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Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia

Provincial Newsletter May 2023



Welcome Brethren to the May edition of the Provincial Newsletter. This is the last Newsletter before our well earned Summer Break, nonetheless there are still many things to look forward to.

A New On-line Learning and Development programme has been developed to assist with the education of our Brethren. This exciting project will be rolled out from the 1st June 2023 with more information to follow.

We have many charity and social events being organised, including one of our biggest Charity events of the year, the Provincial Golf Tournament. More information can be found below, and on the Provincial website as well.

Even though through the Summer our Masonic work load lessens, let's not forget the up and coming Provincial Events. We have the Provincial Ladies' Night on the 4th November 2023, and then on the 2nd December we have the Provincial Lodge of Instruction being hosted by Hiram Abif. So plenty to look forward to.

Lets not forget our new Provincial Website, with a wealth of information being uploaded everyday, so please remember to log in and take a look. Also to help those with the Website we now have Phil's IT corner, which you will find further on in the Newsletter.

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NOTE: The Newsletter would not exist without the input from the brethren of the Province, so if anyone has any articles or news they would like to share, please contact W.Bro. Matthew James by email at **sec@glpvalencia.com**.

Message from the Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

What will Masonry in Spain in general, and Valencia in particular look like in 10 years time. We have planted some good strong roots and fed and watered them until they flourished and blossomed. We have been complacent in some areas and aggressive in others, always for the good of the Province of Valencia.

Our ability to work together has become the trademark of the Province and we have many things to be proud of. Our Masonic Funeral Plan is assisting our brethren in times of need. The Centre in Quesada flourishes and our Orders are recovering from the Pandemic. Of great concern to me is the rising rental costs of premises to operate in - this will only increase and put a large financial strain on the viability of some of the “smaller” lodges.

We are encouraging and helping to pay for a premises in the North of the Province - I understand that this has been tried before, however please be assured that we have addressed the matters in a correct fashion, leaving no stone unturned in order that our project has the strength and correctness to see the project through.

With this building, we can rely on attracting new Masons. We must remember in Valencia we have Brethren from many nationalities amongst those are Norwegian, German, Dutch, Belgian, Spanish and English. In our Province we welcome you all as Brothers - long may that continue. I would hope that this will be the benchmark for many years to come.

The stability of Masonry as we know it in Spain will materially depend on us and our attitudes to each other. Please be kind and praiseworthy where we find excellence and be prepared to drop a tear of sympathy where we see failings in others.

Stability is our key word for the future - Stability and Strength is a must on our journey of “onwards and upwards” to reach our ambitious but achievable goals.

Sincerely and Fraternally

R.W.Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell
Provincial Grand Master of Valencia



Provincial Golf Tournament

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, invites you to the annual Provincial Golf Tournament and Social event which will be held on Thursday the 15th June at Bonalba Golf Club and Spa.

*Provincial
Grand Lodge of Valencia* 

*The Provincial Grand Master
Invites you to a Charity
Golf Tournament & Social Event
Bonalba Golf Club
Thursday 15th June
Texas Scramble Better Ball Pairs
Green Fee & Shared Buggy 55€
Supporting the Hungry and Homeless
in our Province
Cocktail Prize Presentation
to Follow*

*(Preferential Accommodation Packages
at Bonalba 4 Star Hotel Available)*

For details contact Mike Wyatt
on: jill.wyatt050@gmail.com

*Gran Logia Provincial
de Valencia* 

*El Gran Maestro Provincial
le invita al Torneo Benéfico de Golf
y Evento social
Bonalba Golf Club
jueves, 15 de junio
Texas Scramble Better Ball Pairs
Tarifa por Green y Buggy compartido: 55€
En beneficio de las personas necesitadas
y sin hogar en nuestra Provincia
Entrega de premios a seguir*

(Hay disponibles paquetes de acomodación preferente)

Para más detalles contactar con Mike Wyatt
En: jill.wyatt050@gmail.com

This is the Province's largest charity event of the year and we are hoping to build upon last year's success. Details are available on the attached flyer and information on how to book can be obtained, whether as a player, sponsor or supporter, please contact W.Bro.Mike Wyatt either by email to jill.wyatt050@gmail.com or by phoning him on 696 75 89 87.

Provincial Garden Party 8th June

 Ben Alexander

Provincial Garden Party
Thursday 8th June 7:00pm
Los Arcos Restaurant - Pedreguer
Entrance 10€

Bring a Picnic!
(drinks must be purchased at the bar)
**Prizes for best dressed table
and costume
Raffle Draw**

Plus Special Guest "Sean"
as **Billy Joel**

To book your table
scan the QR code or
Email: peter_john1@hotmail.com
Call 618017201
All profits go to Provincial Charities
including helping the hungry and
homeless.



Charity barbecue R.L.S. Hiram Abif N°80

On the 29th April Hiram Abif Lodge N°80 of Alicante, held its first charity barbecue with the aim of raising funds for the Nazareth School, the social dining room and food dispensary San Gabriel. The event took place at the Granja Escuela Lo Boligni, a historic building more than 300 years old located in Partida de la Alcoraya on the outskirts of Alicante.



By holding such gatherings we recognise as Masons the importance of supporting worthy causes. This ensures that people with fewer opportunities receive the attention and resources they deserve, contributing to social equity in our community.

This event was an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, as well as with Brethren and their families from our province. They learned in detail about the institutions we support from our Worshipful Master and those in charge of the Nazareth School and the Food Bank.



Music also played a starring role during a wonderful evening with performances by Lucille Bluez, Rock & Country Duo who put the finishing touch to a wonderful evening. The Hiram Abif Lodge would like to thank all those who supported and accompanied us with their generous contributions. There is already a fantastic initiative in the pipeline which we will inform you about soon and we hope it will be as successful as this one, thank you all!

If you would like to enjoy more pictures and videos of the event we will share with you the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/hiramabif80/inicio/after-party>

Coronation Celebration Sunday 7th May 2023

On Sunday 7th May Sociedad Campás held a Hog Roast to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort.



120 attended this fun event, with Traditional games and Great food.



All profits were donated to the upkeep and improvement of the Temple building



Phil's IT Corner

A lot has happened over the last month. The entire old server has been Migrated to the new Provincial VPS (Virtual Private Server), so that the Provincial Website has now been moved, but the address is the same:

<https://glpvalencia.com>

This VPS is right up-to date using modern technology and is a lot faster than the old one. There has, however, been a major drawback, in that I was not able to Migrate the old e-mail addresses with their content. This was because the old data centre was unable to help in migrating the e-mails. They were stored on an old platform (very old) and so I had to regenerate 120 new, e-mail addresses, but with the same addresses. This means that all Inboxes, Contact Lists etc. were cleared. This I know will cause some users a problem, but it was unavoidable.

There is also a further problem with the new version of 'Roundcube' that has been installed. Some of the new Passwords that have been issued for Provincial e-mail accounts, won't work (it's a 'Roundcube' thing), so if you can't login, because the Password is incorrect, contact: itsupport@glpvalencia.com.

IT support and others are continuing to update the Website and add new material. Such as the new Provincial Medical card <https://glpvalencia.com/provincial-medical-card>. Over the next few months all the 'broken links' will be repaired, and the site general tidied-up.

The Province now has a completely separate Website in Spanish, to try to attract the younger Spanish Brethren: <https://glpvalencia.org> (notice the .org), and the Tab that the public can see on the English Language site ¿Interesado en la masonería? has also be updated to reflect this change.

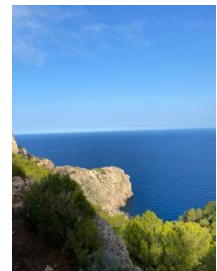
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Up and Coming Charity Events

For more information on the up and coming charity and social events you may browse the Provincial website www.glpvalencia.com

If any lodge would like to advertise their charity or social event please contact the Provincial Press officer, W.Bro. Peter Johnson at prensa@glpvalencia.com

The Masonic Scooter Club in Spain



For more information on future trips you can contact Bro. Bob Lovell at boblovellrugby@hotmail.com

Education

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY: The Provincial Library will be open between the end of the Lodge/Chapter meetings and the start of the Festive Boards.

W. Bro Matthew James open the Library for Jávea 40 and Puerta de Xabia 58

W.Bro Philip Bowick will open it for Arenal Deportiva 65, Installed Master's 144 and Sinceridad Chapter 04

There will still be a facility to order material on-line which can be accessed via the Provincial Website.

MASONIC REGALIA

The scheme for recycling Spanish Masonic Regalia, which encompasses not only Craft regalia but also that of Chapter, Mark and other orders are proving very popular. So much so that the 'Regalia Wanted' list is now larger than the 'Regalia Available' list! Please have another

check in your wardrobes and unused cabinet drawers. If you, or your wife, think that something can be recycled please let W.Bro. John Chandler know about it. He can be contacted on 620042 601 (after 5pm please) or email (jayceenjaycee@gmail.com). Please attach to the email, if possible, a photo of your available regalia.

PROSTATE CANCER

This Spanish website ([here](#)) has a wealth of information and guidance for you to review. Information in English is also available ([here](#)) .

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