

# THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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## Lodge Membership Officer Report – March 2026

### WM and Brethren,

Before I give my LMO Report may I thank the brethren of 487 who gave me their support and good wishes, and I like to thank W Bros Gareth Manson and Barry Filer and may I say “ It’s good to be back in the land of the living and back in 487 “

In gratitude to all of 487 I would like to show my appreciation by giving and donating a lapel badge of “ Quebec House “ which is as you all know is where our founder W Bro George Stebbings held the first lodge meeting in 1843 and where the building still stands in old Portsmouth and when you log onto the Portsmouth Web Site it can be seen on the left hand side of our Web Site Home Page.

On a more updated matter the only “**Dine A Friend “event for the Fareham area is on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026** and is at “Gosport Masonic Centre” which is being delivered as a joint Gosport and Fareham initiative and I believe W Bro Gareth Manson will be bringing guest or two so I shall be endeavouring to attend and I hope some members of The Portsmouth Lodge can bring along a guest or two.

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

We have some good news on having **two new joining members** who the Lodge Membership Team are required to interview they are Mr Mark Smith aged 61 and Mr Marcus Taylor aged 28 and more details on them both will be provided by the Secretary and myself in due course.

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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