

Visit to Bishopswood Lodge 7920 – 28 September 2023

Following our very successful reciprocal visits to Domus Dei Lodge 5151 in Portsmouth, a group of us visited Bishopswood Lodge 7920 in Fareham. It was a special night for Bishopswood because not only were they installing their new Worshipful Master for the forthcoming year, they were also celebrating the 60th anniversary of their consecration. It was also a special evening for one of our members, WBro Cyril Davey PPDGReg, because Bishopswood is his mother Lodge, and it was his first visit in many years.

The Lodge was also receiving an Official Visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VWBro David Perkis PGSwdB, and he was welcomed by the Installing Master and took the Master's Chair while the Lodge minutes were discussed. After this he relinquished the chair to the Installing Master, WBro Barry Turner ProvGStwd, who then installed his successor WBro Brian Baldock PPSGW.

The Temple was filled almost to capacity and it was clear that all those present thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony. WBro Brian continued with the agenda, and towards the end of the meeting, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented him with a personal letter of thanks from the Provincial Grand Master for his hard work and dedication to Freemasonry in the Province. The DPGM also presented him with a lapel pin to show that he was the recipient of this well-deserved award.

The Lodge closed in Love, Peace and Harmony, and we all adjourned downstairs to a most convivial Festive Board. The meal was excellent, and the company also, and we look forward to welcoming Brethren from Bishopswood Lodge to one of our own meetings in the future!

WBro Paul Speak PPGStdB