



ROYAL ANTEDILUVIAN ORDER OF BUFFALOES GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND GLOUCESTERSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

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Future Meetings

Gloucestershire Provincial Grand Lodge	16 th Aug 2009	RAOB Club Cheltenham 10.00hrs
	20 th Sept 2009	----- 11 -----
	18 th Oct 2009	----- 11 -----
Gloucestershire Knights Chapter No 71	12 th Aug 2009	RAOB Club Gloucester 20.00hrs
	09 th Sept 2009	----- 11 -----
	14 th Oct 2009	----- 11 -----
Gloucestershire Roll of Honour Assembly No 159 20.00hrs	19 th Aug 2009	RAOB Club Cheltenham
	21 st Oct 2009	----- 11 -----
Gloucestershire Examining Council	26 th Aug 2009	RAOB Club Cheltenham 19.45hrs

Future Events

Bond of Friendship Lodge	Saturday 01st August 2009 Skittles knock out (Teams of 3) Cheltenham RAOB Club All proceeds to P G P's Appeal 2009
Brockworth Lodge	4 th Degree Exaltation of Brother Dennis Mash KOM. Provisional date October 16 th 2009.
United Prestbury Court Lodge	Annual Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday December 19 th 2009 at the United Services Club, Cheltenham. Contact the secretary, Bill Mott, for details.

PROVINCE NEWS

In Memoriam

Sadly, Bro. Arnold (Johnny) Johnson ROH, of the Bond of Friendship Lodge, passed away on Saturday July 18th. Brother Army, who was also known as the "Pilot" will be missed everyone that had the good fortune to have known

him. He was well known within the Province, and for many years had been one of the coach drivers for the Joint Lodges Social Committee children's outings. Never seen without that cheery smile and never a bad word to say.

Brockworth Lodge.

On Sunday 12th July 2009, the Brockworth Lodge No 8979 spent a lovely afternoon entertaining five locally based worthy causes prior to presenting the charities with £100 each. Also invited were the Provincial Grand Primo Bro Clive Knight and his wife along with his Deputy Provincial Grand Primo, Brother Chris Clover ROH.

The recipient Charities were: -

The Gloucester branch of the Salvation Army, whose tireless work, especially with the homeless, is always in need of funding.

The Gloucestershire Chest Fund, which raises funds for the early and non-invasive treatment of lung cancer.

REMAP, which helps people after they have had a stroke to be more independent by engineering and making aids to help them.

Gloucester Girl Guides, who are having to up-grade their meeting halls to conform to health and safety requirements.

And last, but by no means least, Hucclecote Ladies Rugby, who's under 18's were undefeated all of the last season and their senior ladies finishing second in its league after being promoted last season.

All the representatives expressed their thanks for the support and how much it is needed.

After the presentations by the Worthy Primo Bro Dennis Mash KOM, a raffle was held which raised £100 towards the next appeal.

Provincial Grand Lodge.

On Saturday July 4th a second Dinner & Dance was held at the Gloucester Rugby Club, which once again proved to be a great success. So much so, that enquiries have already been made for another one next year. It looks as though this will become an annual event, and perhaps attract people from outside of the Province on a regular basis, in fact, become one of the "circuit" events.

The meal was as usual very good and the entertainment, "Tasha Styles" was superb, although maybe a little loud and modern for some. Thanks to the generosity of everyone that attended the raffles made over £600, going a long way to offset the extra costs we have at the venue.

Next years event is in the planning stage, with other venues being investigated, but it will take place on the first Saturday in July 2010, which is July 3rd, so put it in your diary.

United Prestbury Court Lodge.

On Friday July 24th our Provincial Grand Primo, Brother Clive Knight was Exalted to Member of the Roll of Honour by Brother Bill Mott ROH. The ceremony was attended by well over 70 members with visitors from Worcestershire, Croydon, Dudley, Stourbridge, Bristol, Frome, Monmouth, Stroud, Swindon, Warwickshire and from the Unity, Bell, Diamond Jubilee, W G Grace, Sir W Rose, City of Gloucester, One and All and Brockworth Lodges of the Gloucestershire Province. Also in attendance were the Deputy Grand Primo, Brother Hayden Bennett ROH, the Grand Primo of 2007, Brother Dave Moses ROH and a number of Grand Lodge Officers. After sponsorships from Brother Steve Mason ROH and Brother Peter Seabrook ROH, Brother Clive was raised to the 4th Degree and given the signs and passwords. Brother Clive has asked that his thanks to everyone that attended be passed on through the medium of this newsletter, and judging the wobble he had on when he left, we know that he thoroughly enjoyed his night.

Diamond Jubilee Lodge

The members of the Diamond Jubilee lodge would like to thank all who attended the recent ceremony at which Bro. M L Jones ROH and Bro. J Wilcox ROH received honorary membership for 40 years in our order and Bro. K Robbins ROH of the Unity lodge who received his 50 years membership that night as well. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The members of the Diamond Jubilee Lodge have decided to raise money over the next couple of months for

MAGGIES COTSWOLD”

This charity is being set up close to the Oncology Unit. It is designed to allow patients of all cancer related illnesses and their supporters and carers to use it as a drop in centre where they will be able to get a full range of support services, as well as relaxing therapies and individual counselling.

To date the lodge has carried out visits to all lodges to advertise our horse racing night at Abbeydale Community Centre along with selling horses etc and receiving sponsorship for each race. This amounted to us raising £680.62p.

Next members of the lodge carried out a bucket collection at Morrison’s Supermarket Abbeydale, over the weekend of 10/11 July and raised a magnificent £503.10p. To date the total stands at just under £1500.

We will be raising money for this good cause for the next few months and then we will be having a presentation night. We will endeavour to inform all lodges when this event will take place.

W G Grace Lodge

The members of the W G Grace Lodge celebrated their 20th anniversary back in April, where they held a special meeting.

This meeting was a resounding success with about 20 members attending to help celebrate this landmark for the lodge. Afterwards we were entertained by Bro. B Taylor CP with his music centre and also a superb buffet / chilli supplied by Bro. K Rudge ROH.

Provincial Grand Primo, Brother Clive Knight ROH

Bother Clive has asked that we publically thank the members of the Bond of Friendship Lodge for organising the skittles competition that took place on Saturday August 1st and also the Cheltenham RAOB Club. The event was well attended and raised £122.00p for his appeal. I have also been asked, nay INSTRUCTED to let everyone know that the winning team was the W G Grace Lodge, consisting of Christine Jones, Alan Earby and Mike Jones, I guess much luck was needed. Needless to say I have informed Brother Mike that if I had been able to be there with the Prestbury Court A Team it would have been a very different matter, as we will see when they return next year to defend their crown.

**PLEASE CONTACT MIKE JONES OR BILL MOTT IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER.
IF YOU LET US KNOW AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS WE WILL GET IT IN THE NEXT ISSUE.
A PHONE CALL OR EMAIL WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

