

Provincial Library and Museum

As many of you will know by now, I have taken over as the Librarian and Curator of the Provincial Library and Museum, from W/Bro. Mark Perkins, who is also our Chairman.

Mark has Masonic commitments, as we know, which has calls upon his time and hence my new appointment.

The Library and Museum would probably not have come into existence, had it not been for his initial work on this project.

A debt of gratitude has to go to the Assistant Librarian, W/Bro. Peter Smith, of St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 5168, who has undertaken the Herculean task of collating the many hundreds of books, jewels, ephemera and artefacts. W/Bro. Brian Cattermole, the Assistant Curator, also of St. Margaret's Lodge, who has applied his skills of construction in designing, building and maintaining the many cabinets, cases and display mounts, all which has made our Library and Museum, something to be proud of, he also deserving our thanks.

My task now, is to produce a brochure

extolling the virtues of the Library and Museum, a regular Newsletter, which will update the Brethren of the Province as to exhibitions and acquisitions, as well a questionnaire as to how and when they would like to visit us.

A twinning with the Southchurch Masonic Study Circle, seems a logical step, as does the creation of an electronic catalogue of all the items in the Library and Museum, the building of which will be in the capable hands of our Webmaster, W/Bro. Alec Hall, of Philbrick Lodge No 2255.

We have two very important research tools within the Province and linking them, could make them even more accessible.

If you have any items that you wish to donate, or even on a permanent loan basis, all of which are publicly acknowledged with the donor's name, or any ideas and suggestions as to how we can improve, or change, either the Study Circle or the Library and Museum, then please contact me, or visit the Provincial Website, or the Southchurch Website.

Fraternally,
W/Bro. Pierre Waddoups.

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You are cordially invited to our meeting at

**The Saxon Hall, Aviation Way,
Southend on Sea, Essex on
Thursday the 20th May 2010.**

We look forward to seeing you and don't forget, guests are welcome.



1	To welcome visitors and prospective new members
2	To receive apologies for absence.
3	To read and if approved, confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting.
4	Objects of masonic interest.
5	Guest speaker. W/Bro. Kevin Darling will present a Talk entitled; The Lights of Freemasonry.
6	Questions and answers
7	Any other business
8	To close the meeting.

There are now 45,000 visits a year to your web site. The address is:-

<http://www.southchurch-masonic.org.uk>

Friday, April 16, 2010

From your Secretary

'...good Southern soul food, fried catfish, fried chicken, fried potatoes, fried coleslaw, fried salad and fried Coca-Cola...'

Are just some of the things that I won't be trying when I am America, which is where I shall be when you receive this Summons. Louisiana, to be precise.

Saxon Hall, is where I shall be, though, on Thursday 20th May 2010, to listen to the Paper of our Guest Speaker, which I have no doubt, knowing the Speaker as I do, that it will be informative and entertaining. Please, do your best to attend and as always, bring as many guests as you can, for they will not only have pleasant evening, but they are also a potential for new members.

There are benefits to membership, apart from the friendship; these are the gaining of knowledge and the chance to impart this, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. I've told you, now please, tell others.

PIERRE WADDOUPS.

The Paper

The 'Lights' of Freemasonry.

The 'Lights' both Greater and Lesser are important and central to, our beliefs within Freemasonry.

The author of the Paper deals with question of their importance and relevance.

Author of the Paper

W/Bro. Kevin, was initiated into Basildon Lodge No.7798, where he is the IPM and joined Celerity Lodge No.5602 in London, where he is a Past Master.

He was appointed to the rank of a Provincial Steward at the Provincial Meeting in March.

**For your diary in 2010
16th September and
16th December**