

Saxon Hall

The New Southend Masonic Centre

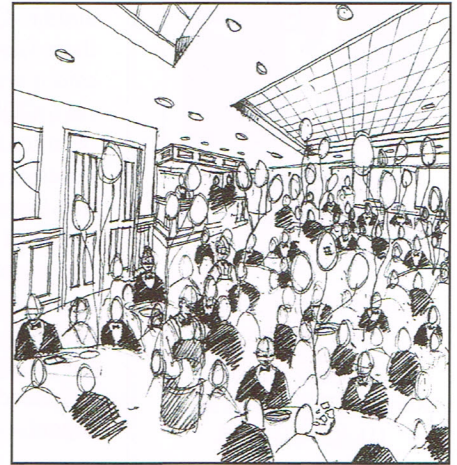
Southend Freemasons are on the move from their existing home in Woodgrange Drive to a new centre in Aviation Way to be called 'Saxon Hall'. The new Centre is currently used as a squash and fitness club with small banqueting facilities, and will undergo extensive internal changes to create one of the most modern Masonic Centres in the country.

The focal point of Saxon Hall will be its two large temples with a seating capacity of 150 in each, and the Chapter room seating 60. Temple number 1 and the Chapter room will also have the benefit of being divided by soundproofed partition walls, and when removed, creating a temple with a seating capacity of 300. The facilities are perfectly suited to not only to Southend's existing regular meetings but also larger visiting meetings.

The banqueting suites comprise of a main dining room seating 300, and two

smaller dining rooms seating 100 and 80 respectively. All the suites will either be purpose built or completely refurbished to set an atmosphere of distinct quality with a contemporary and elegant finish. Other facilities will include 3 separate bars, 6 L of I rooms, secure parking for 175 cars and a state of the art kitchen, ensuring almost anything will be possible for the menus and arrangements of Southend Masonic Meetings.

The new Southend Masonic Centre will be the benchmark for banqueting



in Essex and will also cater for a multitude of different functions including weddings, conferences, and trade shows. It is anticipated that Saxon Hall will be a venue used by the wider public in line with the general move to involve Freemasonry in the Community, however lodge functions will always take priority. The new centre will be obtaining a civil wedding license and coupled with the luxurious en suite bridal room will create the ideal venue for all facets of the perfect wedding day. With an exquisite and modern reception bar Saxon Hall will also be an ideal venue for brethren to use socially, with family and friends, seven days a week throughout the year.

A calendar of events for January 2006 onwards for Saxon Hall will be available from September 2005. The brethren at Southend have already shown massive support for the new centre and ladies nights booking are coming in thick and fast. Should we be able to accommodate any functions for brethren from other centres I would be delighted to hear from you.

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General Manager

