



GFN NEWS

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Introduction

Dear Bro Brian

Congratulations with your appointment as Senior Editor of the GFN Newsletter! We have greatly missed not having a publication. There is indeed nothing more important than a periodic publication about the activities of the Organisation in which its Members have a great interest. We therefore applaud your noble effort and wish you and your Editorial Team all the success in the world.

Fraternally

Richard Newman (RAN) and Jean Rene van Guens (Rene)
Founders and Administrators of the Global Fraternal Network

Editorial

Welcome to the first edition of GFN News. By publishing this we hope to rekindle interest in the GFN. Numbers participating in the various forums are down compared to two years back. To make this a success we need your input. Please let us have articles regarding your Lodge, district etc.

Also your promotions.

What are you interested in ? What do you want in your News Letter ?

What do you think the News Letter should be called ?

Suggestions received so far are :-

The GFN Gazette.

The Global Echo.

The GFN Mirror.

Its your News Letter let us know your thoughts.

We are hoping to publish quarterly, March, June, September and December

The most important aspect of the Global Fraternal Network is building a sense of community and trust, based on nurturing a great relationship between its Members. And that is exactly the goal of the GFN Newsletter.

There is no better way to keep in touch with each other on a regular basis. We realize that we have a huge number of registered members but only a small number has an interest in participating in the various activities the GFN offers. It is our hope and it should be the purpose of the newsletter that this

regular publication will create active interest among its readers.

In other words, this newsletter will be "the back-up" of the organization. The target is that we want our readers to want to become more active (in the GFN) and participate. We want them to be curious enough to log-on and go to the Chat Rooms or the Trestle Boards and leave a message and participate.



The United States

Subject: RE: GFN NEWS

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2006 4:40 pm

From: Ronald M Goldwyn Rep for Connecticut

Here in the nutmeg state we are busy trying to be part of the 21st Century by developing a Masonic computer system that will link the individual Mason to his lodge and Grand Lodge. For secretaries to email all reports, both monthly and yearly and to make it a two-way link.

On another front we are continuing our leadership role with Prince Hall Masonry. From now on all foreign Prince Hall jurisdictions need for Recognition is a letter from each jurisdiction in a state saying that they are In Amity with each other and that they have no objection for the GLCT Recognizing that PHGL.

May I personally wish you much success, and please remind me with Ample time to write you another article. This bull elephant tends to forget Due dates.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
R...W... Ronald M Goldwyn, PGSB
GLNY & GLCT
GFN Rep to CT

USA Forum

Every night at 9.0pm 3.0am GMT

Subject: King Solomon's Changing of the Guard Jubilee

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2006 3:55 pm

From: Leo Scott <leoscott@ev1.net>

To: Brian Butler bwbutler@btinternet.com

Conversation: King Solomon's Changing of the Guard Jubilee

Bro Brian,

This is copied from the Trestleboard, the paper for Pleasant Hill Lodge #380, Fieldstone, Texas. OK Brethren, we have the Mother of All projects on our hands creating a brand new Masonic function that, when successful, will be duplicated throughout Texas in other Masonic Regions. Attendance will likely be in the hundreds with most of our Grand Lodge officers expressing interest in attending. This event, named **King Solomon's Changing of the Guard Jubilee**, is scheduled for June 10 on the lodge grounds. The daylong family oriented event will include fun for children, food, possible horseshoe contest (without the horses), silent auction, entertainment, to include bands, singing groups, patriotic and historical presentations, and even a Civil War Calvary attack is planned. The scope of this event is mind-boggling.

To be invited are the members, families and friends from 57 lodges in 9 Masonic Districts surrounding Pleasant Hill Lodge. Of course, if the **Grand Master** and other **Grand Lodge officers** are to attend,

we can bet folks from all over the state will likely be there. Pleasant Hill Lodge has been the center of **FUN** for the area Masons in past years, it can, and will, be like that again. Pleasant Hill is a country lodge with about 50 members. I spoke to the committee and the lodge about this and was told to invite the GFN community and their families.

Fraternally,
Leo Scott



United Kingdom

Subject: RE: GFN NEWS

Date: Friday, February 10, 2006 9:52 am

From: Anthony Jamieson Rep for Essex

Brian,

One piece of news I have is regarding myself; on the 15th June 2006 I am to be invested as a Past Chamberlain in the KT and on the 25th October 2006 to be invested as a Past Turcopolier of The Provincial Priory of Malta.

Last year I received my 31st Degree in the Rose Croix, it is all happening at once or it seems that way to me.

S&F Tony

Scottish Lodges joining local Web Rings.

From: [Cavaradossi](#)

Date: Friday, February 10, 2006 at 05:26:44

Message:

In a move that has been on the whole strongly supported by Scottish brethren, a new web site has been put onto the Internet from the Lodges in the Strathearn Valley. Brother Richard W M Lodge Comrie has been instrumental in building all the web sites. We are hoping that this will spread across Scotland at a greater rate and, because we are connected to Local Tourist Web Sites enable more visitors to find us.

www.StrathearnvalleyMasons-Bravehost.com yours fraternally, Bro Bob.

Forthcoming Topics for UK Forum at the East Gate Sunday 9.0pm GMT

5th March How do we justify our poor performance regarding visiting sick brethren?

12th March Is Freemasonry fulfilling your idea of what you thought it would be?

19th March Should RA degree become part of the main craft?

26th March The Festive Board

2nd April Should Lodges be put under pressure to meet Charity Targets?

9th April What are you doing to keep Freemasonry alive?

16th April The White Table Meeting

23rd April Exhibiting your Lodge at a Town Show

I would like to thank W.Bro.Brian for his efforts as UK co-ordinator, and I'm sure that his input to this New, Newsletter will be received with the same enthusiasm he has for Freemasonry here in the UK. That said brethren, might I wish you all well, and here in the UK or where ever in the world you may be. London as you may know is now a Province, and has its own Metropolitan Grand Master, and Grand Officers. This was formed to ease the work of Grand Lodge and give London Masons and their Lodges Identity. Although I'm tied by Copyright to reproduce any or part of a talk LONDON FREEMASONRY- 'THE WAY AHEAD' by RW Bro. R.J. Race, DL PJGW Deputy Metropolitan Grand Master, (you may read it, in The London Grand Rank Assoc. Quarterly Bulletin No. 171) (members) LGRA.

London has many Masonic Meeting Place's in and around the Capital, with the largest, Grand Lodge, in West Central London. Here meets one thousand or more Lodges, my own included. Any member visiting the UK can ask me if I can help with a visit, or to a meeting. In this area there are also a few shops that sell Regalia, even in Grand Lodge its self. I strongly recommend a visit to the web site www.grandlodgeengland.org

John Nunn London Rep

Countries not in USA, UK or AP

All the following links are public and available to anyone

For a start is here an explanation on Swedish Rite in Denmark

Presentation <http://www.ddfo.dk/english/>
Apprentice First-degree picture of Lodge rooms

http://www.ddfo.dk/information/plancher/pages/page_6.html
http://www.ddfo.dk/information/plancher/pages/page_7.html

All degrees pictures
<http://www.ddfo.dk/information/plancher/fullsize/f10.jpg>

Grand Lodge building
<http://www.ddfo.dk/information/plancher/fullsize/f22.jpg>
The Swedish Rite is worked in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland. It is also, in a German variant, practiced in Grosse Landesloge der Freimaurer von Deutschland (the Grand Lodge of All German Freemasons).
This is not the only Rite in the countries; other Rites are plasticized under the jurisdiction of Swedish Rite Accepting its GM as their GM as well.

SWEDEN <http://www.frimurarorden.se/eng/index.html>
NORVAY <http://www.frimurer.no/engelsk.htm>
ICELAND <http://www.frmr.is/english.htm>

GERMANY has no pages in English but there are five accepted rites under the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge of Germany

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Peter Rep for Denmark



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