

# On The Palace Square

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## Surrey for Surrey Fund

What is the Surrey for Surrey fund?  
It is a new way of giving to our favourite charities which will give a far greater impact on Masonic charitable giving. It's a joint venture between the Craft and Royal Arch Provinces of Surrey

The fund which is part of a registered charity has two strategies.

### Strategy 1—**Designated funds.**

One charity in Surrey receives something like £10,000 a year from Surrey Masons. This is made up of several small donations being given by several lodges and chapters throughout a given year. The designated fund system encourages lodges to give their donation to Provincial Charity Committee who will add it to other donations made for the same charity and then arrange to present it as one cheque.

This could therefore mean that the charity quoted above would get their same donation but in one lump sum.

The advantages :-

1 It becomes a significant donation which may attract press interest and assist in the recruitment and retention campaign.

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## DETAILS OF OUR NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on December 9th. We will be starting at 5.00 pm and we will be doing a Passing ceremony. If you are not a member of Old Palace and wish to attend either contact your normal host or give me a call. We would be pleased to see you. Eric's contact details are above



**We will be holding our Christmas Hamper Raffle**

### DINING FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The menu will be

#### **Starter**

Roasted Pumpkin & Butternut Squash Soup

#### **Amuse Bouche**

Lemon & Lime Sorbet

#### **Main Course**

Roast Turkey, Chipolata with Seasoning and Roast Jus-Lie, Cranberry Sauce, Roast Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Baton Carrots

#### **Dessert**

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Creamed Brandy Sauce  
Coffee & Warm Mince Pies

#### **Dining Arrangements**

If you wish to dine you will need to let W Bro Nick Barnes know by Saturday 5th December and please let him know by this date also how many guests you will be bringing.

Any changes after that date cannot be guaranteed. Alternative meals can be provided as well as any dietary needs.

**Dining Cost** £21

**Our Worshipful Master Larry**  
and his Lady will be holding their Ladies Festival on March 20th 2010 at the Croydon Masonic Halls. The reception will be at 6pm for pre dinner drinks and photographs. A delicious menu will be chosen for your delification which will be followed by a disco. The bar will close at midnight. They will be supporting The Headley Court Rehabilitation Centre for wounded forces personnel. Please support your Worshipful Master by reserving your places early . Cost £45.00

### **Did you know?**

#### **Its not a secret!!!**

All the rules and regulations that govern English Freemasonry can now be found on the new United Grand Lodge of England web site. The Book of Constitutions can be found on the section "ABOUT UGLE page" Also on the Becoming a Mason section there is a very good video booklet on "Thinking about becoming a Mason" and a video on "Why I became a Mason" Some articles can be downloaded onto ipods and ipod phones.

## A Letter from Our Member Down Under



Last night you will be pleased to hear that I attended Footscray St Johns Lodge at the Western Masonic Temple as a guest. There was a full rehearsal of a 1st degree - it was very interesting, and not at all dissimilar, so I didn't feel too out of place - the main difference being that there is a lot more singing - it seemed practically every 2 minutes! It was quite a late night as well - they don't open the Lodge until 7.30, so it wasn't until 10.15 that we sat down for a small festive board of soup, hot dogs, pasties and cakes - very Australian. Good to see that God Save the Queen was sung with as much gusto as the Australian national anthem as well as Auld Lang Syne. They were a very friendly bunch of brethren and it was wonderful to see a master mason certificate (the Victorian Grand Lodge certificates are very similar to ours) being presented to a brother, by his grandfather (of 90) whilst his father looked on from the Junior Warden chair. It was quite amusing that there was an apology from a brother who was celebrating his 91st birthday!

I have been invited to join, but will visit a few other lodges before deciding I think.

Otherwise, all is going ok here - we still aren't in the house that we are building yet and looks like we may have to go to court but am hoping that that won't be the case - they seemed to have actually got their act together a little better recently.

The cricket season starts in 2 weeks time and I have joined a new club that is more local (I will still be playing 1 day games for Old Trinity when I can) so the start of 2 day cricket is just round the corner which will be weird. Diane and the kids are all well, with the children growing very fast. They are already talking about this bushfire season being worse than the last - we are in a serious drought here at the moment that does not look like its going to break soon.

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The meeting was one of the most enjoyable Andy or myself have ever attended, and on the journey home, we both reflected on just how much hard work had gone into such a fantastic meeting and how fortunate we were being invited on such a special occasion. **Well done Upper Thames Lodge who meet in Surbiton.** W Bro Brendan

### **Name the 5 English footballers who have gained over 100 caps?**

Answers by e-mail only to **peterashton@phoenixelectrical.co.uk**

### **Library & Museum, Freemasons Hall**

It is open 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday with free access and 5 free tours daily. Pre-booked tours on Saturday. More than 2000 people visited on 15th September being London Open House day

## Mines A Double Double



### **Have you heard the one about the lodge which initiated four candidates in one meeting ?**

I guess the answer is no and it would seem to border on the impossible, however that is exactly what happened at Upper Thames Lodge 6138 on Tuesday 13th October and both WB Andy Fox and myself were lucky enough to be guests.

To make it more interesting, the four candidates were from the same Family, namely the father, two sons and a cousin. The candidates are members of the Ellis family who wait for it already have nine other family members in Upper Thames. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, the minutes were read and the candidates were prepared. At this point the officers taking part in the meeting were swapped so that The Worshipful Master, The Senior and Junior Wardens, The Senior and Junior Deacons and The Inner Guard was, you've` guessed it all from the Ellis Family. The candidates were broken into pairs for most of the ceremony with the working tools and the Charge presented to them as a foursome.

## Did You know?



### Part of your subscriptions are used to fund relief at UGLE

#### £50,000 for Red Cross Asia Pacific Disasters Appeal

The President of The Freemasons' Grand Charity, Grahame Elliott, has approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to the Red Cross, to support their relief work following the disasters across the Asia Pacific region, which have affected an estimated 3 million people.

Typhoon Ketsana hit the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, with the Philippines and Laos being particularly badly affected. On 29 September, an earthquake measuring 8.3 on the Richter Scale hit the Samoan and Niuaus Islands, causing a tsunami. A subsequent earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter Scale hit the Indonesian island of Sumatra, followed by another.

The Grand Charity's grant will help to fund the distribution of emergency relief items, provide clean water, sanitation, healthcare and shelter as well as help rebuild people's livelihoods.

#### News Update - Emergency Flood Grant

The President of The Freemasons' Grand Charity has approved an emergency grant of £25,000 to Save the Children, following the Krishna River bursting its banks flooding 5 districts in India. The grant will help 20 of the worst affected villages in Southern India by providing them with essential and life-saving relief, as many families were unable to salvage even basic hygiene materials, cooking utensils or dry clothes.

### The Freemasons' Grand Charity continues to support air ambulances in 2009

The Freemasons' Grand Charity is pleased to continue its support for the potentially life-saving services provided nationally by eighteen air ambulance charities, with a further grant of £180,000. As in 2008, Provincial and Metropolitan Grand Lodges were invited to nominate a service to receive a £4,000 share of the total grant. During the summer, representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodges have been visiting their local helipads, meeting the air ambulance crews and presenting cheques for the donations. See how the grant of £180,000 has been shared between the air ambulance charities. Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance received £16000.

#### £400,000 awarded to non-Masonic charities

Projects supporting people living with disabilities and research into the cause and treatment of illness and disease are amongst the latest beneficiaries of grants to non-Masonic charities. In total, £397,500 will be shared between eleven national charities bringing many positive benefits to the wider community.

A grant of £50,000 was approved for **Calibre**, a charity that provides a library of recorded books for people with disabilities. The grant will fund a project to update from audio cassettes to CDs. £75,000 was approved for **Cancer Research UK** to help fund a trial for treating pancreatic cancer. **The Leonard Cheshire Foundation** will receive £40,000 to help fund the building of a high dependency unit.

**Scope**, the charity that supports disabled people, particularly those with cerebral palsy, has had approval for a grant of £50,000 over two years, to fund a volunteer befriending service. All of the grants are part of The Freemasons' Grand Charity's programme of support for non-Masonic charities that reflect issues of interest, concern and relevance to Masons and their families.

Charity	Grant awarded
Calibre	£50,000
Guideposts Trust	£12,000
Leonard Cheshire Disability	£40,000
National Star College	£20,000
Rainbow Trust	£25,000
Children's Charity Scope	£50,000
Soundabout	£10,500
Acorns Children's Hospice Trust	£100,000
Trail-Blazers	£10,000
Cancer Research UK	£75,000
Exeter Cathedral	£5,000

### Did you know Photography & Mobile Phones

All mobile phones should be switched off during meetings. If an urgent phone call is expected, arrangements should be made for it to be received by the Tyler.

Whilst there is no objection to taking group photographs in a Lodge room after the Lodge has been closed the taking of photographs during meetings including the processions is prohibited.

Whilst specially posed photographs may, subject to the permission of the Grand Secretary, be taken in a Lodge Room

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But photographs in or of any other parts of the building, and particular in or of the Grand Temple, must not be taken unless special permission has been given by or on behalf of the Board of General Purposes.

### Electronic Communications of Formal Documents

Whenever a Rule in the Book of Constitutions requires a written notice, request or a document to be given by or to a specific individual or individuals that document must have been received in paper form and bear an original signature in order to be effective and to be acted on. Summonses are excluded but Rule 106 The Master Elect not wishing to go on, Rule 173 requesting another Lodge to do a Ceremony, Rule 175 requesting a clearance certificate. These are just examples and there are other situations in this category. Rule 183 Resignation. In the first instance maybe by e-mail but must be confirmed in writing but the effective date will be date of receipt of the e-mail. It must not be reported until the written advice is received and is only effective as and if received in writing.

### Overseas

Brethren are reminded that it is part of our duty not to associate Masonically with members of unrecognised constitutions, and should such a situation occur, you should tactfully withdraw, even though the visit may have been formally arranged. To avoid this and to potential embarrassment to hosts, Brethren should not attempt to make any Masonic contact overseas, without having first checked

With the Grand Secretary's Office that there is recognized Freemasonry in the country and, if so, whether there is any particular point which should be watched.

### SURREY FOR SURREY continued

2 It becomes a tangible sum which can be spent on a real project as several small sums get lost in the everyday administration.

Remember every penny donated to a charity by a lodge or chapter will go to that designated charity and just as importantly each donating unit will be invited to be present at the presentation.

### Strategy 2 Central fund.

The long term goal:-

By creating a non designated central fund matched funding (the fund will match the unit's donation up to a certain amount) of smaller donations to the lesser known charities is able to take place. Once the fund is large enough it can continue to make donations to local charities whilst the Province is in festival—by the way 2014 is when the next one starts.

There are several "other commercial initiatives" as well as donations from Lodges. The Surrey ties will contribute as will the Royal Arch 100 club. The sale of Christmas cards is helping to swell the funds.

To make this whole initiative work Lodges and Chapters and their brethren are encouraged to participate.

**It's a new way to give with a much greater impact.**

W Bro Derek Barr

## QUIZ

The first all correct answer emailed to me will win a small prize at our next meeting. In the case of any disputes or disagreements my answer is final! (even if it is not correct!) peterashton@phoenixelectrical.co.uk

1. What is the nickname of the South African rugby team?
  2. When Muhammad Ali met George Foreman to decide the World Heavyweight title In 1974, what was the title of their encounter?
  3. Three countries have a 100% record of winning Football World Cups. Name them?
  4. Which sport is played on the largest pitch?
  5. Which is the oldest of the Classic horse races?
  6. Which English soccer club was originally known as Newton Heath?
  7. What is Tiger Woods first name?
  8. From which bridge does the Boat Race start?
  9. Which football team have the nickname "The Buoys"?
  10. Gillespie Road underground station is now better known as the stop for which football club?
- Did you know? Ties**  
In answer to those who query what tie should be worn, please refer to the Information for the Guidance of Members of the Craft booklet. On page 33 of the 2008 edition under 'Standard of Dress', it defines the tie as being a plain black tie; the Grand Lodge Craft tie; or the authorised Provincial tie when a Brother or Companion attends a meeting within his own Province. If attending meetings outside of his Province, a Brother or Companion must wear a plain black tie or the Grand Lodge Craft