



FORUM

The Suffolk Freemasons Newsletter

Winter 2008

The Prestonian Lecture

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Editor's notes



Firstly, may I say how much I appreciated the supportive messages I received after the last edition of Forum.

All the comments seemed to favour the small changes in style that we tried out. However, I am always conscious that this is your magazine and constructive comment on layout and content can only help us improve what we do. I am also delighted to report that stories are coming in from across the county, allowing Forum to be more truly representative of activities throughout the Province.

I am, as ever, stunned by the often innovative and always earnest efforts put in by Lodges to raise money and support others. However, I do sometimes feel that we are not getting all the stories that we might and urge everyone to consider the newsworthiness of what they are doing. Not only does it promote the Lodge within the Province, but can inspire others to greater efforts, to try something new for charity or provide new ideas for social activities. We are also always on the lookout for interesting features such as that in this edition on the Bellamy Bell rung for absent brethren in Abbot Baldwin Lodge.

We have been equally delighted to receive some letters for publication. Please keep these coming in. With so many now on the Internet, and increasingly knowledgeable about such matters, we have included a small feature on masonic websites. Please let us know if you have come across anything that you feel others might find useful or interesting.

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JOTTINGS FROM THE PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY



Welcome to this edition of Forum, which shows what a very busy Masonic year we have all just enjoyed. There have been many highlights. Our Provincial Grand Master consecrated a new Lodge, The Countryside Lodge of Suffolk No 9830, the Prestonian Lecture came to Suffolk, we have held a series of Seminars for Almoners and for new Master Masons and we are pressing ahead with the new Oration scheme. All this in the midst of our commendable support to local charities whilst continuing our build-up to the Festival in 2009.

Once more our Annual meeting was held at Holbrook School and we have again booked the venue for our meeting on Friday May 30th, 2008. Regrettably we have had to increase the dining fee to £33 for this year. This is the actual price we have to pay so there are no subsidies from your payment for guests. We shall continue to include wine within the overall price and whilst we have examined alternatives, we trust you will agree that Holbrook continues to provide good value. Your booking form is included with this copy of Forum and bookings will be dealt with on a "first-come" basis.

WBro Harry Martin of Lodge of Prudence No 388 was unable to be at the Annual meeting to receive his Order of Merit, the PGM and myself were delighted to be able to visit him at his home and make the presentation of this well-earned award.

As you will be aware our Provincial Archives were damaged by flooding, and many books were lost or needed restoration. In view of this we are locating our Archives to a new room at Soane Street in Ipswich which will be more accessible for research and study. If you have any Masonic books, Lodge Histories or Masonic artefacts that would be a useful addition to this collection, they will be gratefully received. Contact the Provincial Office with details and we shall be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

Our PGM was delighted to be able to support the Grand Superintendent at the Christmas Carol Service held at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge, they were well supported by both members of Craft and Chapter.

May I conclude by urging continued support to your Lodge Charity Steward in our final push to meet and possibly exceed our Festival targets for the NMSF.

Support for ABC

After 24 years in a temporary building, the children of the ABC pre-school facility in Foxhall Road Ipswich moved into a new purpose-built centre opened by Mayor Inga Lockington on 16th September. This followed a major fund raising exercise supported by Suffolk County Council, the Lottery fund and many other donors. St Luke's Lodge donated £500 to help cover the outdoor area to enable the children to play outside even in winter. WBro Paul Ketteringham, whose grandchildren attended the original facility, said that the Lodge was delighted to support such a worthy local project.

2007 PRESTONIAN LECTURE



Faith Lodge, No 2438, in Suffolk was the proud host for one of the four Prestonian lectures of the year. RWBro Dr Roieinton Khambatta, a Past Master of the Lodge, presented his lecture on "Grand Secretaries of the United Grand Lodge of England (1813-1980)" to a fascinated audience at an Emergency Meeting of the Lodge at the Suffolk Showground on 20th October.

The lecture, as much a history of Grand Lodge as it was of its Grand Secretaries, was presented with deep knowledge and considerable humour. It was very well received by all present. It was especially fascinating to hear about the, sometimes, tense relationship between Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, a relationship that many might feel is often reflected in private Lodges, and that between Grand Secretaries and the earlier Masonic press. It was equally surprising to hear how long some of the key debates in Masonry such as the establishment of a Metropolitan Grand Lodge, openness in Freemasonry, etc, have been going on.

Lodge Faith was originally consecrated in Karachi, Pakistan, in 1892 but, following the



suspension of Masonry in that country in 1973, was revived in Suffolk in 1986 with Dr Khambatta as its first Master in England. The Lodge now meets in Ipswich on Saturday mornings.

Many first time visitors to the Lodge were particularly interested in the range of Sacred Volumes used by the Lodge, six in all, reflecting the wide range of faiths represented by its members and appropriately reflected in the Lodge name.

Making a presentation, the WM, WBro David Woodard, thanked Dr Khambatta on behalf of all attending, including the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Barry Ross, the current Grand Secretary, VWBro Nigel Brown, and many other Grand Officers and Lodge members and visitors.

Continued Support for Hospices

Suffolk Freemasons continued their support of the local Hospices with major donations made this week, which included £5,100 to the EACH, £3,684 to St Elizabeth Hospice and £2,789 to St Nicholas Hospice. Pictures show the Provincial Grand

Master, Barry Ross, making the presentations to Sue Meades Community Fundraiser EACH, Roger Whomes Donations Officer St Nicholas Hospice and Jemma Darke Fundraising Administrator St Elizabeth Hospice.



Our heartiest congratulations go to two Suffolk Brethren who have recently celebrated their 100th birthdays.

WBro Jimmy Balls celebrated his 100th birthday at a meeting of Abiff Lodge. Jimmy, photographed with the Provincial Grand Master, was initiated into Abiff Lodge in 1945, became its Master in 1960 and has held progressive Provincial Rank culminating in his appointment to PPJGW in 1987. In 1994 he was awarded the Provincial Order of Merit.

WBro John "Jack" Banks PPJGD of Abbot Baldwin Lodge celebrated his 100th birthday on 31st October.



200 UP!

Jack came into Masonry through Euphrates Lodge, was a Founder Member of Abbot Baldwin Lodge in 1975 and became Master in 1980. He was made an Honorary Member in 2004. The PGM wrote a personal

letter of congratulation to Jack to celebrate his birthday and the Master, Secretary and Almoner visited Jack, second from right in photograph, at home to deliver a birthday card from the Lodge.



Suffolk Mason Honoured

Notified too late for the last edition of Forum, our congratulations are offered to Bro Nigel Palmer of Felix Lodge who was awarded the OBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. Chairman of the Merchant Navy Training Board, Bro Nigel was honoured for his work in improving standards among new recruits into the Merchant Navy. As well as his work with the Training Board he has also lent his support to the Maritime Skills Alliance, of which he is Chairman, and is also a Deputy Chairman of Britannia Steam Ship Insurance.

Initiated into Felix Lodge in 1982, Bro Nigel is currently Junior Warden.

New Countryside Lodge

The Countryside Lodge of Suffolk, No 9830, was consecrated at Sudbury Masonic Hall on 28th September. The new Lodge has been set up to attract members from Suffolk and adjacent Provinces who have social and other interests in the betterment and development of the countryside, particularly in Suffolk. The Lodge will meet in Sudbury in September, Lowestoft in November, Ipswich in January and Bury St Edmunds in April.

The consecrating team was led by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Barry Ross, assisted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro Robert Mayhew and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro Reg Rivett together with many of the senior members of the Province. After the Consecration, VWBro Robert Mayhew installed the Lodge's first Master, WBro John Rice, who proceeded to invest the officers of the year.

To commemorate the occasion, the PGM presented the new Master with a ballot box made by WBro Jim Holmes of Stradbroke Lodge.

With an initiate and two joining members already in the pipeline the Lodge looks forward to a long and successful future.



Last August the East Anglian Air Ambulance received donations in excess of £11,000 from the Grand Charity. The donation was made as part of an overall total contribution of £190,000 to all the air ambulance charities in England and Wales. This is the largest single donation to the combined air ambulance charities ever made.

The Provincial Grand Masters of Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk made the presentation to air ambulance staff at their daytime base at RAF Honington.

Simon Gray, Executive Director commented: "We are deeply grateful to the Freemasons for this fantastic show of commitment to the service and also appreciative of



Anglian Masons Keep Air Ambulance Flying

the manner in which the donations are being made. County representatives of each Provincial Grand Lodge are taking the time to make personal appearances to meet the charity workers and crews all over the country."

RWBro Barry Ross, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, said: "We are delighted to be associated with such an invaluable service to the general

public. Many lives are saved each year as a result of the East Anglian Air Ambulance team's dedication and commitment."

The East Anglian Air Ambulance provides a 365 day life-saving service across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and has just extended its operations into Bedfordshire. The service is entirely dependent on individual donations and fund-raising.

The picture shows Provincial Grand Masters Barry Ross (Suffolk), Rodney Wolverson (Cambridgeshire) and John Rushmer (Norfolk) each presenting cheques for £3,750 to Archie Morson, Head of Clinical Quality and Development, East of England NHS Trust. Also pictured are paramedics Martin Bunn and Chris Hawkins with pilot Dave Bentley.

The Bellamy Bell

Abbot Baldwin Lodge received a substantial legacy from the estate of Mrs J M Bellamy in memory of her earlier departed husband, WBro George Ernest Bellamy. He was born in 1906, initiated into Berrylands Lodge in Surbiton in 1945 and joined Abbot Baldwin Lodge in 1976. He passed on in 1985. All his working life he served in the Metropolitan Police and retired with the rank of Detective Superintendent.

The Lodge decided to place the legacy in the Grand Charity Relief Chest, to draw down the interest annually and put this at the disposal of the Master as part of his charitable disbursements for the year. It was further decided that some memorial would be introduced into the Lodge as a

mark of respect and appreciation.

After careful consideration it was decided to commission the Bellamy Bell, a fine hand bell which is inscribed with the Lodge logo, the names of the benefactors and the words 'Absent Brethren'.

The Lodge procedure has been developed and the Bellamy Bell is now placed at the head of the festive board next to the Master's gavel. At nine o'clock the Master calls the Lodge to order with a single gavel knock which is not returned by the Wardens. When all is quiet he rises and, with a single chime of the Bellamy Bell, calls the toast to Absent Brethren.

The inaugural ring took place on 1st October 2007 at the Installation and first meeting of the season.





Hands Across the Sea

WBro Ian Mason (shaking hands with the WM in the photograph) is a regular visitor to Norfolk Lodge in Needham Massachusetts, a town with which Ian feels a strong connection. He has twice been Mayor of our own Needham Market, after which the American town was named in 1711, as well as being the organising secretary of Bosmere Lodge and its second Master, the only Lodge ever consecrated in Needham Market. On his last visit to Norfolk Lodge he gave an explanation of the English working tools which, like much of our ritual, is noticeably different to theirs. Exchanging gifts, Ian received a copy of a book "American Freemasons" signed by the members present at the meeting.

Macmillan Nurses Presentation



Photographed are WBro Trevor Tinley and his wife Karen presenting a cheque to Pauline Douglas, Team Leader for Macmillan nurses. The cheque was presented by them after a successful fund raising barbecue of St Luke's Lodge, arranged by the Chief Steward Peter Walls.

They raised the sum of £1,270. This brings to date the grand sum of £2,852 pledged to Macmillan nurses from St Luke's Lodge. This money is going to the local Macmillan nurses to help people suffering from cancer in this locality.

"As Freemasons, we are heirs and custodians, of a rich, and deeply spiritual and moral tradition, one which involves a journey to the very heart of each man's life. As we have received it we want to be able to pass it, in good health, to those who come after us."

"There is no formal occasion within the Lodge for exploring the richness and depth of this tradition"

that have been undertaken within the Provinces on recruitment, retention and retrieval of members. In Suffolk we have been very active with our efforts which have been mainly directed towards retention.

For our next step the Provincial Grand Master is fully supportive of the new Oration Scheme which is being introduced, throughout England and Wales, by Grand Lodge, following successful pilot testing in the West Country. It is

It is considered that, for too long, we have studied the form of Masonry and not concentrated enough on content. Freemasonry is a Journey of self-discovery and the Orations are designed to encourage the sharing of ideas and the personal interpretations of the symbolic content of our rituals and literature.

The PGM has requested WBro Trevor White, Provincial Senior Grand Warden to co-ordinate the scheme within the Province. He tells us: "From our early experiences it is thought that most benefit can be gained by devoting an entire meeting to the subject rather than to combine an Oration with a ceremony. Any Lodge wishing to take part in the Oration scheme should contact me by telephone on 01473 622580 or by email at: mrtjwhite@aol.com"

ORATIONS IN LODGE

This is how Michael Baigent, a well-known scholar in Masonic studies, describes the background to the Oration Scheme which is being introduced by Grand Lodge.

The Pro Grand Master is keenly interested in the various initiatives

expected to add value to our enjoyment of Freemasonry at the same time reinforcing our efforts on retention. A series of Orations have been produced and are designed to be presented, by an Orator, in open Lodge and followed by a short discussion.

Orient Lodge Charities



During WBro Trevor Winship's year as Master of Orient Lodge in Lowestoft the Lodge raised £1,500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and £500 for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. The photographs show Trevor and his wife, Gill, presenting cheques to Laetita Hilling, from Air Ambulance and David Want of EACH together with WBro Tom Starling, Charity Steward of the Lodge.

EACH Support



Denise Clark, a Committee Member of the East Anglian Children's Hospice Support Group at Quidenham, receives a cheque for £1,000 from the IPM of Copperfield Lodge, WBro Ewan Smith. Also shown are Daniel Clark and, on the left of the picture, and WBro Paul Rackham, who organised the social event at which the money was raised.

In thanking the Lodge, Mrs Clark, who has a 13 year-old niece at Quidenham, said: "We, the Support Group, are particularly pleased to receive donations like this as official funding accounts for just 20% of the money EACH will need to spend this year so I can assure you that this donation will be put to very good use".

ALMONERS' Comments

Seminar & Workshops on the Charitable Nature of Freemasonry

Following the success of those organised last year, further seminars and workshops are planned for early 2008.

On Sunday morning 17th February 2008 a meeting entitled "Where the Giving Goes" will be held in Stowmarket Masonic Centre. It will provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas with WBro Chris Caine, Chairman of Trustees of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and WBro John Williams, Development Officer of the New Masonic Samaritan Fund. This meeting, for which there is no charge, is open to all Masons and their partners and will be an opportunity to better understand the work of both these bodies. Handbooks will also be available for those Almoners who do not already have them. Applications are required by 13th February.

Two workshops are in the course of preparation to update the series of events held in 2007 and to promote further exchange of ideas. One will be held on a weekday evening to permit those unable to attend on a Sunday an opportunity to do so. Details of these will be sent to Lodge Almoners at a later date.

Application forms for the Stowmarket meeting and other event details can be obtained from WBro Speake at Dockyard, Kettlebaston, Ipswich, IP7 7QA, Telephone: 01449 740635 or Email: macspeake@btinternet.com or from your Lodge Almoner or Masonic Centre.

Provincial Fun Run and Walk

On Sunday 22nd June next year the Province will be holding a Fun Run & Walk at Bentwaters Airfield. The event, with course lengths of 1.2, 3.1 and 6.2 miles (2, 5 and 10 km), is designed to appeal to those with a wide range of fitness and abilities and all ages whether you run, walk, enter as a team or even go round in a wheelchair or buggy! Individual or team entries from other Provinces are specially welcome.

There will be no time limits, the events will be properly conducted under strict rules and full medical cover will be provided. Spot prizes and refreshments will be available and monies raised will go to support the New Masonic Samaritan Fund. Sponsorship of individuals and teams will count towards individual Lodge's Festival targets.

The entry fee is £12 (£10 to those in recognised athletic clubs) for adults and £2 if under 13, and every adult who finishes will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

The event organiser is the Provincial Almoner, WBro Mac Speake, a veteran of every London Marathon, who said: "At a time of increasing concerns about men's health we can have a great time and set an example for others. Get training now, but be careful to get advice if you are unsure about your fitness. I have it on good authority the Provincial Grand Master is already in training."

Further details will be circulated to Lodges in due course and can also be obtained with entry and sponsorship forms from WBro Speake by post or Email.

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Sir,



I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to NMSF for funding my operation, for which I will be eternally grateful. After having suffered increasingly severe pain from ulcerative colitis since 1983, it was not until June 2005 that I had my first operation. Complications developed later requiring remedial surgery but the dates offered for a NHS operation were not to be until April or May 2007. The senior members of the Lodge of Unity No 71 could see the pain and mental stress I was having to endure and, knowing my circumstances, contacted Grand Lodge to ask for assistance on my behalf.

Through them and the Samaritan Fund I was able to have my operation in August 2006. It has taken a long time for things, such as medication to settle down, complicated by the worry and stress of family bereavement and medical

problems. However, I now have something to give me the uplift in my life, which was much needed. I am a very proud grandfather and have felt able to progress in the Lodge to become Master Elect in May 2007. I might not have been in this position if it had not been for the NMSF.

Once again thanks to the NMSF for giving me the opportunity to enjoy life again.

Paul Durrant. Lodge of Unity No 71.

Sir,

Just to say a very big thank you to your organisation. My 5 year old son fell and hit his forehead on a pillar yesterday morning and had a terribly deep gash that was bleeding everywhere. I rushed him to the West Suffolk Hospital A&E Department where he was attended to quickly but also given a bear in his favourite colour, yellow. He really loved the bear and hugged it throughout a difficult and upsetting morning. He's put a bandage on the bears head and took it this morning to the nurse who checked his wound (which is doing fine). I know that your organisation requires a lot of dedication, hard work and fund raising, but honestly, you're doing a wonderful job.

Thank you, Mrs Carolyn Moss

In giving us permission to print her e-mail, Mrs Moss tells us that Ben is doing really well now, has happily returned to

school, swimming lessons, etc, and proudly shows everyone the "crack" on his forehead and tells them how the hospital gave him a bear for being brave!

The Teddies appeal is still going strong and continues to receive support from our Lodges. The Province of Norfolk have ceased their involvement in the Teddies appeal but we are continuing our support to the James Paget Hospital at Gorleston. Lodge donations should be sent to Information Officer WBro Trevor White with cheques made payable to Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge.

Sir,

Following the recent fascinating article in the Masonic Quarterly on the subject of pipe organs in Masonic Lodge buildings, I am hoping to create a register of such instruments, which I hope, will be of musical and historical interest to Brethren. I should be most grateful if you would be so kind as to let me know of any such instruments, in whatever state of repair, in your Province or the name of anyone likely to be in possession of such information.

WBro Robert Green. PPGOrg, Herefordshire & Yorkshire-West Riding

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Masonic Website News

From time-to time we come across websites that may be of interest to Suffolk Freemasons. While this magazine and Provincial Grand Lodge is not responsible for the content of such websites many provide useful information and those from Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge and their constituent bodies are particularly valuable.

The Grand Charity has launched a new and improved website. Visit it at www.grandcharity.org for the latest news and information on Masonic and non-Masonic grants, the Relief Chest Scheme and upcoming events.

The websites for Grand Lodge itself and the Province can be viewed respectively at www.ugle.org.uk and www.suffolkfreemason.org.uk

On their website the Province of

Cumberland and Westmoreland has very useful information on Masonic music including the words and scores of much of that used in our ceremonies. View this at www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk/main/songs.shtml

The Earl Amherst Lodge website at www.amos-99.freemason.co.uk has a very comprehensive set of links to Masonic websites as well as access to the family trees of all Lodges under the English Constitution.

The International Masonic Poetry Society at www.masonic-poetry.org has a range of poetry and Masonic graces from the light-hearted to the thoughtful.

If anyone knows of other sites that might be of interest to Suffolk Freemasons, please pass these on to the editor.

SPANISH LADIES NIGHT



Earlier this year a strong contingent of Suffolk Masons attended a Ladies Festival in Puerto de Mazarron on the Costa Calida near Cartagena in Spain. The Festival, for Logia Sierra Espuña 136, was held at the Hotel La Cumbre in Puerto de Mazarron. The event raised €775 for local charities.

Suffolk Masons attending were (from left to right) Bro J Titlow of Apollo Lodge, WBro B Spall of Abiff Lodge, Venerable Maestro A Hazlewood of Sierra Espuña and and Abiff Lodges, Bro AV Spindler of Abiff Lodge, and WBro S Hazlewood of Old Framlinghamian Lodge.



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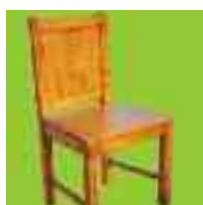
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Royal Arch Carol Service

On the damp but bright Sunday afternoon of 9th December, Suffolk Royal Arch Masons and their families gathered for a Carol Service at St Mary's Parish Church in Woodbridge. This is the first Carol Service of its type in the Province and it seemed appropriate that it should be held in, what many consider, is one of the most beautiful churches in Suffolk. The Provincial Grand Superintendent, Dr David Watson, and the Provincial Grand Master, Barry Ross, led the congregation of over 150 in all the old favourite carols and readings. Many senior provincial officers in Craft, Royal Arch and other orders were in attendance to make a real family gathering in the widest sense of the word. It was an enjoyable and very meaningful start to the Christmas celebrations.



OSM Change of Ruler

On 11th July at the Masonic Hall in Newmarket, VWyBro Richard Hack was installed as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the order of the Secret Monitor (OSM) for Suffolk in succession to outgoing Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler RWyBro Oswald Harvey who has retired.

The ceremony, in the presence of 95 Brethren from Suffolk and other Provinces, was conducted by MWy Grand Supreme Ruler Peter Glyn Williams assisted by other senior officers.

Richard Hack hails from North Norfolk and was initiated into Old Pastonian Lodge in 1967. Since then he has progressed in Craft and Chapter, achieved provincial honours and become an active and senior member of many other orders.



Hadleigh Lodges Cricket Match

Sixty members of Virtue & Silence and Brett Valley Lodges and their guests came to Hadleigh Cricket Club on 9th August for their annual match for the Jack Kemball Cup. While ostensibly a 20-20 match, the umpires WBros Erish Maser and Mark Hainsworth gave a liberal interpretation to the Laws of Cricket bearing in mind that some players had not held a bat or ball since their schooldays! While this was a fun match in every sense of the word both sides battled hard to

win. Brett Valley, the current cup holder, batted first achieving 109 runs for 5 wickets while, in a close contest, Virtue & Silence responded with 110 for 7 wickets to win the match and take the cup. Notable batting performances included W Bro Dick Beechener's 27 runs, W Bro Paul Howarth's 22 (pictured with Jack Kemball Cup), Bro Chris Warne's 26 and Bro Ed Bank's 24 while the highest score of all was Extras at 38. The event raised £193 for charity.





RWBro Canon Richard Tydeman celebrated 70 years as a Freemason at a meeting of Phoenix Lodge in Stowmarket on 8th October. He took an active part in the ceremony, delivering the charge to the initiate to an impeccable standard. Afterwards, on behalf of the Lodge, he was presented by the Provincial Grand Master with a portrait of himself. This will hang alongside that of his father, WBro Percy Tydeman, who initiated Richard into the Lodge in October 1937. On the following day, the Lodge hosted a reception in Bury St Edmunds for those unable to attend the meeting.

Seventy years a Freemason



He was installed as Master of Phoenix Lodge in 1955 in a ceremony noted for the presence of the Bishop of Dunwich, and a number of other Clergy. Out of a distinguished career, of special mention are his appointments as Provincial Grand Chaplain for Suffolk in 1957, in which capacity he served four Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Chaplain of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1966 and Past Senior Grand Warden in 2004.



He delivered the Prestonian Lecture at Phoenix Lodge in 1971 entitled 'Masters and Master Masons' and dedicated to his late father. In 1988 he was invested with the Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry.

Richard was the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk Provincial Grand Chapter and the senior officer in most of the other orders. He is an honorary member of some 200 Lodges or their equivalent in other orders.

One of Richard's talents is embroidery and, in 1987, he presented a new banner to Phoenix Lodge on behalf of himself and his brother in memory of their father.

He continues to write interesting, informative and thought provoking articles for Freemasonry Today magazine.