



Association of Atholl Lodges

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NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Brethren of the Atholl Lodges

Please may we offer our sincere apologies for the very long gap between Newsletters. You will be aware that we have recently undertaken a major reorganisation, but we are now be in a position to issue Newsletters on a regular basis. There have been many changes in the officers including the appointment of Bill Hamilton as Treasurer, Ian Porter to be responsible for AAL Newsletters and Stuart Hill as Webmaster.

OUR WEBSITE

Our Association website address has now changed to www.antients.org please note that this website address is Antients with an "s" on the end. The new website is still in the process of being update, and we will also arrange for anyone accessing the old website to be forwarded to the new site.

VISITS DURING 2013 & 2014

Another two busy years, with many visits to lodges both at home and abroad, as below:

Prince Edwin Lodge No. 128, Bury

Pythagoras Lodge No. 79, London

Derwent Lodge No. 40, Hastings

Duke of Normandy Lodge No 245. Jersey

St John's Lodge No. 90, London

Newstead Lodge No. 47, Nottingham

Temple Lodge No.101, London

Etonian Lodge of St John No 209, Windsor

Lodge of Perseverance No. 164, Exeter

East Medina Lodge No. 175, Cowes

Royal Union Lodge No. 246, Cheltenham

Lodge of Commerce No. 215, Aldermaston

Special Atholl Event to Celebrate the Union hosted by Egyptian
Lodge No. 27, London.

Philanthropic Lodge No. 107, Kings Lynn

Lodge of Peace & Harmony, No.199, Dover

Lodge of St John No.115 with members of Inhabitants
Lodge No.153 Gibraltar
Lodge of Union No.38, Chichester
Albany Lodge No. 151. Cowes
Knights of Malta Lodge No. 50, Hinckley
Lodge No. 27, London
Lodge of Hope No.54, Rochdale
Lodge of Joppa No.188, London
Lodge of Faith No. 141, London
Atholl Visit to speak at a Lodge in Randers, Denmark.

This marks the end of the Atholl Bi-Centenary Celebrations, the last Antients Lodge having been formed in 1813, but there will be 3 two hundred and twenty-fifth's next year. Next year will also mark the 25th Anniversary of the Atholl Association, and a Special Event is being planned for March 2015. More details in the next Newsletter.

ATHOLL TIES

Our new stock of Atholl Ties has arrived and can be ordered from Dennis Mahoney on mahoneysky@sky.com. Ties are priced at £13.75 (inc. UK postage & packing). Also available are Atholl lapel pins at £2.50 each (inc. UK postage & packing); and copies of our latest booklet entitled 'Antient Ways - A short History of the Antients Grand Lodge' at £2.50 each (inc. UK postage & packing).

If you are overseas, Dennis will be happy to quote you prices with postage & packing. Please make all cheques payable to "AAL".

ANTIEN'S GRAND LODGE RECORDS

Please note that The Library & Museum of Freemasonry in Great Queen Street have now completed the cataloguing of all the Antients Grand Lodge records, this detailed catalogue can be found at:

<http://www.freemasonry.london.museum/catalogue.php>

ANTIEN'T TIMES

- Many Brethren of the Artillery Lodge No.148 meeting in Gibraltar were artillery men, and when the first shots of the Great Siege of Gibraltar were fired in 1779 they were called urgently from a lodge meeting to man their guns: the lodge was not 'Called On' again until 1783!
- At one time some lodges only accepted Master Masons as visitors; this rule was still included in the draft Bylaws sent to Antients Lodge in the early 19th century.
- The 19 year old 4th Duke of Atholl was Initiated, Passed, Raised and Installed Master of a Lodge all on one day in February 1775; and just days later he was made the Antients Grand Master!

IN CONCLUSION

We hope that you have enjoyed this Newsletter and ask you to share it with other members of your Lodge. Some of our records may be out of date. Are we sending our newsletters to the right person? Please email Ian Porter on ianporter@frognal.net if you are aware of any changes.

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