



Week 35, 16th November 2020

Brethren, week 35 - and unless you're in Wales where restrictions are lifted so that 15 can now meet, we here in Worcestershire remain in lockdown.

Last week of course was Remembrance Day 2020, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day, and the centenary of the unveiling of the Cenotaph, London. Whilst local services or ceremonies could not take place this year, individual events continued to happen, as well as UGLE being magnificently lit up, including the display of the Remembrance Poppy. Some of the images we received are below.

For those that missed our PGM's recent provincial address, it is available [HERE](#)

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

The Ed

Eric Rymer



When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today...

Cenotaph, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge



Freemasons have always had a strong relationship with the armed services, and UGLE has worked with Remembrance Penny who have donated a bronze poppy, in a case, inscribed with the words

***"They shall not grow old.
For those Freemasons who died for their country".***

Funds raised from the sale of the pennies will go to support Combat Stress to help continue delivering life-changing specialist services to veterans across the UK.

Cenotaph, London

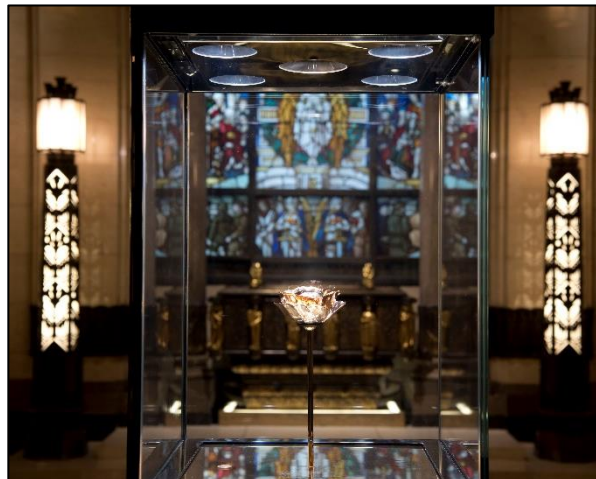


Evesham

On behalf of all Evesham Freemasons in all orders meeting at Evesham Freemasons Hall, WBro's Harper and Ross laid a wreath at the Evesham war memorial



UGLE, Gt Queen Street, London



The Remembrance Brass Poppy at UGLE on permanent display.

Kidderminster

The Cenotaph at Kidderminster where a wreath was laid on behalf of all Kidderminster Masons



Immanuel Church, Birmingham



111 miles to Worcester - WBro Karl Nicholson of Godson Lodge No. 2385 and his friend Luke Ford have road marched 111 miles over 11 consecutive days with 11kg dead weight in aid of The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2020 – and finished at Worcester Cathedral War Memorial at 11:00 on the 11th November 2020.



****STOP PRESS** to date they have now raised over £2,000



Here are the lucky winners who matched the lottery bonus ball 44 in the November Draw

- I P Bushnell Beacon Lodge No. 7915
- D W Nock Old Halesonian Lodge No. 7104
- J D Tildesley Francis Burgess Lodge No. 9287
- S D Ward Elmley Castle Lodge No. 6247
- C V Young Lodge of Hope & Charity No. 377

Well done to those that have won this month. If you want to take part it really is as simple as filling in one form and sending it off, not only do you put yourself in with the chance to win each month but you are donating to charities local and across the country

[Lottery Sign Up Form](#)

WBro K A (Tony) Hawcard

To read the full obituary, please click [HERE](#)

"Tony Hawcard was the sort of chap who gave Freemasonry a good name and what a privilege it is to have known him well, and if you did too, then you will remember him with affection."

From leaving the Chair of Elmley Castle Lodge No. 6247 in 1986 he became Provincial Steward, 1988, Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden, 1991, and Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 1996, before he had received Grand Rank. He regularly returned to Worcestershire for Provincial Grand Lodge and Installed Masters', where he was proud to be WM in 2014."

Rest easy my friend.

Written by John Yeates

Province Helps Feed the Community

Freemasons are helping to fund a local charity initiative run by All Saints Community to help feed the vulnerable, elderly and those in hardship which unfortunately due to the present situation in the Country has become more prevalent.

Joanna York, who is the resident caterer at Kings Heath Masonic Hall and runs Jojo's kitchen, is organising deliveries of hot meals on a Monday and a Thursday plus two chilled meals to store for the following two days.

The funding would have run out by the end of October and the donation enables the scheme to continue until the end of April. The committee for WMCO is advised by David Dey and has donated £300 which will be matched by the MCF.

This week listen to WBro **Eric Rymer**
Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Degree



Hear about Eric's history and background that he received through Freemasonry.

Listen as Eric describes the Fourth Regular step in Freemasonry.....



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Royal Standard Lodge No. 498

176 years and counting.



2019-2020, our 175th anniversary year, a landmark in the history of the Lodge and our final year at Dudley Masonic Hall. A fantastic year was planned as we kicked-off in style with our Festival of Friendship in June.

The October Installation, combined with a 60th year certificate saw record attendances. An Initiation in November, and our traditional Olde English "Boar's Head" evening in December continued the theme. In February we hosted Lodge Glittering Star (IC), March saw a second-degree and a new joining member.

Little did we know that when the Junior Warden gave his final knock that evening, it would be his last in Dudley Masonic Hall, and a long-time before we received due notice of the next regular meeting.

The Temple; the subject of such awe and reverence to so many fell silent, never again to hear our ode.

Events have taken away our opportunity to bid a fond farewell to Wellington Rd, and whilst we reflect on our time there with unbridled affection, we look forward to the next chapter in the history of the Lodge, when we join our Brethren at the James S Webb Freemasonry Centre in Stourbridge, and continue the long tradition of Freemasonry in The Black Country.

Ed Kimpton



St. Richard's Hospice
CARING FOR LIFE

Local Hospices to Receive Grants

In addition to grants for projects to local hospices administered by Hospice UK, the MCF has confirmed that £300,000 has been awarded in core funding grants to hospices across England and Wales. In total, through the central Masonic Charities (now MCF) the Masonic community has awarded over £14 million to hospice care since 1984.

In May this year, hospices who receive less than 60% of their funding from the NHS were invited to apply for these grants.

We are delighted that the following hospices in the Province will be on the receiving end of those grants. Acorns Children's Hospice (Worcester), Kemp Hospice, St Richard's Hospice Foundation and Mary Stevens Hospice.

They all continue to do an outstanding job through this very difficult time, helping children and adults with terminal or life-limiting conditions, as well as supporting their families.

New Deputy Editor

The ED is delighted to report that our new PCO Brody, has appointed **Chris Phillips** as our new Deputy Editor. Chris stood in for me last week whilst I was unexpectedly away, for which he did a magnificent job producing last week's SN as Acting Editor. (I must go away more often!)

Chris will continue in his role as Assistant Provincial Webmaster and I know you will join us in wishing him all the best.



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