

Glandore

Masonic Lodge

Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Harry Thompson

September 2014

Dear Sir & Brother

You are summoned to attend a Stated Communication of your Lodge, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast, on Thursday **25th September**, at the hour of 7 o'clock precisely for the honour, welfare, and advancement of the order

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■ The Board of General Purposes
The Board Of General Purposes meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. all Brethren are cordially invited to attend. As the Stated communication will be held on the third Thursday there will be no Board in December.

Board of Purposed this month:

18 September 2014

Officers of the Lodge are reminded that attendance at the Board of General Purposes is an obligation of office.

■ Masonic Charities
All Brethren are invited to subscribe at least one months extra dues per year to our widows' gifts.

■ Dues
Brethren are reminded that the Annual Dues are payable annually in advance, in January, except in case of Brethren permanently retired from gainful employment, when dues of one half the Annual Dues shall be payable, provided the retired brother records at least three attendance's or written apologies.

Brethren are Reminded:
Only written apologies can be accepted against attendances.

Suggested Masonic Links

Quotations

To be amused by what you read--that is the great spring of happy quotations.....

Agenda:

- Circular
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- Priority Roll for 2015
- A.O.B.

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Lodge Website

In March this year the Glandore Website had it's 10th Birthday, so is it alive and well or dying through lack of interest.

The statistics for the website tell part of the story.

The headline figure is 1,259,505 hits at the time of preparing this circular. This is the total figure since inception. As explained on previous occasions 'hits' are a poor measure of website popularity. Visits per day and pages per day are better indications.

The average number of visits per day is sitting at 44. This is comparable to the figure of 43 visits per day for 2013 which was up from 26 per day in 2012.

Lane's Masonic Records
<http://www.hrionline.ac.uk/lane/>

Freemasonry Today
<http://www.freemasonrytoday.com>

Masonic Poetry Through the Ages
<http://www.masonicsites.org/blue/masonicpoetry.html>

Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon
<http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/info.html>

The Magpie Mason
<http://themagpiemason.blogspot.co.uk>

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All Things Masonic:
<http://allthingsmasonic.blogspot.com>

Freemasonry today
<http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/magazine-winter-2011>

The best indicator is probably the pages per day currently sitting at 285. This compares favourably with the average for 2013 of 156 and 62 for 2012.

The record for the month with the highest average number of pages per day is August 2014: **725** Pages and an average of 51 visits.

The record for the most number of Visits per day is November 2013 : 665 pages and **75** visits.

In total there has been **82,245** visits.

The totals are not important the growth in the figures is encouraging and indicates two things. Firstly that the content on the site has grown and secondly that the number of people visiting has grown. One a site such as Glandore's with relatively low traffic, the statistic are inflated by the 'web crawlers' or 'spider bots'. These are automatic programs that crawl the web doing many task one off which is to index the web for the search engines.

Is there a growing interest or decline in interest in Freemasonry.

Google reports the statistics for the following key words

Relative figures

Search Term	2004	2014
Freemasonry	100 (Nov.)	25 (Aug.)
Masonic	100 (Mar.)	33 (Jul.)
Mason	100 (Nov.)	28 (Aug.)
Freemasonry & Ireland	100 (Mar.)	46 (Aug.)

A marked decline in those searching for information on Freemasonry.

Brethren are requested to keep the secretary informed of any changes that may arise, such as change of address or sickness.