



Triple Tauk

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The good and the great gather before the evening commenced whilst still able to stand upright to display the glamour of the ladies and finery of the Principals

NEARLY 200 ROYAL ARCH MASONS GATHERED ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN FEBRUARY AT THE DURRANT HOUSE HOTEL AT BIDEFORD ON THE NORTH DEVON COAST FOR THE ANNUAL SOMERSET PROVINCIAL WEEKEND. THE EVENT ORGANISED BY KEITH FISHER PROVIDES

Good food, wine and atmosphere all top class with dancing on the Saturday for those who were sufficiently agile and a bar for those who moved less well. Supporters came from all over the Province and also this year a contingent from the Province of Dorset were included in the celebrations, just to prove that having a good time is as widespread as Masonry itself.

Those present enjoyed some fine speechmaking, the toast to the Ladies being given by E Comp Maldwyn Davies who interjected humour into a serious topic of how our ladies give us so much support. The response was given by Mrs Gail Glazier, wife of MEGS Dorset who gave as good as any man could have given, her poignant remarks were both absorbing and entertaining.

Carriages were at midnight, we are thankful the MEGS was seen to be still in attendance so did not turn into a pumpkin.

Its an annual event that's always enjoyed.

ANOTHER GREAT EVENT TO CELEBRATE, THE ANNUAL ROYAL ARCH WEEKEND AT BIDEFORD



The Dorset Companions ready to raise another glass





SOMETHING IS OF CONCERN !!! THE MEGS AND HIS WIFE JENNY LOOK PERPLEXED ! HAS SOMEONE FAINTED ON THE DANCEFLOOR?

AH! NO DISASTER, IT TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE AMUSING, ITS ONLY THE DEPUTY THAT'S TRIPPED UP.



**A WISE CRACK FROM
THE MIDSOMER NORTON
MAFIA ? OR WAS IT THE
SOMERSET CIDER.**



I TOLD YOU NOT TO BE SHOCKED BY A LOT OF MEN WITH CHAINS AROUND THEIR NECKS, YOU OUGHT TO SEE WHAT I DRESS UP IN SOMETIMES.

I EVEN POLISH MY HEAD ON REALLY IMPORTANT OCCASIONS !



Don't Forget—Annual Convocation at the Webbington on Thursday 18th May 2017



May the Force be with you - the man of blue who turned to red E Companion Tony Beaumont the new Provincial Scribe E

Tony was born in 1945 in Wembley, his family must have realized his potential as they soon moved to up market Harrow. His life was enhanced with his wife Cindy, having a son and granddaughter living in Somerset and a daughter and two granddaughters living in Brisbane Australia.

The other lifetime of dedication was to the Police Force, he joined the City of London cadets and then became a regular in April 1964. On the beat became hard on the feet and he became a motorcyclist, later moving to Essex. He covered most of south Essex where two fellow officers recommended him to Masonry. He was Initiated into Chafford Lodge No.5510 in 1980 and Chapter of St Mary No.1312 in 1988.

During his Police career he twice attempted to get noticed by the Royalty of the day, he once collided with the bumper of the Queen Mothers car when escorting her, her Majesty calmly waved and glanced at her escort before proceeding. Or when he was Princess Anne's driver and started the engine just as she walked behind the car spraying her tights with exhaust smuts. He didn't book her for getting in the way and he kept his job !!!

For the last 10 years of his career he served at the Police Driving School at Chelmsford retiring in 1993. They then bought a touring caravan site at Culmhead near Taunton retiring 10 years later to nearby Bishopswood. Not sure whether it was his love for motorcycles or pressure from Cindy but he kept active, this time traveling the world on motorbikes with friend W Bro Len Richards circumnavigating the globe through 15 countries in 5 months.

He is also a keen cyclist doing Lands End to John O'Groats 3 times plus numerous Continental trips such as Harwich to Berlin and Santander to Cherbourg.

Masonically Tony remains very active, he joined Emergency Services Lodge No.9391 in 1993, Somerset First Principals Chapter No.3746 in 2000 and Taunton Deane Chapter No.5221 in 2013. He is also currently Secretary of Emergency Services and Scribe E of First Principals. He started with his feet down and has never put his feet up, his Cindy doll has supported him throughout, keep up the good work Tony.



Was that you Tony? Oh do mind my clean bumper



Oh bother Tony ! that's the third pair this week



Did You Know.....

The Supreme Grand Chapter of England has some 105,000 members grouped in over 3,000 Chapters. There are 47 Provinces.

Overseas are grouped in 32 Districts each headed by a District Grand Superintendent, 7 Groups each headed by a Grand Inspector and 7 being administered directly from Freemason's Hall.

In Grand Chapter archives the first Chapter Minute book dates from 22nd March 1765. In 1766 Companions signed the Charter of Compact by which they converted themselves into The Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter of the Royal Arch of Jerusalem, the first Grand Chapter in the world. It issued the first seven Charters for new Chapters in 1769, two for London, one each in Manchester, Portsmouth, Burnley, Colne, Bury and Bristol, by 1813 it had Chartered 120 Chapters to meet in England, Wales and territories overseas.

To stimulate growth of the Royal Arch the office of Grand Superintendent in and over a Province was introduced in 1778. Thomas Dunckerley was to become almost ubiquitous as a Grand Superintendent being appointed to eighteen Provinces from Durham in the north to Cornwall in the west and based on the then existing counties.

Connections between Royalty and Royal Arch began in 1772 when on 12th December in Grand Chapter acting as a private Chapter, HRH Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland (brother to King George III) was exalted. In 1774 he was elected Grand Patron of the Royal Arch. In 1776 he was elected First Grand Principal and was annually re-elected until 1785.

He was succeeded on his death in 1790 by his nephew HRH William Duke of Clarence (later HM King William IV) who remained as Grand Patron until 1817.

ALAN's BACK !



THERE'S NO HOLDING HOLTON

The New Deputy Grand Superintendent from May this year will be E Comp Alan G R Holton

We welcome him back into the fold after his successful stint as Senior warden in the Craft.

2ND PROV GRAND PRINCIPAL

will be E Comp Clive A F Lambert a promotion from 3rd GP this year.

3RD PROV GRAND PRINCIPAL

Will be David K Parslow who is currently Scribe E at Eldon Chapter No.1755 meeting at Clevedon

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CHANGES TO SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER RANK ARE:-

Promotions

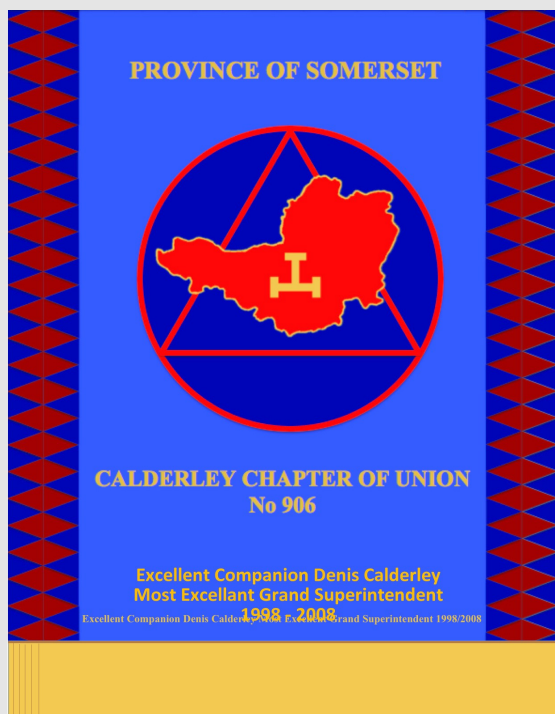
E Comp Barry K Woodside to PGSwdB

E Comp Richard K Ellis to PAGSoj

First Appointments

E Comp Chris Moore to PGStdB

E Comp Maldwyn T Davies to PGStdB



Calderley Chapter of Union No.906 is to have a new Banner, this is its proposed design, there will be a few finishing touches. It will be a great honour to remember the 10 years of Denis's reign as Grand Superintendent with such a striking and splendid ensign.

