



**ESSEX PROVINCIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Essex Masonic Library and Museum**

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#### **Library and Museum Opening Hours**

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## **The story of the Cornucopia**

The Cornucopia is a symbol of plenty and of nourishment, commonly a horn shaped container overflowing with produce, flowers, nuts, other edibles, or wealth in some form. Originating in Classical antiquity, it has continued as a symbol in Western art and is particularly associated in Freemasonry as the badge of the Provincial Stewards.



The thought process behind this theme is this; that the Cornucopia exists within the Province of Essex, not solely as the prerogative of the Provincial Stewards, but I also see it as a token of the generosity of Lodges, Chapters and just as importantly, individual Freemasons, who have given and who continue to give, regalia, books, jewels and many other Masonic items to the Library and Museum of Freemasonry in Essex.

These donations are the life blood of the Library and Museum and although we are fortunate to have generous funding from the 'Province', the Library and Museum would defiantly be the poorer without these gifts.

As these donations are made, we make a point in this Newsletter, in every Issue, to publicly acknowledge the donor of any and all items. Over the last few months, we have received a number of objects and we will feature, over the next issues of this Newsletter, the Brother, Lodge or Chapter concerned, to show the members of the Province our gratitude to their generosity and thoughtfulness.

If you have any items that are languishing in a dark drawer, in a box under the bed, or tucked away in your case, please, give them a new life, so that the Freemasons of Essex, their families and their friends, can enjoy them.

Greek Mythology has it, that the horn of the goat that suckled Zeus, (head of the pantheon of Gods) broke off and became full of fruit, the other definition and the one I particularly think is apt, is that in folklore, it became full of whatever the owner desired.

W/Bro Pierre Waddoups

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## *News from your Library and Museum*

### Stisted Garden Party

The Library and Museum held its second 'Road Show' at Stisted this year. It proved to be another success, not only because visitors were made aware of the work of the Library and Museum, but also several people donated on a permanent Loan Basis, many objects, books, pictures and some written material., as they did last year. We had some requests linked to Family History Research, where we were able again, to assist in tracing the Masonic Careers of a few Essex Masons.



We shall be having a **book sale** These will be priced very modestly. So you can easily form a library of some of the classic books of reference,

### WANTED

*Are you an Auctioneer / Valuer/ Insurance Assessor?*

The Library and Museum is in need of your help in assessing the value of its artefacts for insurance purposes. At the recent Provincial Library and Museum Group meeting, hosted by The United Grand Lodge, there was a presentation by a Loss Adjuster from a well known insurance company who explained some of the intricacies of insuring specialist collections.

This set us thinking and we are now intrigued as to the current value of our stock.

To employ an outside Valuer would be rather expensive and we are hoping that you could come to our aid.



Please contact the Library and Museum if you can help.

### *Loans and Donations*

Loans and donations continue to arrive and they are not restricted to the Craft and the Royal Arch, either.

We now have many items from the Mark, Royal and Select Masters, The Knights Templar, etc.

Regalia is something else that is often donated from the family of a deceased Brother. We have a new facility to enable us to display items of regalia, which incorporates an 'In Memoriam' to departed merit.

Do please try and come along to see some of these innovations.