



# The Orsett Times

## The Newsletter of Orsett Masonic Hall



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### Hall Update

The work planned during July/August shutdown was carried on time and within budget, and we hope that the improvements to the Tyler's area, and the Temple decoration met with your approval?

We have since installed a Blue Tooth speaker system which allows any blue tooth device to connect to it. This will enable everyone to play music of their choice for meetings.

You will also have noticed the upgrade of the museum in the bar area. Please see the photographs below.



As you will no doubt agree the artefacts, documents and jewels that we have, which are now labelled, are truly magnificent. We must thank our Hall Manager Jackie Firmin, for all her hard work in revamping the museum.

The Bar and Entrance area carpets were also given a deep clean.

### Kitchen

The deep clean of the kitchen was carried out during the shutdown, together with upgrades to the gas safety and emissions system.

Several Lodges have been requesting fine dining menus from Craft Catering for their respective meetings. If you wish to experience this, please contact Amanda (see the Hall web site), she will be only too pleased to offer advice and quote a realistic cost for a very special dining event.

### Moroccan Evening

As part of our plan of integrating the local community with the Orsett Masonic Centre, we held a dinner on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Amanda and Robert Milligan suggested a Moroccan menu, which proved to be excellent and was enjoyed by all. The waitresses, who were dressed appropriately as were Jackie and her bar staff, created a terrific atmosphere. Three of those that attended dressed up and entered into the spirit of the

occasion. Jackie had worked very hard to ensure that the centre took on a Moroccan appearance including suitable backing music. An evening which transported thirty-four of us to North Africa. However, it was a shame that only twelve of those who attended were Orsett masons. We plan to hold more of these social events and we hope that more support is given, to make all of the hard work worthwhile.

### Stanford-Le-Hope Remembrance Meeting

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Stanford-Le-Hope Lodge held their regular Lodge meeting at which the festive board celebrates Remembrance Day. Thirty-seven masons attended the meeting and enjoyed the convivial atmosphere of the festive board. Below are pictures showing how the Hall was decorated.



### Shares

The Board of Directors are continually updating our share register. According to the Memorandum and Articles of the Company, all shareholders must be either a Lodge or a member of a Lodge, who meets at Orsett Masonic Hall.

If you know of any Brethren who are no longer members of your Lodge, please advise them that their shares must either be transferred to a Lodge or a Brother who meets at OMH otherwise the shares will become null and void. Likewise, if you are aware of a widow, or family member who may own shares, the same rule applies.

### Cancellation of Lodge of Instruction

Should it become necessary to cancel a Lodge of Instruction, please can you advise the Hall Manager, Jackie Firman on 07758-237726 or e-mail: [jfdiver@live.com](mailto:jfdiver@live.com) as soon as possible.

### Forthcoming Functions

There will be a Mother's Day Luncheon held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Full details will be shown on the web site, and on the Hall notice board.

### Hall Bookings

The hall is available to hire for private or business functions. For more details, visit the OMH website.

All hall bookings must be made through Brian Smith and his contact details are e-mail: [b.s.smith@sky.com](mailto:b.s.smith@sky.com).

Your booking will be confirmed by Brian and will appear on the Bookings Calendar which can be found on the website: [www.omhl.co.uk](http://www.omhl.co.uk)

### Suggestions & Ideas

If you have any suggestions or ideas on ways we can improve the facilities at Orsett Masonic Hall, the Board of Directors would be eager to receive these. Please send your ideas to: [orsettmasonichall@gmail.com](mailto:orsettmasonichall@gmail.com)

The Staff and Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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