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Hert of Buffaloism



3 to quit !

No don't panic we are not losing three members, but brothers Mark Hardy KOM, Den Whittenbury KOM and Mick Swinton ROH have all stated that they will give up smoking for a good cause.

The 3 Brothers from the Leslie Haydn Walker Lodge will try (and I mean try) and give up the dreaded weed for 6 months, and hope to raise some funds for the Grand Primo's charity "Diabetes UK".

How it will work is each brother will have a sponsor form and all donations he gets will go to the appeal (Easy). Now the hard part, should the brother have a cigarette within 6 months he has to double ALL his donations. (so if a brother could raise say £40.00 it will cost him £80.00 for one smoke).

So its up to you to be as cruel or kind whatever way you look at it to help these brothers in their quest for a very good cause. So if the brother asks in your lodge (Permission pending) Please Help.

The start day will be February 14th (for the love of our health and yours)

Den Whittenbury
(Dreading it)



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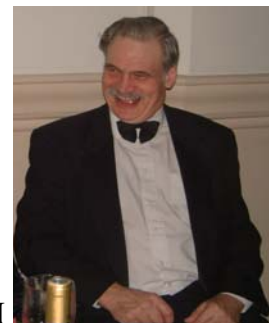


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Buffalo BuGLE

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A Bit OF History :

Did you know ?

In 1939 The RAOB donated 20 Ambulance cars to the Army and Nation for the war effort at a cost of £10,000 !

Did you know ?

In 1931, at the 16th triennial convention GLE at Bournemouth the Grand Primo Bro E R Sowerby addressed 1,000 members representing 250,000 members that since last convention 2,500 members had made use of the convalescent homes !

Did you know ?

In 1927, 2000 Buffaloes attended the procession at the cenotaph !

In reply "first lodge"



In reply to Bro Steve's question in issue 9 about when the order was formed and the name of the first lodge, I can indeed enlighten the brother. The earliest documented mention of The RAOB is in 1822 at the Harp Tavern, which is close to Drury Lane Theatre. A little known fact is that the order was created by stage hands and theatre technicians who had been denied access to other 'societies' around at that time.

The name of that Lodge was the City of Lushington, a city so called because the room was made up of 4 corners; Each with a designated 'office' some of which are still used in lodge meetings today. I could go on in some detail; however I admit to say the knowledge is second hand. I can direct

Bro. Steve to the RAOB website <http://www.raobgle.org.uk/order.htm> where more information on the history is available and indeed a sentence not too dissimilar albeit with copyright to the one I used above.

I can also highly recommend a 3 volume book titled the history of the order written by Mervyn Payne, unfortunately not available in your local bookshop, I know the Pride of Herts Lodge did have a copy but its whereabouts are unknown. If any Brothers have a copy I would be most appreciative to read it again, and I'm sure many others.

Bro Mark Hardy KOM

Grand Surrey Banner

To Throw another spanner into the first lodge debate. This jewel states that The Grand Surrey Banner were formed in 1809.

I did not realise they were that old and have never seen any documentation to prove this fact.

Yours Fraternally

Bro Tony Quinton ROH



The opening of the Aldridge orphanage in 1912

Letters



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Letters to the editor

Please feel free to send in any items of buffalo interest and I will add what I can !

Please note : Any views expressed in this journal are not necessary that of the RAOB or PGL they are personal views of those that have sent in information .

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Crusty's column.

Brother Crusty is not feeling to well at the moment and is having difficulties using his P.C.

So from all the Brothers in the Province Get Well soon Mate.

Editorial

Firstly I would like to wish all you lovers out there a happy valentines day if your that way inclined.

No seriously I know valentines day is for young lovers but we should do something for our ladies after all they let us go out to lodge, Help us when we have to learn something and always there to support us, Mine does. Helen puts up with so much from me especially last few weeks because I have been out so much visiting lodges

Up and down the country handing out my raising cards and trying to get some visitors to our province.

It was also nice this week as I got my name in the Buffalo Quarterly Journal, although it was only my internet name (denthedec) it was still good to see it.

So how about seeing your name in the BuGLE, just a note on how your lodge is doing or a little article that you think brothers would enjoy reading, you don't have to worry about spelling mistakes and setting out. I can do that.

It can be posted to me or given to me or emailed.

Also if any brother has any old lodge photos that I could print in here then pass on to Bro Mark Hardy KOM for the new website for the West Herts province that he is compiling at the moment, he is also looking for content for the site.

So if you could have a root round and find any bits we both would be very grateful.

The New West Herts Web site can be found at: www.westherts.net

Well some more good news on my part is my son Paul has agreed to join the order and will be Initiated on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at The Cosmopolitan lodge Grand Executive Banner.

The lodge meets at The Albion Public House 107 Blundell Street Islington London N7 9BL at 8.30 PM. All Brothers are invited should they wish to attend to witness the ceremony carried out.

Thank you for all your contributions this month , sorry I could not get them all in but those I have missed out will go into the March Edition.

Well I hope to see you on the 8th March for my raising if not before

Fraternally Yours

Den Whittenbury KOM

Ps after you have read this please pass it on so other brothers know what we are up to in West Herts. It would also be good to get a little bit of feedback from other provinces that read it. We have a good start for March but would like more especially as we should be getting some visitors to the province and they can take it with them.

Don't forget to pass this on when you have read it.



Results of the Provincial Grand Primo 2006 Raffle

(The draw was held after the PGL Meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2007)

Ticket Number	Winner	Prize
603	Bro. John Burke	Bottle Chivas Regal Whiskey
842	Bro. David Levy	Kitchen Container set
690	Bro. Keith Bland	Hair Grooming set
682	Bro. Richard Ward	Glass Bowed Picture frame
741	Bro Peter Guiton	Foot Spa
612	Bro. Alan Towerzey	Playing Card & Dice set
832	Bro. Tom Kimber	Leather Passport Holder
860	Bro. Mark Hardy	Pen & Calculator set
866	Bro. John Stewart	Teddy Bear
768	Bro. Chris Spring	Photo Coasters
871	Bro. Mick Connolly	Desktop Calculator
739	Bro. M. Macculloch	6 Small Tumbler Glasses
574	Bro. Dave Hardy	Small Cuddly Toy
633	Bro. Phil Graham	2 Audio Cassette Tapes

News From The Eagle Lodge.



Hi Everyone. Happy News Year from “The NOMADS” of the Province. We have moved into our New Home at the Royal British Legion Club, in Queensway, and will meet there every Monday Night from 22nd January 2007.

Just to let you all know that Bro. David Levy is definitely having the “scissors job” done on his Hernia, and will be out of action for a few weeks. Will he be missed I hear you all asking? If only for his cheek. So all the Lodges are going to be quiet for a while, but never mind, wait till he gets back, we’ll find something to have him on!!!!

The Eagles have been flying again this month. We have been to the new home of the Earl Haig Lodge G.E.B. at the Royal British Legion Club in Nursery Road, Southgate, London N.14. We got there, and opened on a link of 22 Brothers, and then a few more arrived and we closed on a link of 25. Bro. James ward got “You know who” into trouble again, and cost him a few “Ds”, but an excellent night was had by all. The Earl Haig Lodge has a Brother in their midst that is coming up to his 66 Anniversary of being in the Buffs, Bro. Bill Edmunds ROH, who is 90 this year. Hopefully over the next few months we will try and get a story from Bro. Bill about the changes that he has seen in the Order over his 66 years.

We have also been to the Midland Lodge, and Bro. David Levy took there “Lodge” photo, which is below. We are titling it “The Glory Boys”, because they wanted to be the first Lodge to have a Lodge Photo in the BuGLE. A right “Motley Crew” we have here.

We have also been to the Elstree Hall Lodge in the St Albans Province, again, and the Brothers of this Lodge have commented how much they enjoy the BuGLE.

We must go, I have to “sharpen the scissors” for Bro. Dave.

See you all soon, and Happy Buffing in 2007.

“The EAGLE LODGE SCRIBE”

Worthy of a visit

Brothers of the West Hertfordshire Province, it is my intention to create a page of lodges we have visited or intend to visit that are "Worthy of a visit"

Pyramids Lodge 8673

The Pyramids Lodge meet on a Sunday at noon @ The RAOB New Road Copnor Portsmouth..

I have visited this lodge on many occasion and always found them to be very friendly and welcoming to visiting brothers.

They are a strong lodge and full of characters in a light hearted way.

The club has 2 lodge rooms and is decorated with memorabilia of the order and history of the Portsmouth Province.

Another lodge in the club I have visited is the Tamar Lodge 2676 on a Monday Night , They have a wonderful way of getting rid of a bottle of Scotch

Elstree Hall Lodge 8495 St Albans & District

Sausage & Mash, Race Night @ R.A.O.B. Club 102Ashley Road St Albans On Saturday, 3rd March 2007, 7.30pm Till Late Tickets Price £2.50 From DM Bicknell ROH, RJ Turner CP, SR Turner CP, D Sharkey ROH, Thanks again, yours Fraternally, RJ Turner CP.



Bro. Harry Thompson with "Bobby"

Bro. HARRY THOMPSON R.O.H.

Brothers, for many years now, Bro. Harry Thompson has been raising money through collections with "BOBBY", in the Midland Lodge, from those of us Brothers who like to use the "Blue" every now and again. This last 12 months, Brothers have contributed the magnificent sum of £200 that Bro. Harry has handed over.

Well for those of you that do not know, the Charity that has benefited from these donations is the MYKOM Trust Fund at Mount Vernon Hospital. I have received a letter from two very close friends of Bro. Harry, and would like to share this with you.

Dear Bro. Harry.

As you know after Sheila's treatment at Mount Vernon, we wanted to do something in return After meeting the Voluntary Service Officer in late 1996, we joined the Fund Raising

Team, hoping we could raise about £3000, by running a Social Function, once a month at the hospital.

Nine and a half years later, we are still there, never believing that we would have raised over £54,000.

More than 5 years ago, the hospital set up the MYCOM Trust Fund because of this success. The simple criteria we laid down – "All Money be used for the Care and Comfort of our many patients".

Our biggest project, a second safety device in each treatment room at the new Centre – costing £18 - £20,000 – are now in place. Although the Centre is still not quite ready for use.

Last year we also paid for the refurbishment and stocking of the Fish pond in the Garden. This has brought back very positive feedback.

In the last few weeks, Sheila and I have agreed to a further £12,000 being spent on Baxter Pumps that deliver the Chemotherapy dosage to the actual patients.

As you can see we are not quite broke, but most of the money we have raised, has been spent wisely for the benefit of patients and their comfort. Hope this will help. If it makes the Mag, can we have a copy? TA, Ian and Sheila French.

I just thought that you would all be interested in this letter, and that when you all go up to the Midland Lodge, and curse and swear, and put your pennies into Bobby, you will now all know where the money is going. So next time you are in the Midland Lodge, instead of putting a penny in for searing, put two pence in. I think Bro. Harry should be congratulated through the pages of the BuGLE for the efforts that he has put in raising in excess of £600.00. And "Bobby" should be made an Honorary Buff for his efforts. Below is a photo of Bro. Harry Thompson with "Bobby". Well done Bro. Harry, and keep it up.

A week in the Editors life.

(or what Helen has to put up with)

Well Saturday came and an early kick off to Barnsley Reg Hall Lodge 10514 . Met a good mate of mine Bro Keith Hincliffe . Cost me a fortune like it does every time I meet him. I also met Bro John Rowe Gr Ty 1995, He is the reason I travelled up to Barnsley you see I first met Bro John in the Princess Diana Lodge (Ramsgate) on the Sunday after Grand Lodge, Bro John is a true Yorkshire man strong commanding and tells a great yarn. He told many a story & had the whole lodge fixed to his tales one of which was his fondness of Jim Reeves. Well he once had this tribute record about Jim but lent it to a brother years ago and it was lost, he and his family have been searching years on the internet etc but only got other people singing his songs. No more was said.

Well you know me I love a challenge especially research. To cut a long story short I found out who it was by from fan club searched on EBay and got it.

When I presented it to him in lodge his face was dumbstruck I've never seen a Brother get that excited in lodge before! Job Done Sunday evening I travelled to the New Marquis Lodge 8320 in the Coalville District (Derby) a bit lighter in numbers since I last visited still had a good time though, Left them a couple of raising cards and got two in return.

Monday I visited the Eagle Lodge 9299 to see their new home in the British Legion Hemel. If any lodge needs a travelling dispensation this one does. Not many visitors except Bro's Keith Bland and Mark Hardy shame really with this being their first night there. I got put in the chair (3rd lodge in a row) don't they know I would sooner be the Constable for the night.

Tuesday back to normal Knights Chapter! the gathering of the Red (well mostly Blue). A few faces missing this meeting a good knight though

Wednesday Stayed in

Thursday Clarendon lodge good to see Bro Bill Clayton back in lodge I would like to wish him and his wife Pam good Health and happiness.

It was a good lodge a lot of business and a bit of fun.

well that's it for now my finger is tired

Den Whittenbury KOM

PHOTO OF THE MONTH!



“THE GLORY BOYS OF THE MIDLAND LODGE”

From Top Left: Graham Broom, Mick Connolly, Alan King, Jim Guiton, Chris Connolly, Peter Guiton, Terry Baron, David Guest, Harry Thompson, George Ellerby and Richard Ward.

GRAND PRIMOS APPEAL 2007



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West Hertfordshire Province
Forthcoming Events



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Event</u>
6 th Feb	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	PGL Executive Committee Meeting
13 th	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	West Hertfordshire PGL Meeting
22 nd	Thursday	20:00	Clarendon Lodge Tudor Arms, Bushey Mill Lane Watford	PGL and Officers Visit
24 th	Saturday		The Green Acres Tavern Bennett's End Hemel Hempstead	St. Johns Lodge, Annual Dinner
27 th	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	Knights Chapter 181 Meeting

March 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Event</u>
6 th March	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	PGL Executive Committee Meeting
8 th	Thursday	20:00	Clarendon Lodge The Rugby League Club Pennine Way, Hemel Hempstead	4 th Degree Raising of Bro. Denis Whittenbury KOM
13 th	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	West Hertfordshire PGL Meeting
26 th	Monday	20:00	Eagle Lodge Royal British Legion Club Queensway, Hemel Hempstead	PGP & Officers Visit
27 th	Tuesday	20:00	Tudor Arms Bushey Mill Lane Watford	Knights Chapter 181 Meeting

Advance Notices:



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Diary Dates

One date not to be missed is
Wed. 21st Feb 2007.

Investiture of PGP 2007. Nth Bucks
Province, Bro Colin Payne. KOM, by
Bro

David Moses ROH Grand Primo
2007. for those who have not been to
one of these investitures I can vouch
for the solemnity of the occasion.

Bro Mick Swinton

Why not post your events

Here !

Clarendon Lodge 3993

Exaltation to the 4th degree

Bro Den Whittenbury KOM

Thursday 8th March 2007

The Rugby Club

Pennine Way

Hemel Hempstead Herts

Lodge opens 7.30

The Ceremony to be performed by

Bro Mick Walker ROH Grand Primo
2006

New Address !

As of Monday 22nd January 2007

The Eagle Lodge 9299

Will meet at

Royal British Legion Club, Queensway

Hemel Hempstead

The Nutters Visit – 2007

Please note that the date booked for the Nutters visit this year is on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th April 2007. We will be staying on the Saturday night as before at the 'Belforte Hotel' which means 'Magnificent Beauty' or is it 'Beautiful Fortress'? Anyway, the hotel price will be in the range of £27 each for bed and breakfast, those wanting the enhanced breakfast will need to add a supplement of around £3. Travel there will be as last year using private transport, any spare seats please let me know. All those interested in this very enjoyable weekend of buffing (I believe Tony Humphrey is looking at venues for us) please contact me to arrange rooms.

Happy New Year – Bro. Graham Broom (01442 394951)
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Edd note: Don't be shy if you would like to attend any event get in contact, As they say the more the merrier

Found

At the raising of Bro James Nassif in the Eagle lodge, on 1st November 2006

A fob of a PGP collaret

If anyone knows who this belongs to, please get in touch with Bro Tom Kimber or the Editor.

Advance Notices:

St. Johns Lodge Dinner – 24th February 2007 at The Green Acres Tavern, Hemel Hempstead

Nutters visit to the Altrincham Crackers on 14th & 15th April (Contact Graham Broome for details)

1 x 4th Degree Raising in Clarendon Lodge – Bro. Dennis Whittenbury – 8th March 2007

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