



Association of Atholl Lodges

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2012 NEWSLETTER

Brethren of the Atholl Lodges,

Firstly the Association would like to apologise for the long gap between newsletters. As you know we undertook quite a major reorganisation and it has taken much longer to settle down than we had anticipated.

EVENTS DURING 2011 & 2012

We have had a very busy two years, attending anniversary celebrations at the:

Albion Lodge No.9

Union Waterloo Lodge No.13

Egyptian Lodge No.27

Lodge of Union No.38

Royal Sussex Lodge No.53

Social Lodge No.62

Lodge of Prosperity No.65

Athol Lodge No.74

Lodge of Economy No.76

St John's Lodge No.80

Lodge of Unanimity No.113

Euphrates Lodge No.212

In addition to which the Lodge of Peace No.149 hosted a special Atholl evening at their Lodge in Meltham Yorkshire.

We received a most warm welcome at all these events; and were honoured and delighted to be asked to play a small part in such very special celebrations.

EVENTS DURING 2013

We already have a busy programme planned for the coming year. In addition to attending lodge anniversaries, we are also arranging a special event in London to celebrate the union of the 'Antients' and 'Moderns' Grand Lodges in 1813 to form the United Grand Lodge of England; in particular the Atholl contribution to that happy union.

Please pencil the date in your diary now. Full details will be sent out in good time next year, but I can tell you that a senior member of the Craft has kindly agreed to be our guest of honour, and that the event will be hosted by the Egyptian Lodge No.27 in Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street on Wednesday the 4th December 2013.

Only recognised Freemasons can attend the event itself, but you might like to make it a day out; perhaps including a tour of Grand Lodge, which ladies can do as well, or maybe even some Christmas shopping. Arrangements for an escorted tour of Freemasons' Hall have to be made directly by you with Grand Lodge and are not available on some days.

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ATHOLL TIES & PINS

We have good stocks of Atholl ties and lapel pins, plus a small supply of bow ties. If you would like to purchase any of these items please contact Dennis Mahoney on mahoneysky@sky.com . The prices shown below include UK postage & packing; if you are overseas Dennis will be happy to quote you a price with the appropriate postage and packing. All cheques should be made payable to 'AAL'.

Ties £13.75

Lapel Pins £2.50

Bow Ties £13.75

As a special offer, and for a limited period, we are able to supply a tie and pin for the combined price of just £15.

ANTIENNT TIMES

- ❖ The 'Antients' lodges were once compared to a string of diamonds circling the globe; at one time there were 'Antients' Lodges in Gibraltar, Minorca, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Guyana, St. Helena, Bermuda, the West Indies, South Africa and many in North America. Today there are still 'Antients' originating UGLE lodges in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, Gibraltar, Bermuda, Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana.
- ❖ Masons have always been fond of music and singing at their meetings. In 1813 the Duke of Kent had 14 musicians Initiated to play at his Installation as the 'Antients' Grand Master. Laurence Dermott, the famous Grand Secretary of the 'Antients', was also very fond of music and often sang at Grand Lodge. Some members once complained that he was singing and lecturing them out of their senses. Dermott replied that given an hour he would sing them back again!
- ❖ In 1756 Dermott compiled the first 'Antients' Book of Constitutions '*Ahiman Rezon*'. Seven further editions were published, becoming increasingly derogatory of the Moderns; the 1778 edition claimed they were admitting women and eunuchs into their lodges! This was probably a reference to the Chevalier D'Eon, one of history's most famous cross-dressers and at one time a 'Moderns' Mason in London.

IN CONCLUSION

We hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter and would ask that you share it with the other members of your lodge. Some of our records may well be out of date, if you are no longer the nominated Association contact for your lodge please let us know on mahoneysky@sky.com . Dennis is also our Membership Secretary and will be happy to collect any outstanding annual subscriptions; currently these are £10 a year for Lodges and £5 for individual members. Lodges can if they wish pay now for three years at a reduced cost of £25.

Finally Brethren please do pay a visit to our website at www.antients.co.uk, apart from interesting information about the Atholl Association it also has email links to the officers of the Association.

In closing we would send to all our members and their families our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas & New Year.