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Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia



Provincial Newsletter September 2023

Welcome Brethren to the September edition of the Provincial Newsletter. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break, caught up with their families, relaxed and now feel fully refreshed and looking forward to another eventful Masonic year.

Many Lodges are already busy preparing for their Installation Meetings all of which will have Official Visits or Official Representation from the Provincial Executive. The PGM and his team will make Official visits to Hiram Abif Lodge No. 80 on the 15th of September and Marina Alta Lodge No. 144 on the 19th of September. On the 21st of October we have the 48th Regular Installation Meeting of the Provincial Stewards Lodge N° 154 in Quesada. Worshipful Master Ian Bullock has extended an open invitation to all Brethren to attend his Installation for a 2nd year in this prestigious Lodge. The Summons for these meetings can be found on the Provincial Website under LODGES and Lodge Summonses. We have the Provincial Ladies' Night on the 4th of November and the Provincial Lodge of Instruction on the 2nd of December to look forward to, you will find more information about these prestigious events later in the Newsletter.

Throughout this long hot Summer, our Brethren have continued to meet up and continue the good work of raising funds for good causes throughout the Province.

Charity Events

Old Tower No. 49 and Installed Masters No. 108 Donate to Children's Summer Camp



W. Bro.'s David James, Old Tower Lodge No. 49, and Mel Young, Installed Masters Lodge No. 108, along with Janet James and Jo Young, visited the San Jose Obrero Orphanage in Orihuela on Friday 7th of July, to present the Director and staff with 35 Lightweight Sleeping Bags, 35 pairs of Scuba Shoes and 35 Aluminium water bottles.

This equipment is needed for children who are going to take part in this year's summer camp.

The Director of the Orphanage has organised two camps in which 70 children will take part.

The first 35 children will go on the 24th of July, and the second group will go at the end

of August where they will take part in camping, trekking, white water rafting and lots more fun activities.

The funds were raised from a Race Afternoon organised by Old Tower Lodge, an afternoon where we enjoyed a buffet prepared by Janet, and racing organised by the DC, David Beale, where more than 800€ was raised. The remainder raised from Charity Funds by the Installed Masters Lodge. W. Bro. David stated on behalf of the Master and Brethren that it is very heart-warming to be able to donate this much needed equipment to help the children enjoy what will be a fantastic Summer Camp with lots of fabulous activities.

Provincial Charity Golf Day – A Huge Success



The Provincial Charity Golf Tournament, held on Thursday the 15th of June was once again a great success. The event, held at Bonalba Golf resort attracted 80 golfers from across the Province comprising 50 visitors – a record for this event, and 18 masons who represented 7 Lodges. Those Lodges that weren't fielding a team helped with the sponsorship of the event, ensuring that all 18 holes were sponsored plus 3 Longest drives and 4 Nearest the Pins.

This was the fourth time that the event has been held and the 3rd consecutive time at Bonalba Golf Resort, and it gets better every year! The course was presented in good condition, the weather was perfect for golf, and this was shown in the results.

The winners were:

Masonic Pairs

1st Bro's Terry Sharley and Dave Mullett

2nd Bro's Nigel Parker and Alex

Henderson Non-Masonic Pairs

1st Helmut Treiber and Robert Heyens

2nd Derek and Karen Cruickshank

The Prize Presentation took place on the terrace overlooking the golf course with the Presentation Committee comprising of Juan Alberto Albert, Bonalba Competitions Director, Sra Pascale Le Roux, Director Bonalba Golf Resort, R.W. Bro. Rodney Bignell, Provincial Grand Master, and W. Bro. Michael Wyatt, one of the event organisers, presenting prizes to the Winners. Drinks, Tapas and Arroces were enjoyed by all in a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere at what was the end of a great day's golf. The event was summarised in the final speech by the Provincial Grand Master, thanking the organisers, players and sponsors for helping us raise 7420€ for Provincial Charities including the Hungry and Homeless in our Province, who are supported through Food Banks and Charitable organisations.

Charity Pool Party – Santa Faz Lodge No. 48 Splashing Out!



On the Sunday the 2nd of July the WM of Santa Faz Lodge No. 48 W. Bro. Nick Carter and his wife Paula hosted a Pool Party at the beautiful home of good friends Alan Cumberbatch and Debbie Brooks in Cala D'Or, El Campello. Some 27 guests had a fun filled afternoon and managed to raise a magnificent 570€ for the Masters Charity which is 'The Elche Children's Home'. A presentation will be made to the Charity in September with the combined funds from a successful year.

Arenal Deportiva Lodge Support Autistic Needs Children's Summer School

On Friday the 7th of July Freemasons of Arenal Deportiva Lodge No. 65 were delighted to help with the funding of the annual summer school for Autistic needs children from the local area.

W. Bro. Peter Johnson, who is the current Master of the lodge, with Lodge members and their partners, along with representatives from Todos Juntos Javea, Jean Halse and Marion Kenworthy, were delighted to meet Ruben, the Director of Asociación Autismo of Javea, to present a cheque for 1000€ which will help fund the summer school this year.

Ruben was delighted to receive the donation and explained that the summer school could now afford another teacher, who is very much needed, as the summer school accommodates over 40 children on a daily basis, from many different nationalities over the summer months.

These children, who are from the Javea area and are aged between 3 to 18 years, benefit from one on one, and group therapy at the school, as well as having lots of fun and playtime, splashing around in the temporary pools and playing on the garden swings and equipment in the summer sunshine.

The funds were raised by Arenal Deportiva Lodge on an initiative from our ladies who suggested we hold a 1920's themed dinner dance to support this very worthy cause.



Old Tower Lodge No 49 Assist "Reach Out" in Helping the Needy



Reach Out Extienda La Mano recently celebrated 11 years in Torrevecija.

From their centre, in addition to providing food to people in crisis, they provide packed lunches for homeless people, shower facilities, washing machines, and donated clothing to help the homeless maintain some degree of dignity and hygiene. The Families' Food Bank helps to lift families out of crisis, and help everyone to move forward. Their Torrevecija centre comprises of offices, a canteen, a food bank, second hand shop, as well as a storage and a workshop area

where electrical devices are pat-tested before being offered for sale.

Old Tower Lodge No. 49 has been supporting 'Reach Out' for a number of years, relying on the generosity of Brethren and their families to donate food, clothing, and other items, in addition to Lodge Charity Funds.

During a recent monthly meeting with the Lodge Charity Steward, W. Bro. Alan Clarke, the Charity President Alexandru Petricean, stated that there was an urgent need for hygiene products especially soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toiletries, nappies, and bleach, as well as baby food products.

Following a significant grant of 1,000€ from our Provincial Grand Master, Old Tower Lodge was able to supplement its own work with an immediate donation of hygiene products, much needed and in severe short supply. Alex and his staff were most grateful for the donations received by the Freemasons of Valencia, and will highlight our involvement with the Charity with photos and a report on their own website.

The Old Tower Lodge strategy to support this charity includes a new motto – *'Reach Out – I'll Be There'* which is hoped will encourage Brethren to give an amount they feel comfortable with monthly via direct debit, this when added to the generous Provincial grant will allow Old Tower Lodge to significantly enhance the support they are able to provide.

This is another great example of Masonic Charity in Action, and underpins our commitment to help make a difference in the local communities where we live.

Photo show Alex Petricean (centre) Charity President, and W. Bro Alan Clarke (right) Lodge Charity Steward, accompanied by W. Bro Chris Ward from Old Tower Lodge.

Upcoming Events

Javea Lodge No.40 Lodge Fun Charity Ascot Evening

Don't miss the Javea 40 Lodge Charity Ascot evening on the 1st of September at the Costa Nova Masonic Centre. It will be a fun evening of entertainment with Racing, Tote, Auctions and Prizes including a raffle draw. To book your places scan the QR code and complete the Jotform, alternatively you can Email Malcolm on malcolm@mmarch.es or call him on 692 738 230.

Caledonia Lodge No 68 Bowling Afternoon

Caledonia Lodge No. 68 invite you to a Late Summer Bowls Afternoon. Please see the flyer for details.

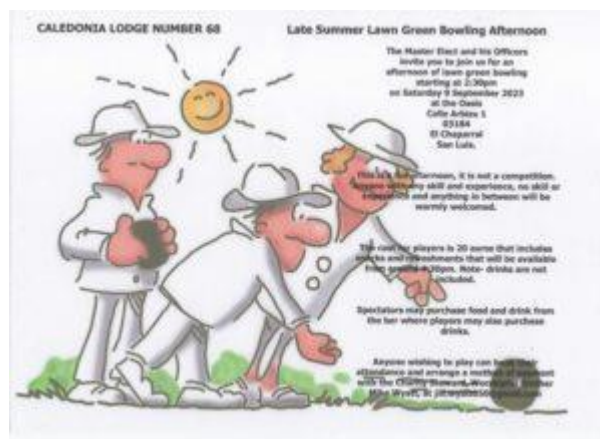
Arenal Deportiva Lodge No 65 Summer Garden Party

The Master and Brethren of Arenal Deportiva lodge No. 65 cordially invite you, along with partners and friends to their annual Late Summer Garden Party and BBQ. W. Bro. Ian Brown and Eileen have once again kindly invited us to hold our event at their lovely villa on **Sunday the 8th of October from 3:00pm.** The food and entertainment are included in the entry fee of 15€ but please bring your own drinks, crockery and cutlery.

Irish Des will be providing his own blend of laid back and easy listening music and we will hold a raffle draw as well as games and prizes. Profits will go to our Lodge charities. To book your places please click on the link below and complete the Jotform. For more information see the flyer on the Provincial website or call 618 01 72 01 or

Email: peter_john1@hotmail.com

<https://form.jotform.com/232221391361042>



Late

W. Bro. Peter Johnson Presents the “Liverpool Band” in Concert

W. Bro. Peter Johnson is kicking off the Autumn season with a fabulous tribute to the legendary Beatles performed by probably the best Beatles tribute band in Spain, if not in the whole of Europe. The Liverpool Band are a group of 4 very talented musicians who are based in the Alicante region, they have performed all over Europe and indeed have played in the famous “Cavern Club” in Liverpool on many occasions. Their renditions of all the famous Beatles hits are second to none, as is their stage act. We have regularly sold out these shows in Moraira and Teulada so do book early! This is a show not to be missed!

Magnum Productions Present:

The Liverpool Band



Teatre Auditorio Beniarbeig

Saturday 21st October 7:30pm

Tickets 20€ Tel 618017201

Email: magnum.concerts@gmail.com www.magnumconcerts.com

The show will be held in the superb Teatre Auditorio in Beniarbeig, with a full sound and light system and stage production by Magnum Concert Productions. There will also be a bar supplied by the Moors and Christians Festeros. The show starts at 7:30pm. Tickets cost 20€ and can be reserved by calling 618017201 or by email: magnum.concerts@gmail.com

Tickets will also be available online at www.magnumconcerts.com

So come along and see a truly fab show, in a lovely theatre, especially as all profits will go to local and Masonic Charities

Many thanks for your support and I hope to see you soon. You can join our mailing list which will give you prior notification of all our future events by emailing: magnum.concerts@gmail.com

W. Bro. Peter Johnson.

Ps. Diary Dates – Saturday 16th of December will be our Christmas Spectacular featuring “The Entertainers” and on the 20th of February 2024 will be “Queen Forever” featuring CHESS. If you want more information about any of these events or wish to speak about your plans for local events, please contact W. Bro. Malcolm March ProvGCharSwd E-mail: pgcs@glpvalencia.com Tel: 692 73 82 30

Provincial Ladies' Night/Cena de Damas Provincial

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell and his Lady Jeanette are holding their Ladies' Night on Saturday the 4th of November 2023 at the Gran Hotel Bali in Benidorm.



Provincial Ladies' Night

Why not go on, after the event, to the Hotel's Cotton Club until 3.00am

Provincial Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell
Gran Hotel Bali, Benidorm
Saturday the 4th of November 2023

Click [HERE](#) to book in, or use the QR code.
Price 50€p.p.

FRIDAY
Cocktails
Island Bar
7.30pm

SATURDAY
Cava reception
Crystal Terrace
6.30pm
Dining
Crystal Ballroom
7.30pm
Carriages
1.00am

Cena de Damas Provincial

¿Por qué no continuar, después del evento, a la Cotton Club del Hotel hasta las 03.00hrs?

Gran Maestro Provincial
R.H. Rodney Charles Bignell
Gran Hotel Bali, Benidorm
Sábado 4 de noviembre de 2023

Haga clic [AQUÍ](#) para reservar, o use el código QR.
Precio 50€ p.p.

VIERNES
Cócteles
Island Bar
19:30

SÁBADO
Recepción cava
Crystal Terrace
18:30
Comida
Crystal Ballroom
19:30
Carruajes
01:00

The evening will start with a Cava Reception in the Island Bar at 6.30pm and Dinner will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at 7.30pm. Dancing after dinner will be to the music of 'Jo Jo', the dress code is 'Black Tie' Carriages will be at 1.00am.

The cost of the evening will be 50€p.p. and must be paid for, in advance. Full details are provided on the Booking Form, a link to which is shown below:

<https://form.jotform.com/221493287552057>

Please enter All your party's names on the Booking Form, with their menu choices. Rooms are available at the Hotel at reasonable rates, and again, full information is available on the Booking Form.

Provincial Lodge of Instruction 2023

The Provincial Lodge of Instruction (PLOI) meeting this year is to be held on Saturday the 2nd of December at the Hotel Bonalba, C/. Vespere 10, Mutxamel 03110 Alicante. It is a 4-star hotel located just 7 minutes from El Campello beach and 10 km from Alicante. The PLOI this year is to be hosted by Hiram Abif No. 80.

The Provincial Grand Master has been insistent that the cost to Brethren must be kept as low as possible (40€). Therefore, we are encouraging all attendees to dine and make the Festive Board an integral part of the meeting.

There is a room package available for those that elect to stay at the hotel:

Single room (Single Occupancy) €72 per room, per night (breakfast included)
Half board) €92 per room, per night - drinks not included.

Double room (Double Occupancy) €82 per room, per night (breakfast included)

Half board €122 – Drinks not included.

Entrantes al Centro

Tartado de ibéricos acompañado de pan tostado con tomate especiado
Croquetas de queso requesort sobre confitura de pimientos de piquillo
Pastel de verduras con gratinado de alioli sobre fritada de tomate casero

Plato Principal

Telemillo de cerdo con salsa de Pedro Ximénez y puré de patatas trufado
o
Lomada al caldo corto de puerros y eneldo sobre lecho de espinacas y pasas

Dessert

Brownie de chocolate sobre crema inglesa y helado de frambuesa

Café e infusión

Bebidas

Refrescos, agua, cerveza,
Vino Tinto - Vino Blanco - Vino Rosado

Starters for everyone

Assortment of Iberian hams accompanied by toasted bread with spiced tomato
Requesort cheese croquettes on piquillo peppers confit
Vegetable pie with an alioli gratin on homemade tomato fry

Main

Pork tenderloin with Pedro Ximénez sauce and truffled mashed potatoes
or
Sea Bream with a thick broth of pine nuts and dill on a bed of spinach and raisins

Dessert

Chocolate brownie on custard and raspberry ice cream

Coffee or infusion

Drinks

Soft drinks, Water, Beer,
Red Wine - White Wine - Rose Wine

You can also elect to take one of the Spa or Golf packages that are available.

Once you have completed the attendance booking process, hotel rooms are to be booked by email to richard.davis@golfbonalba.com in your e-mail to reserve your room you must state "GRAN LOGIA PROVINCIAL DE VALENCIA" in order that the special rates are applied. You will complete your own room bookings and payment directly with the Hotel. Please check the rates you are quoted and ensure they are correct at the time of booking.

The PLOI 2023 Registration Form can be completed and submitted below:

[Provincial LOI 2023 Reservation Form](#)

The registration can be completed on any smart device or computer, but if you use a smartphone, we suggest you turn the telephone to 'landscape mode' to better view it.

The Provincial Education Programme

What is it?

- It is a self-paced, flexible, and adaptable Masonic Course for all brethren
- It consists of 3 Sections per Degree (in line with the 3 months between degrees), for all 3 degrees.
- It is a compilation of traditional texts and studies related to subjects of each degree.
- Brethren can study where and whenever they want, based on their own availability.

This was developed for new brethren (EAs, FCs and new MMs) and those new to the Valencian ritual for this Province. It is designed for those busy brethren to assist in their masonic studies, as Brethren can study at their leisure and available time.

The process is quite simple. Brethren can directly, or via their Lodge secretary, request the enrolment to the Programme by sending an email to the Provincial Secretary. Access is granted to the Education Programme section in the Provincial Website which is the repository of the Programme documentation.

Once enrolled, Brethren will receive once a month a new section direct link, via email, with an introduction letter, according to their progress and degree. The current and past sections are always available in the dedicated page on the provincial website, monitored by the Education Committee.

All of the sections are available in PDF format so brethren can read the papers on their computers, tablets and phones.

An Education Program Team e-mail address is made available to the Brethren, as well as a form, where they can send their questions and comments, in addition to the regular follow-up made by Lodge preceptors and mentors.

The initial roll-out started in mid-July, just after the PGM officially announced that we were starting a new Education Programme within the Province.

As of August 2023, 4 Lodges have already enrolled their Brethren to the Programme. With the beginning of the new masonic year, we expect more lodges to join the Programme, making it a great success and assisting with the education and enlightenment of more and more Brethren.

To find out more details regarding enrolment to the Programme please contact the Provincial Secretary sec@glpvalencia.com via your own Lodge Secretary.

Message from the Provincial Secretary - Provincial Festival 2026

Dear Brethren,

I am pleased to inform you that the Province is now able to receive donations to the 2026 Festival Fund, as the next stage in the process to purchase a building in the North of our Province. Donations can be made in the form of a single payment, or regular Monthly payment, using the appropriate form as detailed below:

1. A single donation using the attached form. You can complete this form online, by filling out the various fields, and returning it to: itsupport@glpvalencia.com. Here is a link to the form: <https://glpvalencia.com/2026-festival>
2. A single donation using: <https://form.jotform.com/231702663262047>. With this form you can donate using a Debit/Credit Card.
3. A regular payment using the attached form, as in Item 1.

You will notice that using the attached forms you can also purchase a Festival Tie. As far as a Lodge is concerned, once the form has been completed and authorised, a copy should be sent to the Lodge Treasurer, who will transfer the funds to the designated bank account. If anyone needs further clarification, please contact: itsupport@glpvalencia.com.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew James, Provincial Grand Secretary

Message from the Provincial Grand Master

Dear Brethren,

September is upon us and as usual at this time of the year, our Masonry re-starts with a bang. For many the Summer has been busy and my grateful thanks to all our Secretariat and Committees for their hard work. Amongst those, our Learning and Development team have been hard at work, our Provincial Web Site and Provincial Emails have been re vamped and brought up to date. My thanks to Phil Gibson-Daw for all the hard work he has put in. Please visit the Provincial web site to see the many changes that have taken place.

The 2026 Festival is continuing to gain momentum after a relatively slow start, and I look forward to receiving updates from my team and I thank the many brethren who have and are supporting it.

The letters of reminder to pay this year's Masonic Funeral Plan subscription have been sent out and any eligible Brother who wishes to join (together with his other half) should make application now - you will find details on the website and your Lodge Almoner should have full knowledge of the scheme also.

We have also continued to support the hungry and the homeless of our Province

with donations of food and toiletries to the chosen charities throughout the summer months, my thanks to Malcolm March and our Provincial Charities Team.

Your Provincial team have a busy year ahead of them as we all seem to have full diaries of events to attend. Please remember the Provincial Ladies night on the 4th of November - when we all meet to say a big "thank you" to our ladies - I can promise a splendid night, together with, of course the "night before" drinks and nibbles. Further dates for your diaries 2nd of December, Provincial L of I - 24th of February, Provincial Assembly - 9th of March, Grand Lodge Assembly.

We look forward to catching up with you, as we visit your Lodges and attend your social functions.

Kind Fraternal Wishes

Rodney

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 No. 40 and Puerta de Xàbia No. 58 and W. Bro. Peter Johnson will open it for Arenal Deportiva No. 65, Installed Master's No. 144 and Sinceridad Chapter No. 4. There will still be a facility to order material on-line which can be accessed via the Provincial Website please click [here](#).

MASONIC REGALIA

The scheme for recycling Spanish Masonic Regalia, which encompasses not only Craft regalia but also that of Chapter, Mark etc., is 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 620 042 601 (after 5pm please) or e-mail (jayceenjaycee@gmail.com). Please attach to the e-mail, 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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