

THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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Lodge Membership Officer Report – January 2026

Brethren,

The second meeting on “The Members Pathway Challenge “has been delayed until I am back from my unavoidable health absence.

I wish to send my welcome to our new joining member W Bro Daniel Butcher and thanks to his proposer Bro Mike Crick and seconder W Bro Andy Dollery.

I am pleased to inform you that the first “Dine A Friend “event is on 6th May 2026 and is at “Gosport Masonic Centre” which is being delivered as a joint Gosport and Fareham initiative so hopefully some members of The Portsmouth Lodge can bring along a guest or two.

The second event is on 20th May 2026, at the Albany Masonic Centre, Isle of Wight, and both events are supported by the APGM and the Area Chairmen.

Just a friendly reminder that “Retention” is equally important as “Recruitment “and following our Membership survey to ensure we are still going in the right direction as a lodge, it is essential we ask the right questions of our brethren eg; -

;- Are we enjoying our Freemasonry? if not why? let me know.

;-What`s prevents you from attending? Do you require a lift in?

;-Is the Festive Board suited to your modern lifestyle? any changes you would like to see happen?

Finally, I have been sent a “Initiate” communication template for both the pre and post initiation so that the new candidate is fully aware of what is expected on the night and thereafter, so if a member of 487 has a prospective candidate please let me know and I can send it to you.

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