

16th February 2021

The members of Clapham Lodge have dug deeply into their pockets to support one of its members, Otto, who runs an excellent French restaurant on Grays Inn Rd London. He has, in these times of covid lockdown, been providing St Thomas' hospital with succulent meals for their hard working staff enabling them to spend their precious time looking after their patients rather than cooking



meals. Otto was born in Germany on the 7th May 1956 in a small village in Bavaria called Frauenstetten. He moved to Paris in 1974 working at the Plaza Atheene, Maxims and Tour d'Argent. Otto arrived in the UK in 1976 and moved to London working at the most famous Mirabelle, Mossiman's. Otto's Restaurant was opened in 2011. He was Initiated into Clapham lodge 1818 on the 27th of January 2016 and London Masonry. His restaurant is a regular dining venue for many Masons. His generosity and exceptional food shines through. It was clear from day one that he was a kind and charitable man, always willing to help with little notice. In early 2020, Otto's youngest daughter, Lydia, caught a virus and died while living and working in



New York. On the 20th March 2020 all restaurants were told to close, due to the Covid pandemic. Ellin and Otto were alerted on the 19th March by a doctor in Manchester that doctors and nurses relied on junk food to keep them fed during this terrible time. This was not acceptable to Otto and his team. On the 23rd of March 2020, Otto's

Restaurant started preparing and cooking fresh nutritious meals for the ICU of St. Thomas' Hospital in London. Otto called Channel 4 News

to get exposure of the plight of the NHS workers and their lack of nutritious meals, which led to coverage of his contribution to St. Thomas' Hospital. He duly cooked and delivered freshly prepared three course meals without fail everyday up to the 15th of June 2020 and once again from January 3rd 2021. All staff at Otto's came in voluntarily to help with this selfless "Feed The NHS" drive. During this time, Otto got to know quite a few of the ICU team personally and kept in contact by extending invitations to Otto's when the restaurant was able to trade. Furthermore, during this period until the end of July, Otto's provided work experience for young offenders in the care of Hammersmith & Fulham Council. Two of the youngsters were refugees who survived a perilous journey to England and were excellently and carefully integrated into British society by the council team. All four young people proved to be an asset to Otto's, as they helped prepare and cook take away meals that were offered to the public to raise further funds for the NHS. The young people proved to be excellent in all aspects, even taking part in preparing food alien to their religion and culture. Otto's daughters life couldn't be saved, but the ICU team at St. Thomas' Hospital saved countless other lives. The members of Clapham Lodge recognising Otto's commitment decided to raise money to assist him and his team. We duly presented him with a Cheque for £4315.00 on the 16th February 2021. This was also attended by three members of the ICU team from St Thomas' Hospital. Our motto in Clapham is: "Together We Care." It was the least we could do for our selfless Brother.