



Mid Sussex Lodge was Consecrated in 1959. Apart from 9 years in the 1970's when there was a Masonic Centre in Hassocks it has held its meetings at a variety of hotels within the Mid Sussex area.

The lodge currently meets at the Birch Hotel, Lewes Road, Haywards Heath on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November. Most meetings start at 5.30pm and are followed by a Festive Board(meal). The cost of the meal is currently £24. The Lodge enjoys good support from visitors who return frequently due to the welcome and enjoyment of the evenings spent with us.

The lodge financial year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> July each year when the annual subscription is due, which is currently £135.

The Lodge has twenty-four members, ages ranging between early 30's to 80, the majority, being under retirement age.

The membership is diverse in their background's and experiences of life and has a good understanding of freemasonry to assist new members.

Regular lodge of instruction meetings are held throughout the year. These are held at a local Community Centre on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and assist members in understanding the ritual and performing their respective offices. This helps new members to integrate within the lodge and they are encouraged to undertake part in ceremonies when they feel ready.

It is beneficial if prospective candidates are settled in their lives regardless of age thus enabling them to take full advantage of membership not only of this lodge but the wider aspects of freemasonry. Every effort is made to ensure Candidates receive not only a warm welcome but continued support throughout their masonic journey and they determine their own rate of progression through the offices of the lodge. Members are encouraged to visit other lodges to broaden their experience and extend friendships within masonry.

The lodge seeks to ensure the views of all members are considered through attendance at committee meetings

The lodge seeks to include partners as part of the lodge family to which end various events are arranged in which they can be part of. These include the May meeting which is an open dining evening to which both partners and friends are invited.

Each year the current master holds a Ladies Night attended by family and friends. These events are often of interest to those who might and be considering whether masonry is for them.

Other less formal social events are held such as curry evenings, walks, quiz nights and supporting the local Lions at their annual swim marathon at the local sports centre

Each year the lodge raises money for charity through raffles etc. much of which is donated in support of local charitable organisations. Individual members are involved in community activities such as the hospital radio station, children's Christmas events etc.

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