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# HAPPY Birthday!

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GFN

## Editorial

**A big thank you to Brothers Dennis McDowell, Tofique and Leo Scott ( Magnolia Shellback) for assisting the editorial staff with the distribution of this News Letter**

## Roster Details

The site is being updated to include details of membership in the member's roster. Until this is complete please update your details when you leave a forum.

Pins, Caps and Car Stickers may be viewed and ordered from the GFN Site  
Also available from the Editor.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOARDS

### British/Euro Bytes

All are Welcome! But this Board has been constructed basically to be used by our UK and European Brethren for General Messages. Advertising Lodge Social and Masonic events and to give details of forthcoming UK and EURO Forums. It is hoped that it will also include relevant proceedings of the quarterly communications of the United Grand Lodge of England and other European Grand Lodges. You will also find here a link to the *GFN British Bytes Newsletter* for updated information.



## **Asian Pacific Forum**

Every day at 7.00 pm Perth Time. 10.00 am BST

Brothers in the Asian Pacific area please make sure that if you have any worthy articles for the News Letter that you forward them onto me this includes what is happening in your Lodges and up and coming events in your area .We look forward to hearing from you

Dennis Mc Dowell aka Genisis Asian Pacific sub editor



## **USA Forum**

Every day at 9.00pm.

# **Congratulations to Brother John R Biggs. GFN Rep to Maryland USA on being appointed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland**



I encourage everyone to congratulate him on this important once in a lifetime event. His email address is [K35p@hotmail.com](mailto:K35p@hotmail.com)

Becoming a Grand Master is worth receiving messages of acknowledgement and congratulations from every corner of the world where GFN members live.

Ed

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**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2007 at 21:57:03

**Message:**

I just wanted to be the first to wish the GFN a HAPPY 10th Year Anniversary.  
It's hard to believe that 10yrs ago this March I logged on the GFN on the 1st day it was open. I have really enjoyed the site ever since and really value the many brothers I have met here.  
I sure remember the many nights I was up past midnight with the old "East Gate Gang" and miss many of those old members we sure had a great time. I would also like to remember two of the old "Gang" Chuck-a-luck and David3 who have been called by the GAOTU to that house not made by hands.  
Maybe John R and RAN and Rene as well as any other old timer still around can add some thoughts for the Anniversary.  
David Broman  
GFN Board Director OIJ  
Member since day 1



**UK Forum Every Sunday at 9.00pm UK Time**

**New** British Bytes News page. Have a look it has been completely re formatted.

**The UK Get Together** for 2007 will be held at Leyland Lancashire on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00pm. Host Lodge will be Dona Conferentes.  
More details to follow

## The Wanderings of a Prestonian Lecturer

The Prestonian Lecture in its present form dates from 1924 and allows the Lecturer chosen to deliver a paper upon a masonic subject of his own choice. The Lecture has to be Educational, Informative and Interesting, my choice of Lecture was "Women and Freemasonry". When I was appointed I didn't realise how popular the lecture would become, and after being informed that the three official deliveries of the Lecture would be held at The Connaught Army and Navy Lodge No.4323 (London) The West Kent Masters Lodge No.5778 (West Kent) The Antient and Loyal Lodge No.9762 ( West Lancashire) I thought that I would receive about 15 other invitations to deliver my talk, I was shattered that by the end of the year I had delivered it a total of 69 times to the four quarters of the globe. Starting in January I visited Auckland (The District Grand Lodge of North Island New Zealand), and spoke at the Remuera Lodge No 1710, where over 130 ladies, brethren and non masons heard sat down to a delightful buffet after hearing the talk. Considering that masonry was closed down for their summer and it was the height of their holiday season, everyone was delighted at such a large attendance. In Christchurch (The District Grand Lodge of South Island New Zealand), I received an equally attentive audience, no ladies present this time, but brethren from the four Constitutions, England, Ireland, Scotland and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. This was the pattern of my lecturing, whenever I was going overseas I offered my services to the District or Province where I was visiting or holidaying so I was able to talk in Cyprus, Barbados, Guyana, Mumbai (or Bombay as I knew it) Jersey and Guernsey. Everywhere I, and my wife, when she was accompanying me were received with tremendous hospitality and goodwill, really unforgettable.

The Lodges such as the Albion Lodge No. 196 Barbados who petitioned Grand Lodge to alter the qualification of a Freemason from "freeborn" to being a free man to allow men being born into slavery to be made masons and many more.



Gordon with the ladies in the District GL of Northern India at Mumbai

My visits to Lodges on the mainland were just as memorable the three official lectures, where the Lodges pulled out every stop to make my visit a memorable one. The 250th Anniversary meeting of the Social Lodge No 93 in Norfolk, where I felt I was carrying coals to Newcastle, as there is a Lodge in Norwich which performs a demonstration of the ceremony where Elizabeth St Leger is

made a mason at her fathers house in Ireland. The meeting of the West Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 8565, where not only ladies and non masons were present, but the PGM R W Bro Jonathan Winpenny presented me with a certificate to celebrate my having survived for 50 years as a mason. It was nice to have my wife present as she has been so supportive over the last 52 years. The Lodges and Chapters I visited are too numerous to list but the Past Masters Lodges in East Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Dorset, Devon, Wiltshire, Lancashire, Jersey and Guernsey must be mentioned.

One of the perks that the Prestonian Lecturer has is that he can print a copy of his Lecture and is allowed to sell the publication for a Charity of the Lecturers choice, my choice of charities were The District Grand Lodge of Guyana Flood Relief Fund and London Youth., apart from that when overseas I donated any money I raised to the District Charity Fund, so that I could support local masonry in the various Districts that I visited.. During my year I raised over £10,000 and donated £2,000 to London Youth and £8,600 to the various Districts, the bulk of which went to the District Grand Lodge of Guyana Flood Relief Fund.

Finally a few statistics I have now delivered the lecture "Women and Freemasonry" 85 times, with a few more to come, over 4,700 people have heard me of whom almost 1,000 were ladies and non masons, I haven't included my wife who has heard it over 25 times. I would like to thank all of those who purchased 2,000 copies of my lecture and all the brethren who generously donated money to my chosen charities and particularly all the Lodge Secretaries who organised the meetings and all of those who acted as my host at all these meetings. **GWSD**

**Situations Vacant**

A number of vacancy's exist for UK County Reps

Some Euro Reps required

Interested? In the first instance contact the editor.

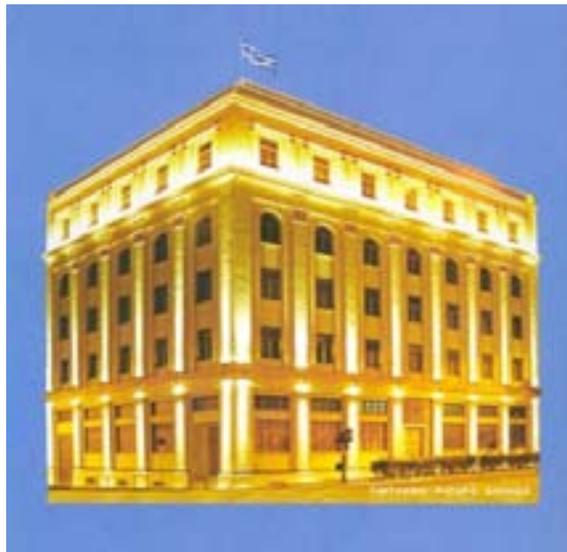
**Masonic Buildings.**

Let me have Pictures of your GL Buildings please. Keep them coming.

Ed.



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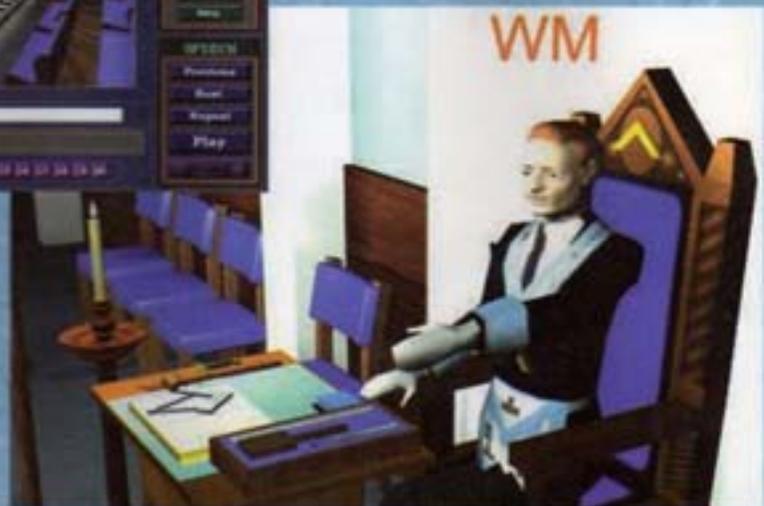
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**Quote of the month.**

“ There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice.

*Joseph Addison*

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