

# Old Dovorian Lodge News

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## From the Secretary's Pedestal

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Old Dovorian Lodge News.

Following on from the 1st edition issued in December 2018. We are continuing with this form of communication to update you with both Lodge and College activities and news.

Since our last edition, a number of key events have taken place, for both the Lodge but also the College, which is outlined within this newsletter. In addition the Lodge has now become a Vice Patron Lodge of the MMC London Fire Brigade Appeal, which is a great achievement and honour for the Lodge. The appeal has so far raise in total £1.4million, which has enabled the appeal to supply and the manufacture of the supper high rise lifts, which are now under way in Germany, with the first expected to go into service early next year (2020) .

The Lodges Director of Ceremonies has already communicated with the officers of the lodge to inform them that we will be conducting a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ceremony at our October meeting, and subject to ballot, to do an initiation at our December meeting. The lodge is continuing to implement its 5 year rejuvenation plan, which is starting to deliver stability to the lodge, through re-engaging with the College, the relationship with the Headmaster and the College as a whole is continuing to be strengthened and developed, at the same time the Lodge has started to re-engaged with the Province of East Kent, which is been returned by the continued support from the Province and the Province Office.

The Lodge has joined the East Kent Freemasons Open Group Facebook page, as well as the "Craft Visitor" Facebook Group, This is a platform that is a closed Facebook group for Freemasons only ( we had to prove we were a genuine Freemason Lodge under the constitution of UGLE), this site is a platform where lodges post there meetings and events that they are organizing, this is to enable brethren to attend meetings and social events been held by other lodges.

The next step is to start arranging some social events in London, so members can invite friends, guests, wives and partners to. This will help to increase the lodges visibility, with the positive effect of attracting the appropriate new joining, as well as potential new members to the Lodge.

The Lodge is now working with the OD Club, to have an OD Lodge website, this will be a page within the OD Club website, this will enable the lodge to post events, notices, news updates and information, to support, and "build on" which will link directly into the Lodges Social media platforms, which are now established and generating positive engagement and following activity.



## Old Dovorian Lodge Summer Festival Saturday 15th June 2019

The Lodges Dover Festival this year started with the first requirement, which was the weather, which like last year did us proud, the sun came out after a week of very unsettled weather.

Like last year we had a masonic meeting, held at the masonic centre at Snargate Street, Dover, where the Lodge had the honour of receiving W. Bro David Graham the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Province of East Kent.

During the meeting the Worshipful Master welcomed the lodges newest joining member W. Bro Paul Pepera, P. Dist. GStwd (Ghana) and Bro Richard Reinert, who has after many years decided to re-joined the Lodge

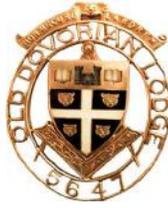


Our non-masonic guests had an historic tour of the College Close, taking in the recently unveiled statue to Capt. Billy Nevill in front of School House, followed by afternoon tea on the Close, after which our guests were invited into the lodge after the meeting had concluded, to receive talk on "Old Dovorian's and Freemasonry during the Great War" given by W. Bro Robert McAlpin and W. Bro Rupert Hill, this talk also included how the instigation of the "Hall Stone Jewel" helped to fund the building of the Peace Memorial – Freemason's Hall, together with OD's who fought in the Great War and there links to Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master then entertained all of our Guests on the College Close with a Champagne Reception, attended by 40 guests. The worshipful Master, The Lodges Guest of Honour Mr Gareth Doodes MA. FRSA, the Headmaster of the College, accompanied by his wife Jess and W. Bro David Graham APGM (E Kent) with his partner Vicky, where received in due form into the College Refectory by 36 guests, present for the Festival Dinner.

At the Festival Dinner the Worshipful Master presented a cheque of £500 to the Headmaster for the Colleges charity "Young Minds"





## OD Lodge Members News

Old Dovorian Lodge members and friends of the lodge have been traveling the world and seeing masonic lodges with their special architectural wonders.

Bro Rick Maud did a little bit of exploring in Singapore, and come across this wonderful masonic stain glass window at the Masonic Center in Singapore, which depicts the all-seeing eye, square and compasses, together with other masonic furniture and symbols that we all know.



Mr Mike Vanderhoeven, for those of you who don't know him, Mike has now retired from the teaching staff at the College some years ago, and conducts tours of the College, also he has been the Lodges chaperone for our non-masonic guests at the last 2 Dover Summer Festivals.

During his adventures in New Zealand at the end of last year and earlier this year, Mike came across a Masonic Hall and very kindly shared these photos he took, which just proves that Freemasonry is universal across the world.



## Old Dovorian Lodge Notices



It's with great sadness that the Lodges Almoner informed the Lodge that Kit Nicholas, the wife of W. Bro Guy Nicholas a Past master and Secretary of the Lodge, Past President of the Old Dovorian Club, Governor of the College, and Past School Council member, had passed away after a long illness.

W. Bro Robert McAlpin's daughter Jane was married too Mr. Mark Stabler on the 31st of May this year in Sorrento, where a total of 85 guests where present to witness the happy occasion and to wish the happy couple a happy marriage.

W. Bro Rupert Hill, has taken early retirement from the College, but will still remain as House Master for Lemington House for one more year, he has also been appointed the College archivist.

W. Bro Sunil Devalia, has been installed as JD of Grand Stewards Lodge

W. Bro Robert McAlpin, has been appointed as a Visiting Officer within Metropolitan Grand Lodge



## Cricket Star of the Future



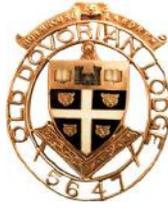
In May this year Olivia Kibler (Year 6), a Sports Scholar and Junior School Captain of Sport, Olivia has recently received her first Kent Under 11's County Cricket Cap, which was presented to her by England woman's cricket star Tammy Beaumont, who happens to be one of Olivia's cricketing idols. Congratulations Olivia, we look forward to tracking your progress as the season progresses and into the future.

## The Refectory Renovation Update

After 2 years of renovation, the Colleges 12<sup>th</sup> Century Refectory is now getting back to its former splendor, despite the challenges that have been encountered, - masive cracks in the end gables that needed speciest work carried out under the supervision of English Heratage,

All that is left to be done, is the hanging of the "Honour Boards", together with the preservation work of the " Last Super" Mosac on the Effingham Cresent end gable , when this has been completed, The Refectory will finaly back to its splended best





### So, what else has been happening this year?

This Masonic year has seen the continued development of the Lodges Social Media sites, which has seen an increase in both followers and activity.

This year at the Colleges prize day, the College has introduced the "OD Lodge J.FAB prize for Drama", which is a big step forward for the Lodge with regards to increasing the Lodges visibility within the College community, and continues to reinforce the close ties that are built up between the College and The Lodge, as confirmed by the Headmaster during the Lodges Summer Festival Dinner.

For those of you who did not know or meet Bro James Beckett (Known as J.FAB or "Fumes"). Bro James was a science master at the College, joining the College teaching staff straight from Cambridge where he got his degree in Chemistry, he was also the house tutor of St Martins House, and latterly Lemington House.

Bro James was initiated into the Old Dovorian Lodge on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1987, becoming the lodges Senior Decan at the installation meeting in February 1991, before tragically his health started to fail him, which he fought with great courage over a 4 year period, with endless cycles of treatment, until he was finally summoned to the "grand Lodge above" in May 1995, his funereal was conducted by the Bishop of Ely, in the main part of Ely Cathedral, At his funeral the College was represented by not only one serving headmaster, but also a past Headmaster of the College, as well as members of the Lodge, past pupils he had taught and the local community, as a token of the high esteem Bro James was held in.

Bro James was also a great lover of the Theater, some of us still remember his appearances in the House plays, or been the "make up artist", for a number of College and house play productions.



OD Lodge Mem. JFAB for Drama Louise Demleitne  
Summer Leigh

### HALL STONE JEWEL IS RETURNED TO ITS RIGHTFUL HOME

The Lodges DC. W.Bro Sunil whilst visiting an antique shop found a Personal "Hall Stone Jewel", belonging to a brother of Lodge Italia, W.Bro Sunil was invited to present the Hall Sone Jewel to the Worshipful Master and members of Lodge Italia, there by returning the Jewel back to its rightful place, As a result this was mentioned in the Summer edition of "Freemasonry Today"





### Introducing Our New members

#### Bro Richard Reinert OD M70 -75



I was born in Barnet London on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1956 to a German father (Medical Doctor) and an English mother. However, we soon moved to Dover when I was just one year old, it was then that I started an idyllically childhood, which consisted of morning swims every day in the harbour, (dodging the occasional cross channel ferry....) playing golf at Royal St Georges golf club, all from the age of 7,

I went to prep school at Westbrook House in Folkstone and then as a day boy at Dover College becoming a boarder from the age of 12, when my parents left for Tours in France.

Being in the down-market St Martins House had its advantages, access to the town via a window in the prefect's study allowed various meetings with Dover grammar girls until getting caught red handed by then House Master Mr. Danny D'longh, who immediately demoted me from being a prefect after just one week on the job.

At 18 years old I left the college and took a degree at Tours University in French meeting my wife to be Brigitte, who was born in Belgium. We have three children and four grandchildren, and we are still together, all due to her of course!!!, we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

A fortunate interview in 1979 in Paris with Swiss Bank Corporation precious metals department led to a lifelong career in the financial sector, during which time I became Chairman of the International Petroleum Exchange, Futures Industry Association and a board member of the London Commodity Exchange and the London Metal Exchange.

I am currently living near Ghent in Belgium, but get over to the UK as often as I can for business and pleasure, whilst at the same time trying to meet up with my old friends from the College during my visits and at the annual Lodge meeting, as well as of course visiting the College and remembering so many fun times.

#### WM Bro. Paul K. Pepera OD S70 - 75



Paul was born in Accra, Ghana on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1957, twenty days after its Independence from the British. A true independence babe!! His father was an international businessman of sound repute with a range of very successful businesses. However, probably to have his peace of mind to continue building up his business empire, in 1963 dearest Papa despatched Paul to boarding school in the UK at the tender age of 6 together with his elder brother Peter.

Paul's primary education at Skippers Hill Manor, Mayfield, Sussex, being shored up by the school's tradition of compulsory skinny dipping in the pool during those freezing autumn mornings! Such occasions presumably only put on for the light entertainment of matron and the other female staff!! Suitably recovered from his ordeals at Skippers, in 1971, Paul headed further South to Dover College and joined the chic and rather debonair School House. He fully indulged in all that the school had to offer and was a member of the undefeated 1XV rugby team of 1974. Attracted by the bright lights of London and especially by his elder brother's membership of the Playboy Club in London's Park Lane, in 1976, Paul enrolled at the "Trendy London Uni", otherwise known as the London School of Economics, to read History. Aside from marvelling at the musings of his tutor- Doctor David Starkey - now of TV fame, Paul enjoyed many heated "how to change the world" debates at the fabled Three Tons Bar, of blessed memory. However, alas, all good things must come to an end and in 1980, Paul opted for the more sober surroundings of Lincoln Inn Fields to study to become a Barrister - At - Law. He was subsequently called to the UK Bar in 1981 and to the Ghana Bar in 1982.

Post the Bar, a career in business in Ghana beckoned, however Paul is currently trying to ease up on his many business interests and is looking forward to pastures new.

Paul's father was one of Ghana's most illustrious Masons, having held very senior positions in both the English and Scottish District Lodges and Chapters. All his sons followed him into the Craft and Paul has been a Mason since 1988, passing through the Chair of his mother Lodge in 1995 and is currently an officer of the District Lodge of Ghana (English Constitution). Paul's two keen loves remain the theatre and anything that smacks of history.

