

**PROVINCE OF HEREFORDSHIRE**  
**Dean Waterfield Lodge**

**No 8089**



**DEAN WATERFIELD LODGE PROFILE**

Dean Waterfield Lodge received its Warrant on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1966 and was Consecrated 28<sup>th</sup> May 1966.

The Lodge meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from September to April (excluding December) at the Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford.

Lodge membership on 1st January 2018 was 43 members and 3 honorary members. There is an associated Lodge of Instruction which meets twice a month during the Masonic season at the above venue. Our membership is drawn from many different backgrounds and represents a wide range of professional, artisan and military backgrounds. The members have many differing hobbies and pastimes giving any prospective member a chance to meet someone with whom they have a common interest albeit initially with their sponsors.

The Lodge is very proud of its very high standard of ritual in the Temple which every Lodge member contributes to. This can, of course, be attributed in a great part to the Lodge of Instruction meetings which are very informative and usually well attended.

On Lodge evenings following the more formal proceedings in the Temple, it is customary for the members and their guests to retire to the adjoining dining room and, in a more relaxed atmosphere, enjoy each other's company over an evening meal during which several toasts are proposed and acknowledged.

Our Lodge members also enjoy a full and varied social programme throughout the year, the highlight of which is our Ladies Festival held on the first Saturday in March. These social events help our wives, families and prospective members to meet each other in a pleasant and enjoyable atmosphere with the added bonus of funding Masonic and other charities.

Prospective members usually have a friend or colleague belonging to a Lodge who can respond to questions and queries they may raise regarding the Fraternity. We do not consider the age of any prospective candidate to be a barrier to membership; however we are very aware of work/life issues associated with prospective candidates who, having a young family, may need to get time off work or attend to parental duties on Lodge or Lodge of Instruction evenings. This obviously could create a delicate situation and possibly pose a future conflict of interest for the prospective candidate. However, this situation is dealt with in a sympathetic and understanding manner and will be fully discussed during the interview process.

All relevant religious, financial and Masonic questions are addressed during this interview which is usually held at your home with your partner also being present. This keeps everyone fully aware of all the commitments being entered into.

If you are interested, please contact the Lodge Secretary on the number listed below for further information. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Dean Waterfield Lodge Secretary John Lloyd. Telephone 01981 250536