



## Oxnaford Lodge No 6691

### Newsletter – March 2018

#### Working Backwards – a lot has happened.



*As I write this a lot has happened since the last newsletter so I think it best to start from recent and work backwards. The best place to start is our February meeting which was our first in the new Oxford Masonic Centre at Cardinal House. Now, as you are well aware, this was not only our first in our new home but the first lodge meeting ever in the new centre.*

*We were honoured to have the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with us and he accompanied by a number of Provincial Grand Officers and other visitors*

*which enhanced our meeting greatly. Not only that but we carried out a triple initiation as well as balloting successfully for a joining member. The result is four new members for our lodge which is exceptional. Welcome to them all.*



*Left to right; W.Bro. Graham Ellis,  
Assistant Provincial Grand Master;*

*VW.Bro. Neal Spencer, Deputy Provincial  
Grand Master*

*W.Bro. Billy Allen, Worshipful Master*

*Our new brethren, Bro's Simon Grant,  
James Sharp and Ryan Mack.*

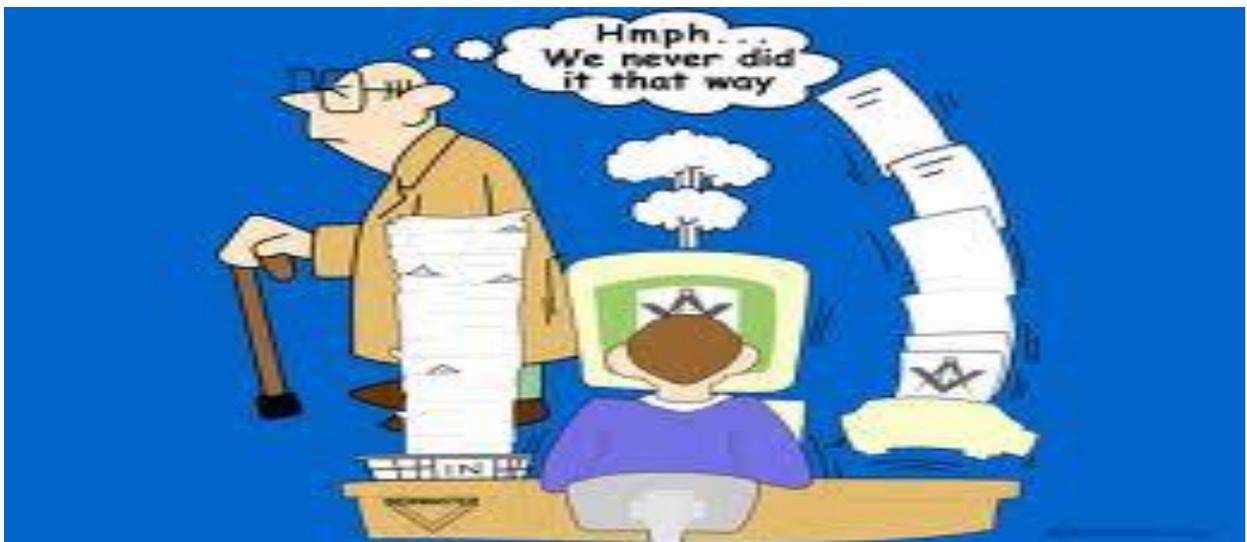
*Joining us from Aelfric Lodge is Bro. Stephen Hangar (not in picture).*



### **Installation Meeting – Our Last at Witney**

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 saw Oxnaford Lodge on the road for the last time at Witney when Bro. Billy Allen was installed into the chair of KS in fine style. A fine evening followed by an excellent festive board was enjoyed by everyone and, as can be seen in the picture, the Lodge was honoured by the presence of RW.Bro. JRG Hilditch, Provincial Grand Master, who was escorted by W.Bro. Bob Swanton, PrAGDC and accompanied by officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.*

*Left to right; W.Bro. Swaylie Forest, PrGStB, W.Bro. Roy Simmons, PGStB VO, Bro. Tony Flett, JW, W.Bro. Billy Allen, WM, RW.Bro. JRG Hilditch, PGM, W.Bro. Pat Hayes, PPrSGD, SW, W.Bro. Peter Smith, PrGOrg, W.Bro. Dave Roberts, PrAGDC, Sec, W.Bro. Keith Harvey, PrGMentor, Lodge Mentor.*



*Remind you of anyone brethren?*

### **Bowyer Chapter Royal Archg – Installation Meeting.**

*W.Bro. and Excellent Companion Paul Buck, our Charity Steward, was recently installed into the First Principals chair at the installation meeting of Bowyer Chapter over in Chipping Norton. He was ably supported by several of the brethren from Oxnaford Lodge who are companions in the Royal Arch, known as Chapter, at a most enjoyable occasion.*



*As can be seen in the picture, Bowyer Chapter was honoured with the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Superintendent, E.Comp Leslie Steward, Second Provincial Grand Principal, E.Comp Andrew Pickwick and Third Provincial Grand Principal, E.Comp Bernie Wegerhoff as well as, on the right side of the picture, E.Comp Keith Harvey, PrDGDC, E.Comp Dave Roberts, PrAGSE and E.Comp Mike Augar, PZ. Also supporting Paul but not in the picture was Comp Billy Allen and George Buck (Dad) so the lodge was well represented once again. We are sure that Paul will have an excellent year as MEZ and will enjoy his year in the chair.*

### **And another thing!!!**

*Notwithstanding their outstanding work for us as Secretary and Charity Steward our intrepid duo (W.Bro's Dave Roberts & Paul Buck) should be congratulated by us all on their hard work and dedication in ensuring the new Oxford Masonic Centre at Cardinal House opened on time and in excellent order for our meeting as reported above. Thanks a lot Dave and Paul, it hasn't gone unnoticed by us all and the Provincial Executive.*

**Humour, because you gotta laugh occasionally!**

*Masonic Light Bulb No.1*

*Q. How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?*

*A. No one knows. It's a secret.*

*Masonic Light Bulb No.2*

*Q. How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?*

*A. CHANGE?*

***One more?***

*A first degree was in progress and the ritual was not very good, consequently a series of prompts were coming from the Past Masters and the Provincial Officers (as they do). The DC was slowly losing his cool and finally snapped, jumped up and shouted "How many DC's are there in this Lodge" The Senior Warden who had been snoozing immediately jumped up and said "Three besides the outer guard or Tyler"*

*Keith F Harvey*

*Provincial Grand Mentor*

*Lodge Mentoring Co-ordinator*