



Members of the Provincial Charity Committee with the Provincial Grand Master and other guests at the Presentation of £16,000 donated to Kent Air Ambulance by the Freemason's Grand Charity



The group was being shown over an Air Ambulance helicopter by one of the paramedic flyers when a wife broke away and, moist-eyed, planted a kiss on his cheek. "Without people like you, I wouldn't be here today," she said. This was the first time 54-year-old Kay Lakin, second on the left, had been close to one of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex life-saving choppers since suffering multiple injuries in a horrific "freak" road accident 24 years ago.

Kay recently went to the Air Ambulance headquarters at Marden with her husband, Worshipful Brother Martin, to see the Provincial Grand Master, Mark Estaugh, hand over a cheque for £16,000 from the Freemasons' Grand Charity. The PGM said "It is impossible to overestimate the value of the work the Air Ambulance does in saving lives, as well as providing emergency care when and where it is most needed. We hope this donation makes a great difference".

The mother of three, from Strood, Rochester, said: "The Air Ambulance do a fantastic job. They are wonderful. Without them lots and lots of people wouldn't survive. I am one of the survivors. Martin and I do anything we can for the Air Ambulance."

The Travels of Hiram the Hippo

Meeting the Scriveners' of the Province

Following his last trip out in West Kent to the Elizabethan Lodge at Sidcup, Hiram made a short trip across the boundary to East Kent to visit the Hexagon Lodge that meets at Rochester. It was a great day out according to Hiram and he was very happy to meet up with his old pal W Bro Robin Evans who tours East Kent with the library and museum presentation. Following his day trip to Rochester, Hiram had organised transport back to West Kent through W Bro Phil Moore as he had another appointment in Dartford.

Hiram had an early start on Saturday 19th March 2016, when at the crack of dawn he jumped into W Bro Phil Moore's car for a short trip to the Dartford Masonic Centre to say "Hi" to the master and members of the West Kent Scriveners' Lodge to promote the Kent Library and Museum at Canterbury.

Over 20 members of the Scriveners' Lodge were entertained by Hiram and on this occasion he was accompanied by W Bro Graham Stanford and Phil Moore.

The lecture titled "Past Present and the Future" covers the historic creation and operation of the library and museum. It traces the work involved in the recent development of both the exterior and the interior layout of the museum, before looking towards the trust's future objectives.

Members and guests purchased copies of the library book, where all monies received will be going to the Library and Museum Trust. To date Hiram has raised £1000, from the sale of the books and donations from the Lodges/Chapters visited in West Kent alone ensuring the library and museum remains an attraction that is free for all to attend.



The photo shows Hiram joining the Worshipful Master W. Bro Peter Casey.

Hiram visits Oakfield Park Lodge

Following his last trip out in West Kent to the Scriveners' lodge last Saturday 19th March 2016, Hiram had a short trip with W Bro Phil Moore, to the Welling Centre to catch up with the Master, W. Bro Lee Colfer.

Hiram waiting to see The Master's Procession.



We had a great evening in the temple where members and guests were treated to a somewhat extended lecture, with many good and challenging questions being asked at the end. Indeed Hiram reports that he has flagged up with the library and museum, to expect a call in a few "weeks time" from the Lodge Mentor, who is very likely to organise a coach trip to the library for his members and their good ladies. Members thanked Hiram and W Bro Phil for their visit and everyone retired to the festive board for a fish and chips supper, Hiram felt very much at home.....



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