Thwaites who was the treasurer and prime worker in funding the bowls league.



Mrs. Pam Thwaites and W.Bro. E. M. Hall Chairman of the Felixstowe Masonic Hall.



Presentation of Winners Cup, Colneis Lodge No.8298 Left to Right Mrs. Joan Caton, W.Bro Ivan Kennell and Mrs Dorothy Kennell, Mrs Christine Peck, presenting Winners Cup - wife of the Chairman.



Runners Up Felixstowe United Service Lodge No.3833 Left to Right Chairman W.Bro. P. P. Peck, Team Bro. Revd N. R. Chalkley, W.Bro. C. Munnings, Bro. L. Bonnett, Mrs. G. Gibson wife of our late Chairman Bro. Garry Gibson.

## ABIFF LODGE

On Thursday September 21st Abiff lodge celebrated its centenary meeting. It was a full house and a new banner was presented to the lodge by the WM W.Bro A R Williams which was then dedicated by W.Bro George Pipe, Fidelity Lodge then presented Abiff with a minute book covering the period before 1900

This book was discovered by W Bro Mike Manly secretary of Fidelity, and traces the demise of Abiffs or Abiff's lodge as it was known, and it links with Fidelity, as it was then a Framlingham Lodge, among the many amusing anecdotes read out an Initiation fee of 5 Guineas in 1814 was a lot of money also a 2/- fine or forfeit was levied on absent brethren to encourage attendance but I can't elp thinking it probably contributed more to its demise in 1826. The book was presented by WBro Stephen Bayfield WM of Fidelity.



WM of Abiff WBro A Williams presenting a cheque for £1000 to the RW Provincial Grand Master for the 2009 Festival.

## BOSMERE LODGE No.9460



Bosmere Lodge on the evening of the dedication of their new banner by WBro Canon Ken Roberts.

## ST. ANDREWS LODGE No.1631

We were very pleased to make donations to four local charities recently which were chosen by the Lodge members. These being "Heartcare", Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind," " BLC Support Group" and "Narcolepsy Associations UK." Each charity received £250. Letters of grateful thanks have been received from them.

On behalf of our Lodge of Instruction No.1631, I am delighted to report that, on a recent visit by our Worshipful Master W.Bro. Cliff Cater to the James Paget Hospital at

## PRIORY LODGE

### PRIORY LODGE IN QUEST FOR GUINNESS.

On Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 28 members from Sudbury lodges but, mostly from Priory under the leadership of the Worshipful Master W.bro Peter Thorogood, flew from Stansted to Dublin; camping beside the river Liffey in a nice little hotel called the Arlington, they decided that before searching for the fount of eternal Guinness, they would accept an invitation into the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as guests of the Grand Master. While this meeting was in progress the ladies were given a conducted tour of the museum and library. However the men began to think their drinks were spiked because the Irish masons were all turned out in coloured shirts and ties, with no white gloves, the only black ties were with the British contingent. It transpired that the ceremony itself was more familiar so order was restored. After the meeting the ladies rejoined, and a wonderful festive board was enjoyed by all. On the next day an invitation to look over the Catholic order of the Knights of St Columbus, and in the evening, Priory Lodge entertained guests from the Irish Grand Lodge to a meal at the hotel. On the final day there was sightseeing and shopping around Dublin and someone finally found the Guinness factory which was followed by a cabaret in the hotel; over which a veil has been discreetly drawn.

This April it seems Priory is to visit Amsterdam, with the Ladies doing the city tour and the men visiting the bulb fields.

*The travel bug seems to have bitten many Lodges, with Felixstowe and STAMP in the East, and Sudbury in the West, what's happening in the North and South? Ed.*

## DIARY DATES

CORNWALLIS COURT

**Strawberry Fair**  
**June 23rd**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**November 24th**

Gorleston-on-Sea, a cheque for £1500 was presented to the Children and Young Persons' Unit. Letters of sincere thanks and details of how the money will be used have been received by our Lodge of Instruction. (This was reported in our local paper).



# Odd Bits...

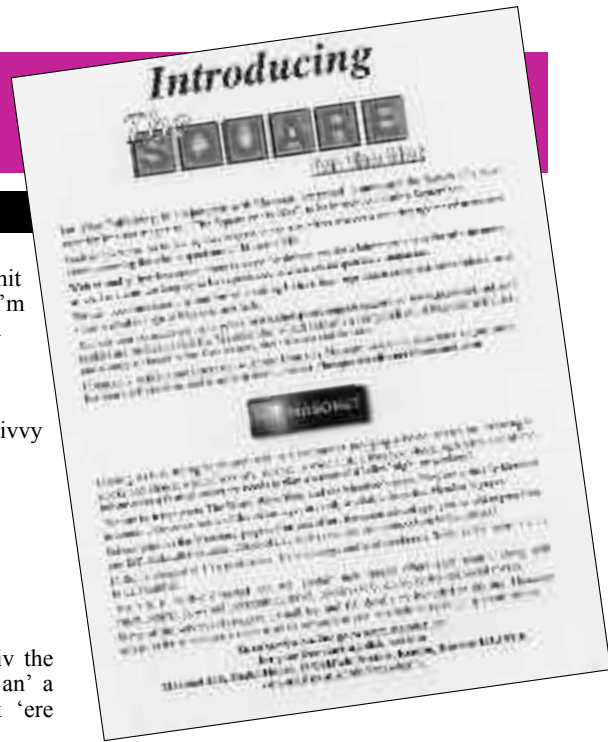
## FROM THE EDITOR OF ALA'S NEWSLETTER

### From the Editor

As most of you know, I carry out quite a lot of Masonic Research, so, knowing how much we have always venerated Holders of London Grand Rank, I thought that you would enjoy the following form of opening a London Lodge, according to the Embrocation Ritual.

WM OK bruvvers, 'ere's the brief. Tickle them ivories, John.  
 WM Bruvvers, 'elp us to open this 'ere gaff.  
 WM Bruvver wotsname, why do we 'ave ter look lively?  
 JW To make sure the wood's in the 'ole Guvnor.  
 WM Well, don't just stand there.  
 JW to IG Oi, sunbeam, you 'eard the man.  
 IG to JW Done, John.  
 JW to WM Done, Guv.  
 WM to SW The next bit?  
 SW to WM To see that the Bruvvers are all in the Firm.  
 WM Come on Bruvvers, shake a leg.  
 WM to JW Oi, John, 'ow many top brass is there in this 'ere drum?  
 JW to WM Free, Guv, you 'n' the two oppos wiv cuffs on.  
 WM to SW Bruvver finky, 'ow many uvvers? SW Free, Guv, besides the bouncer, namely the bloke on the door, 'n' the two geezers wive the snooker cues.  
 WM to JW Where's the bouncer, then? JW Outside the gaff, all tooled up.  
 WM to JW Why's that, then? JW 'E's packing a blade in case we're busted, Guv.  
 WM to IG An' you on the door? IG 'Overin' abaht a bit.

WM to IG Wot the 'ell for? IG To check the tickets, admit new punters, an' do wot I'm told by im wiv the cuffs on.  
 WM to JD You wiv the stick, JD Over 'ere, Guv.  
 WM to JD Why? JD To grass to you, Guv, an' chivvy 'em all up a bit.  
 WM to SD You wiv the uvver stick. SD Next to you, Guv.  
 WM to SD Wot for? SD Errand boy, Guv.  
 WM to JW Wot abaht you, John? JW On the sidelines, Guv.  
 WM Why? JW To nip dahn the boozier wiv the Stewards, get some bitter an' a bit o' Grub, an' git back 'ere before chucking-aht time.  
 WM to SW Bruvver finky, wot abaht you? SW Dahn the shallow end, Gov.  
 WM Wot the bleedin' 'ell for? SW to let 'em all know when it's lighting-up time, an' to close the gaff, when all the bruvvers 'ave 'ad their cut.  
 WM to IPM Where's me? IPM At the sharp end, Guv.  
 WM Why's that, then? IPM To keep them lot on their toes, open the gaff an' get 'em all at it. Bruvvers, now that we're all 'ere, it's eyes dahn for a full 'ouse, but before we do, let's get the Boss in the Drawing Office to tip us the wink so there's no aggro.  
 All Nice one, Guvnor!



## SUFFOLK MASONIC BOWLS ASSOCIATION

*President:* R.W.Bro. R. J. R Tile, Prov.GM.  
*Chairman:* W.Bro. W. J. Curtis, PPJGW *Hon Sec:* Bro. George Williamson, *Hon Treasurer:* Bro. Robert A. Johnson.

All matches played at Felixstowe & Suffolk Bowls Club for which we are very grateful.

### COMPETITIONS 2000

- June 8 George Kennard Cup winning rink Bros. T. Kirby, R. Hull and D. Wilson
- June 15 Chairmans Day for the Beecher Trophy Capt's Team won the match Trophy Winners Bros. P. Peck, I. Kennel, A. Norton.
- June 22 Norfolk Masonic Bowls Ass. 6 rinks of triples Norfolk winning the match 103 shots to 97. Suffolk winning rink Bros. T. Kirby, D. Wilson, R. Hull.
- July 6 Presidents Day Winners, Singles Bro. G. Williamson, Pair in the PM Bros. T. Kirby and R. Hull.
- July 20 Bedfordshire M.B.Ass. 6 rinks of triples. Losing 95 shots to 116 our only winning rink Bros. T. Kirby, D. Wilson and R. Hull.
- Aug 24 Essex M.B.Ass. The best weather of the season Suffolk won by 8 shots. Winning rink G. Williamson, Helen Williamson, H. Butler and W. Curtis.
- Sep 7 Bert Dugget Trophy owing to inclement weather played at Felixstowe Leisure Centre. Winners Bros. A. Norton, M. Watson, G. Williamson.

It is hoped 2001 fixtures will be similar to 2000.

### DONATIONS:

- New Masonic Samaritan Fund £50.00
- St. Elizabeth Hospice £50.00
- Constable Blind Bowlers £50.00
- Cornwallis Court £50.00

*New Members Always Welcome* - Contact: Hon Sec. Bro. G. Williamson 01394 284551.

## Editor's notes

May I on behalf of everyone involved with the production of Forum wish all the contributors a very happy new year. There are still a number of lodges that don't communicate with me; I sincerely hope that this will be rectified this year. There is nothing I'd like more than too much material. We are hoping to expand the number of pages soon, how many though really depends on you. Don't forget the ideal for me is a disc and a picture but I'll accept anything really. *Peter Green, 9 Heath Close, Hessett. IP30 9BL. Tel: 01359 270598*

## SOMEBODY ELSE

There's a clever young fellow named "Somebody Else"  
 There's nothing that fellow can't do.  
 He's busy from morning till late at night,  
 Just substituting for you.

You are asked to do this, or asked to do that,  
 And what is your reply?  
 Oh! Why pick on me? Get somebody else.  
 He'll do it better than I.

You've a worn out excuse on the tip of your tongue,  
 Too busy, too something or other  
 When he real truth of the matter is,  
 You simply don't want to bother.

There's so much to do in this weary old world.  
 And there's so much, while the workers so few,  
 And, "Somebody Else" is all tired out,  
 Just substituting for you.

Tis' time that this "Somebody Else" so faithful and true,  
 Gets a much needed vacation,  
 Supposing you start substituting, yes just you,  
 And build your own reputation.

Next time you are asked to do something really worth while,  
 Just give them this reply,  
 If "Somebody Else" can give time and support,  
 My goodness so can I.

You'll be surprised how much joy you can find,  
 Helping wherever you can,  
 Of course you'll get weary, and tired and worn,  
 But, you'll be better woman or man.