

Chaloner Lodge No.599 of MMM

Report to the Provincial Grand Lodge General Purposes Committee – May 2017

At our first meeting of the year in October, W.Bro.Chris Webb was installed as Worshipful Master for the second time, the first being 13 years before in 2003.

Although the year started slowly by the time of our second meeting in February we were flying. Bro.Harry Dickinson who had been a visitor and volunteer candidate for a demonstration in December was so impressed with the welcome he received that he joined the Lodge in February.

Also in February, the Worshipful Master Advanced his son-in-law Bro.Mike Keene into the degree. It was also at this meeting when the Provincial Grand Master (accompanied by the Deputy PGM and the PrGDofC) interrupted the proceedings, took the chair and asked the PrGDofC to present to him R.W.Bro.Alfred Martin Jefferson Brown.

After explaining the purpose of his unexpected visit and illustrating the livelihood and Masonic career of the Past PGM, he said that it was his great pleasure to present to R.W.Bro.Martin Brown a cheque for £1,050, collected from all the Brethren and Lodges in the Province as a token of their esteem and respect for him, and their grateful thanks for all that he did during his time as Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire.

A flabbergasted and almost speechless R.W.Bro.Martin Brown did manage a response, and his subsequent Letter to all the Lodges in the Province conveyed his true feelings. The Provincial Grand Master then returned the Gavel to the Worshipful Master, and took his seat in the Lodge for the remainder of the meeting followed by a joyous Festive Board.

Regrettably, a few weeks after that meeting two Brethren passed to the Grand lodge above and they will be sadly missed.

However, April proved to be another busy time with another Advancee, Bro.Martin Hignell, and the usual election matters.

Overall the Lodge is in good standing, starting off with 33 subscribing members and ending with 35, and with an attendance ratio of circa 60%.

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