



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

FOOTBALL LODGE PRESENTS STRIP TO FAREHAM TOWN u13s TEAM



Back row, left to right, Nik Shore, Paul Moreton, Richard Appleton (Manager Fareham Town u13s), Bill Starkey, David Lallana (Primus Master), APGM Leon Whitfield (JW), Scott Miller (Asst Manager Fareham Town u13s), Sean Whelan (SW)

Members of Football Lodge 9921 recently attended the Fareham Town FC ground, where David Lallana, the Master of the Lodge, presented new strip to each of the Fareham Town u13s team members. The red and black kit is emblazoned with the Football Lodge logo. The Manager of the team, Richard Appleton was initiated into Football Lodge in February 2017.

Beyond the primary objectives of any Lodge, Football Lodge aims to interact with local, grass roots Football Clubs within our Province, particularly the youth sections, to encourage meaningful, structured team activities, positive team building to create an environment where young people can create Friends for life. At the same time,

the Lodge hopes to make the community at large aware of our fraternity and the benefits of 'making good men better'.

In the year since it's consecration by the Provincial Grand Master, the Lodge has donated:

- £100 to each of the 16 clubs in the Mid Solent League to help them to set up an u9 squad,
- £500 to Eastleigh Pan Disability u14s Team to assist with buying team shirts, shirts bearing the Football Lodge logo for the Hamble u9s, u12s, u16s teams after a fire destroyed their strip and a lot of other resources (£900),
- 16 sets of football kit costing £600, to the newly formed Fareham u13s Sunday team. Each member of the team received their new kit from David Lallana who then briefly addressed parents concerning the purpose and ethos of Football Lodge and Freemasonry in general.
- £500 to the Lifelites charity
- £500 to the Hampshire Constabulary Community Cup, providing footballs and medals bearing the Lodge logo for the tournament to be held on 9th August 2017 at Southampton Sports Centre.

Football Lodge was consecrated on 4th June 2016 at the Novotel, Southampton and meets at Botley Masonic Centre. 32 founders have since been added to by 20 joining members, 6 initiates and a further six men are awaiting initiation.

The average attendance at each meeting of the Football Lodge has been 105 and the Installation meeting in September promises a full house of 160 brethren which will include 3 PGMs, 2 DPGMs and many APGMs.

