Internet Lodge 9659 March 2018 - March 2019

There was a good crowd to see the Installation of the popular W.Bro. Alan Breward who had been Lodge Secretary for four years. He has made many friends in the Lodge through managing Lodge admin for the members and bringing innovation to organizing our Festive Boards. At his installation, the Working Tools were presented over video link from India, Brazil, and Thailand; a unique achievement for Internet Lodge.

The social visit to Ireland was a great success. The brethren were particularly impressed by The Grand Hall in the Grand Lodge in Dublin.

Brother Alan commits much time to the National Memorial Arboretum and the Masonic Garden of Remembrance. On the Sunday the brethren attend a service in the Chapel, and our Master laid a wreath. The gravity of the occasion truly impressed the brethren.

The Lodge of Sorrows performed in Harrogate, was a very moving occasion, excellently presented, and appreciated by all those present. The guests of honour were our recent widows Ann Williams and Heather Clark.

Attendance	Members	Visitors	Joiners		Member Resignations	Member Exclusions
Manchester	62	25	20		14	0
Tamworth	34	3	23		1	0
Harrogate	43	15	25		3	9

6 Members Departed for the Grand Lodge Above

Manchester Installation Meeting

We heard eulogies for Ab Goedhals, an IL Past Master, David Slack, our Almoner, and Laurie Headland.

Having welcomed an APGM, W.Bro. John Pearson PSGD and his entourage to our 23rd installation meeting, we witnessed W.Bro John Dutchman Smith install W.Bro. Alan Breward .

W.Bro. Chris White delivered the address to the Master. W.Bro. David Starbuck delivered the address to the Wardens, and W.Bro. Royston Morris delivered the address to the Brethren.

The working tools were presented to the WM over video links as follows:

3rd Degree Bro. Rajesh Poddar from India
2nd Degree Bro Fernando Barroso da Silva from Brazil.
1st Degree Bro. Graham Russell from Thailand

Members balloted for 20 joining members. Our Assistant Secretary announced there were 29 applicants for ballot in August.

The Charity Steward proposed dispersal of £2, 000 to three Charities which was duly confirmed,

W.Bro. Chris White presented Grand Lodge Certificates to three members.

August meeting in Tamworth

.The Friday night social at the Tamworth Snowdome was a great success, although how many members donned their skis is unrecorded.

After rehearsals, the Lodge meeting started with the usual business. .20 Masons joined after a successful ballot, Our Assistant Secretary reported that he was handling 20 new applications.

After the meeting there was a Festive Board with the Ladies present and then the WM gave his excellent presentation on "The National Memorial Arboretum and the new Masonic Garden of Remembrance"

October meeting in Harrogate

Another Friday night 'Welcome Dinner' at Cedar Court was well attended and enjoyed.

The process of electing officers for the next year proceeded without surprises. 25 new members joined after a successful ballot. 16 Members were excluded for non-payment and 5 members resigned.

After the meeting, we were joined by our Ladies, 26 in number; and then Brethren of Glossopdale Lodge 625 delivered the 'Lodge of Sorrows' Ceremony. It was very poignant occasion as the Brent recalled the recent loss of WBros. Peter Clark, Brian Clark, and Ron Williams.

