

# PASSWORD

Lodges of Special Interest



## Featuring Lodges of Special Interest

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# From the Editor

Dear Readers, as the new season begins we welcome you to this Autumn edition of Password. We will be keeping you updated on the progress of the 2024 Festival, as well as our usual news from Provincial Grand Lodge.

Also you will notice on the front cover a 'Lodges Of Special Interest' Logo. Throughout the magazine there are articles from these Lodges, which include Musical, Scouting, Fishing, Shooting, Daytime and Motorcycling. These articles will include the logo to make them easy to recognise.

Please keep your Local Communications Officer advised of any item of interest. It is only by doing that he will be aware of what is happening in your Lodge or centre and have news of it published in this magazine, on the Provincial website or social media.

Thank you and I wish you a happy and harmonious year in Masonry.

**Craig Bunday**  
**Password Editor**

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# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

## Brethren,

As I write this in early August I hope that you are all enjoying a well-earned rest. Much as we love our Freemasonry I believe that a summer break is essential as we then commence again in September with renewed vigour.

You will all know of my concerns about membership numbers and I am pleased to report that we continue to see a year on year increase in our net numbers. I consider that we have good systems in place to deal with applications to join us and this should ensure that only the suitable men are accepted. My main concern has always been regarding resignations and I believe that if all of us work at reducing the number of these, we will see our numbers grow even more rapidly. During the coming season every Lodge will maintain a register, quietly completed by the Assistant Secretary during

the meeting, and this will give an early warning about members who are not attending. Contact can then be made by an appropriate brother to ascertain if there is a problem. I have also appointed W Bro David Watson, Provincial Grand Treasurer, to head a small team of experienced brethren who will be alerted by a Lodge when there is a resignation or a strong suspicion that one may be imminent. We need to know why a man wishes to resign and I am sure that in many cases a loss may be averted. We need the help of everyone in this matter and we should all be on the look out for a brother who appears not to be enjoying what we have to offer.

I am very pleased to report that a Lodge that has suffered membership losses in recent years and was in serious danger of closing has now been rejuvenated and has great hopes for the future. St Johns Lodge which meets in

Northampton, has not been able to recruit new members for a good number of years and was suffering from an aging membership. You will appreciate that in our whole history, since 1798, we have never had the erasure of a Lodge in our Province. Clearly, I did not want St Johns to be the first, particularly as they are due to celebrate their centenary in 2019. An appeal was made to members of other Lodges within the Province and there are now around fifteen new joining members. They have met on several occasions during the summer to get to know each other and everyone is now looking forward to the new season with great excitement.

I hope that most of the Lodges have held some sort of summer function during this extremely hot weather that we have been enjoying. I consider that the social side of Masonry is very important. Even in Lodges that meet six or seven times during a masonic season, it can





take several years for a new member to get to know his co-members well. A social event makes this much easier and also involves our families which is so important. Social events are also a very simple way to raise some charitable funds and that is so important as we are now in Festival.

Because several of our Lodges had built up funds during the period since the last Festival, they were able to pay over substantial amounts to the 2024 fund. This gave us a magnificent start, but

could also lead to a little complacency. We did have a great start but now the real hard work must begin. I urge you all to support your Charity Steward to ensure that your Lodge reaches its target and that we get to 2024 with a resounding success.

Brethren, I am immensely proud of our Province and in so many ways we set examples to others. We have successfully addressed the building problems that beset so many Provinces and we are often asked for advice. We have a good membership record with small overall increases in numbers after decades of decline. We recruit quality members and I am sure that we can all work hard to reduce resignations. We have a Province in which there is no conflict

between the various Orders and I know that all the respective heads are aware that for them to prosper we need to have a strong Craft, as without that, they cannot succeed. I am also particularly proud of the relationship between the Craft and the Royal Arch. Wayne Williams has now retired after a successful and memorable term of office. The new Grand Superintendent, Jim Boughton did serve for four years as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, so you will appreciate that there will remain a very strong association between the two principal orders.

I have more confidence in the future of Freemasonry than at any previous time and I am sure that we will all enjoy a rewarding experience during the coming year. I look forward to being with you during my visits..

God bless you all.

RW.Bro Max Bayes  
Provincial Grand Master

**“We have had a great start to the 2024 festival, but now the real hard work must begin”**

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## New Appointments to The Provincial Executive



**W.Bro Charles Bennett DPGM**

At the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held at Sheaf Close, Northampton on 17th May 2018, The Provincial Grand Master,

RW.Bro Max Bayes obligated, invested and appointed W.Bro Charles Bennett PSGD as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in succession to VWBro. Trevor Boswell PGSwdB, whom he thanked most sincerely for his past service.

and appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master and so become part of the Provincial Executive.



**W.Bro Luigi Orsi APMG**

W.Bro David Burton PSGD was reappointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, with WBro Luigi Orsi PAGDC then obligated, invested

## Reflections from the Past Deputy PGM



I have been asked by many Brethren the reason why I decided to retire as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. I could probably list several but then an equal number why I should not, but my two main reasons are that I have now reached a period where I wish to spend more time with my family. I have a daughter in Australia and would like to extend the length of time we can visit. My son has also recently started his own business and I am enjoying helping and working with him, not to mention two granddaughters and I also wish to spend more time with Daphne.

My second reason is that I strongly believe that Brethren should not stay in roles for

too long. It is a case of taking turns and also bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the party. I have been very fortunate to have had the support of three Provincial Grand Masters, initially RWBro Nicolas Hart, who appointed me as a Provincial Grand Steward and then to Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary, RWBro Barrie Hall, who appointed me as Provincial Grand Secretary and latterly RWBro Max Bayes who re-appointed me as Provincial Grand Secretary and then promoted me to Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The latter has been a great mentor to me in my Masonic career, I have enjoyed many adventures with him and, as I promised at Provincial Grand Lodge this year, many of which will remain Masonic secrets! During my time as Deputy Provincial Grand Master I could not have wished for better friendships and welcomes to the various lodges I have attended, and without doubt must be the highlight of my Masonic career.

My 10 years working in the Provincial office, alongside Daphne, was great fun and I

have no doubt the job of Provincial Grand Secretary, providing you have the time, is one of the best jobs in the Province. While Daphne and I were in the Provincial office, we tried hard to make the role of that office a service to all lodge secretaries. We must always remember they are volunteers with a difficult job and I cannot thank them enough for the generous support and enthusiasm they showed to us during our time in the office.

I am very lucky to say that if I had my time again, then I would do exactly the same, people have said that I have put a great deal into Masonry, but I truly believe that I have gained a great deal more than I have put in. I now look forward to many more Masonic times in my own lodges and visiting to meet up again with the many friends I have made during my time in Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours

VW.Bro Trevor Boswell  
PDPGM



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## New Grand Lodge Officers

We are pleased to feature our latest Grand Officers - W.Bro William Caswell PAGDC, ProvGORat, and W.Bro Dale Gilbert PAGDC, ProvGDC - in all their finery!

Born in 1950 in Wilby, **William (Bill) Caswell**, moved to Loddington 3 years later where he spent the rest of his childhood. He followed his father and grandfather by being initiated into the Lodge of Perseverance No 455 in 1981, becoming Worshipful Master 1997. He subsequently served a number of years as ADC and DC. He was exalted into Royal Arch masonry in 1987 installed as MEZ in 2006. He joined his old school Lodge in 2004 becoming master in 2016 and was a founder member of the Old Bromsgrovia Chapter. He is also a member of Installed Masters 3422, KT and Rose Croix. He has had the privilege of serving the province as ADC and DDC, and is currently the Provincial

Grand Orator. Married to Alison, they have three children and – at the last count – five grandchildren. His hobbies include golf, game shooting, travel, as well as gardening.

### **Dale Robert Gilbert**

was born in Wellingborough in 1962. He attended Wellingborough Grammar School which then became Wrenn School followed by University of Nottingham where he studied Maths with Computing and Statistics. He was initiated in Risdene Lodge in 1999 and exalted into the Holy Royal Arch Pemberton Chapter in 2007. He was installed into the chair of King Solomon of Risdene Lodge in 2008. He held active ProvGStwd, DepProvGDC and then



appointed ProvGDC in 2016. During the rugby season, Dale, accompanied by his wife Ruth, can be found supporting Northampton Saints. Dale and Ruth have 2 children, a daughter Hannah and son Andrew.

# Introducing the new Provincial Grand Mentor

The Provincial Grand Master was pleased to appoint W.Bro Duncan Childs as Provincial Grand Mentor in May 2018. Duncan recognises the great honour and privilege it is to take on this very important role and immediately acknowledged the terrific work undertaken by his predecessor, W.Bro Richard Brice during his tenure.

Duncan sees the Mentoring role as critically important to Lodges, not only to ensure all members have a satisfying and enjoyable masonic journey, but also to support our candidates, proposer, seconder and the Lodge in general, by providing ongoing help and guidance. It is the retention of these good new Masons which is so important and central to the role.

Duncan was raised in Burton Latimer before completing his schooling in Kettering. He is married to Maria and has three grown up boys, the eldest of which has joined Freemasonry. He is a director of a local firm of Chartered Accountants. He joined the Lodge of Perseverance No 455 in 1997, becoming Worshipful Master in 2009. Also a

member of the Rockingham Forest Lodge No. 9491, Duncan went through the Chair for a second time in 2015 and in the same year, was promoted to Provincial Senior Grand Deacon before taking on this new role. He is a member of the Holy Royal Arch and a number of other Orders

Having worked closely with W.Bro Brice for a number of years, Duncan instigated the formation of the Kettering and Thrapston Mentoring group, to promote best practice and share new ideas for Mentoring Coordinators (MCs) within their group. They also enjoyed the support of both Group Officers and senior Chapter Officers at their meetings and this has proved to be of great assistance.

At the recent Group Officers' forum, Duncan presented a series of strategies he would like to develop during the new season, including the creation of a Forum to improve the links between all Lodge MCs and in addition, the appointment of several regional Mentor Coordinators within the larger centres, will enable new ideas to be easily circulated.



This role dovetails in many ways with that of the Provincial Membership Officer, with W.Bro Duncan and W.Bro John Ferguson, already working closely together so that the Province has a complete strategic approach from the time a potential candidate first contacts us, through to the 'Chair and beyond'. W.Bro Duncan explained, 'This is a very exciting time for Freemasonry and our Province, and I am certain all Lodge members will continue to help to ensure we look after our newer masons and in turn, maintain both happy and progressive Lodges for the future'.

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Update From Provincial Membership Officer



This issue's article is on the **Members' Pathway** – you may have heard about this through Freemasonry Today or on Social Media. So what is it and how is it being adopted across our Province?

The Members' Pathway came out of UGLE's Membership Focus Group and laid down an 11-step system to assist Lodges to plan, attract and retain their membership. It also includes a clear link to the Holy Royal Arch. It was formally launched towards the end of last season. So, what does it mean for our Province?

The 11-step system has been broken down into distinct sections with our intention being the establishment of best practice across these areas

### **Lodge Planning**

### **Introducing a man into Freemasonry**

### **Mentoring & Retention**

### **Holy Royal Arch**

### **Retrieval**

As far as introducing a man into Freemasonry, a best practice document was produced more than a year ago after consulting with the Group Officers in each centre. The feedback is that this is proving very helpful for Lodges.

The new style Information Evenings were

successfully launched in January 2018 in Northampton and Towcester to provide a means for a gentleman to find out more about Freemasonry. There will be more planned for the forthcoming season so if your centre would like to host one then please get in touch with me.

The Provincial Grand Mentor, W.Bro Duncan Childs, will be communicating his strategy and best practice in due course.

The establishment of best practice around the introduction of the Holy Royal Arch to new and existing Brethren is currently under discussion with the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent.

W.Bro John Fergusson  
Provincial Membership Officer

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If you are interested then a full copy of the Members' Pathway can be found at [www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/the-launch-of-the-new-members-pathway](http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/the-launch-of-the-new-members-pathway)



## From The New Provincial Grand Almoner

Our region now has a dedicated team of people to support Almoners across the Province. The team consists of the Provincial Grand Almoner (PGA) and his assistants who co-ordinate all grant related activity as well as supporting the Lodge Almoners. There are a total of eight highly trained Provincial Local Support Officers who respond to referrals for help from Almoners and MCF.

Almoners are proactive in regular contact with Brethren, Widows and ex-Lodge Members.

The PGA believes that they need support to be even more responsive to the care and support needs of Masonic Families. For example, a recent meeting at Devonshire Court aims to kick start a program of improving understanding about the best way to guide people in accessing Respite and Care Facilities.

There is similar work going on with non-masonic sources such as: Bereavement and Mental



**Juliet O'Connor and Michelle Giles of Devonshire Court with DPGM Charles Bennett and PGA Gerry McLaughlin**

Health Care, Local Authority and non-statutory services across the Province. Details, as they emerge, will be imparted to Almoners through their Lodge Almoners Association regular updates.



**PGA Gerry McLaughlin with Assistants W.Bro's Brian James and Ged Dempsey with members of MCF's Operations Team Following a Workshop at Great Queen Street in Early August**

**For more information, see the Provincial Website or contact the PGA on: 07850468059 or [pgalmoner@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk](mailto:pgalmoner@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk)**

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Graham Milton Lodge Out In The Community



A great day was had by all at the Brackley Festival of Motorcycling, with even the August weather not able to dampen the success of the event.

Lodge members were happy to talk with visitors and motorcycling enthusiasts

alike, and made important contacts for the future. The Lodge presence at events such as Brackley, helps to spread the Masonic message to a wider audience, and highlights the values and diversity of our Fraternity.

Graham Milton members are pictured on their stand, together with their bikes, including Blood Bike 'Cecilie' and welcome all who share their common interests of Freemasonry and Motor Cycling!



Brethren from the Graham Milton Lodge performed their annual Easter Egg motor cycle run, which was enjoyed by all. This year, Worshipful Master Peter Fisher chose two particular Charities as beneficiaries and is pictured making the presentations to Chris Starmer on behalf of the Northampton Women`s Aid and Shirley Key, from Eve, formerly The Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge.



# Mick Pescod recognised for sterling work

At the Three Counties Past Ranks Promotions meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2018, our Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes presented his Certificate of Merit to W.Bro Michael (Mick) John Pescod of Euston Lodge as well as promoting him to Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden. This reflects his contribution over some considerable time, particularly, as a leading light in the Three Pillars Feeding the Homeless Trust.

W.Bro Mick was initiated into Euston Lodge on 21st November 1990 going on to become Worshipful Master in 2004. He was appointed as a Provincial Grand Steward in May 2006 and was further rewarded with Provincial promotions in 2010 and 2015. He is still active in the lodge where he currently serves as Chaplain and also thoroughly enjoys presenting the 'Hall Stone Jewel - its history and meaning'. Separately, he holds Grand Rank in the Mark Degree and Royal Ark Mariners.

In August 2016, along with W.Bro Ged Dempsey, he helped to set up the Three

Pillars Feeding the Homeless Trust to help feed and assist the homeless people in Peterborough twice a week. This project has been a tremendous success and W.Bro Mick's significant contribution shouldn't be underestimated.

Furthermore, for many years, he has set up and run the Euston Nomads charity golf day at Wyboston Lakes.

W.Bro Mick is a humble man who has a caring attitude for his fellow man, he always at the front of the line to help

any Brother or for that matter any human being. He is heavily involved in the local community through his passion for local football and will often be found down at the St Neots ground football ground or watching local cricket.

He is a dedicated family man who is married to Lorraine and is Granddad to the children of his son (Darren) and daughter (Vicki) who are both successful in running their own businesses in the Financial Services sector.





# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## 2024 Festival Off to Good Start

As this Masonic season closes we can reflect on the progress of the 2024 MCF Festival and the part each of us has played so far.

The Festival is, of course, in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation which does so much for Masonic families that fall upon hard times and also does much to improve the lives of the wider, non-Masonic community. This, our national Masonic charity, is one to which we all contribute and of which we can all be justifiably proud.

The Provincial Grand Master successfully launched the Festival in March. Many of you were able to attend one of the launch dinners at either Ellindon or Sheaf Close.

Back in our Lodges, many of us have been able to support motions to donate to the Festival Relief Chest. Consequently, progress towards our Festival target of £2.024m has so far been exceptionally good with donations and commitments from Lodges and individual Masons. Other Masonic orders within our

Province have also been generous with their support.

Donations to the Festival attract 2.25% annual interest, compound, which helps towards a Lodge's target.

A good way of enhancing Lodge fund raising, especially at well attended meetings, is through gift aided collections (eg with gift aid added, a collection of £240 becomes £300).



# Support in Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire

A gift aided collection can be for the benefit of your Lodge Relief Chest, the Provincial Grand Charity or the 2024 Festival directly.

By far the surest way a Lodge can meet its target is through as many members as possible being signed up to Regular Payment Promises. Each of us can fulfill that important part of our Masonic obligation by committing to pay whatever amount we can afford through this method. Again, gift aid adds a extra 25p in the pound to all donations.

Many members of the Province are already visibly demonstrating their support for the Festival by proudly wearing the Festival jewel at their Masonic and Chapter meetings. If you do not yet have your jewel, please see your Lodge Charity Steward.

You can also contact your Lodge Charity Steward, Provincial Grand Charity Steward or visit the Festival page of the Provincial website for more Festival information and advice.

## 2024 MCF Festival Progress

Goal  
£ 2 024 000



**For more information please contact your Lodge Charity Steward, local member of the Festival Committee or the Provincial Grand Charity Steward - [pgchstwd@northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](mailto:pgchstwd@northants-huntsmaons.org.uk). Alternatively, log on to the Provincial website [www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk/2024festival](http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk/2024festival), [@GerryPrGChStwd](https://twitter.com/GerryPrGChStwd) [@2024festival](https://twitter.com/2024festival)**

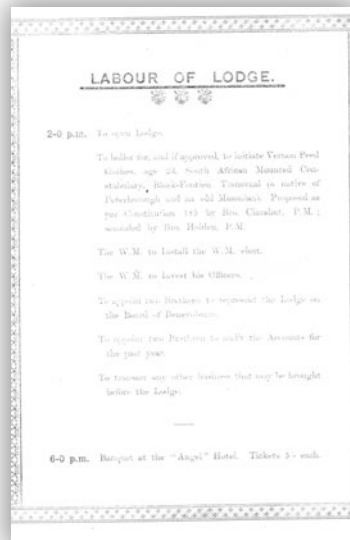
# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## In memory of the fallen

Last year W.Bro Duncan Jolly, Secretary of St Peter's Lodge No 442, received a communication via Province from Bro Arnold Wills of the Industrious Lodge 31 Canterbury. Arnold a Peterborian, Kings school (Scola Regia) pupil and chorister at the Cathedral wrote with regard to his Great Uncle, George Gaches and his Great cousin, Vernon Gaches, both being past members of St Peter's Lodge.

Investigation into the archives by W.Bro John Statham showed that George Gaches was initiated in 1863, when he was the Town Clerk. But it is his nephew, Arnold's Great cousin Vernon P Gaches who is of most interest.

Vernon, like Arnold, was an ex pupil of Scola Regia. Aged 26, he was home in Peterborough for just three months on a visit from South Africa where he was living, and wished to join the fraternity before he returned to Blackfontien, Transvaal, where he was a mounted constable. Vernon was initiated on



Jan 11th 1906, traditionally an installation night at St Peter's. As a special concession a separate ceremony was organised and held before the installation was conducted.

Vernon was passed in February and raised in March 1906, all rather quick but not unknown back then. Vernon's Uncle, George Gaches





was present at all the ceremonies.

On the outbreak of WW1 Vernon joined an African Regiment and set sail for Europe as part of the huge Commonwealth forces joining Britain and France entrenched in war with Germany.

Vernon paid the ultimate sacrifice on Sept 21st 1917 at the

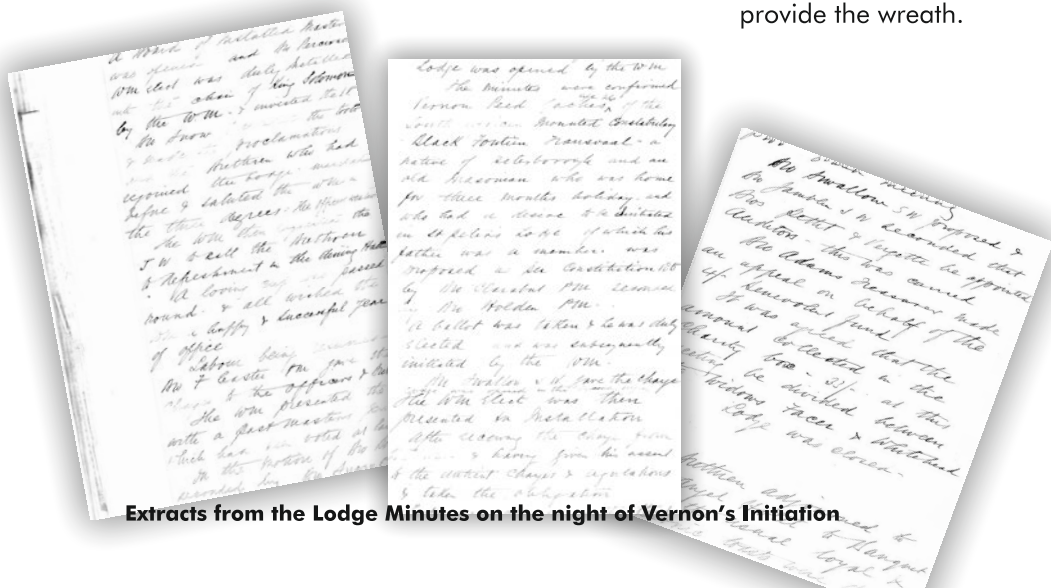
battle of Passchendaele – 100 years ago to the month St Peter's received Arnold's enquiry.

Vernon's name is recorded in the Cathedral at St Sprite's Chapel as a past member of Scola Regia. At the request of Bro Arnold, and in respect of a fallen Bro of this lodge, with W.Bro Tony Esley's

assistance  
the Lodge

Secretary laid a wreath in Vernon's memory in the Cathedral on the 100th anniversary of his death.

Acknowledgement must be made to W.Bro John Statham, for his time and efforts in helping find the records of George and Vernon, copies of which have been sent to Bro Arnold, and WBro Elsey for arranging with the British legion to provide the wreath.



Extracts from the Lodge Minutes on the night of Vernon's Initiation

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Masons do go out in the day, you know...

Our Province is blessed with having a number of day time Lodges which offer an alternative to those Lodges that meet in the evening. So, what's the attraction of a daytime Lodge?

The attraction of day time Lodges is that they can offer older Brethren who may find it difficult to attend evening meetings to continue their Freemasonry. It might be for any number of reasons, for example, their health and or age make it more difficult to attend evening meetings or equally they find that travelling in the dark,

cold winter months, more hazardous weather conditions and dining late in the evening all bring their own problems. As a result, there are Brethren who are resigning from their Lodges because they're not always aware of the alternative and so feel they have to give up Freemasonry which they cherish.

So, day time Lodges now offer these Brethren the opportunity to carry on with their Freemasonry, to continue to enjoy the friendships that they have built up over the years and take as active a part in the life of these Lodge



**The WM of Nantahala, W.Bro Plant, in headdress with official visitor, W.Bro Williams, in February 2018**

as they wish.

Indeed, as is the case with Terpsichore Lodge in Stamford, their wives and partners are able to share a dance on the day of the meeting.

If a day time Lodge is of interest then you may like to speak to **Nantahala (Peterborough), Meridian (Huntingdon), Terpsichore (Stamford) or Hamtune (Northampton)** who will welcome you with open arms.



**Members and guests at the consecration of Terpsichore Lodge No 9874**

## Scout Lodge Always Does It's Duty

It was believed at one time that Baden Powell was a Freemason but this is not so.

Where this belief may have come about was that the aims and objectives of both scouts and masons are so similar.

In Scouting a scout promises 'To do my best, to do my duty to God and the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout Law'.

The Masonic Principles are very similar, so it is hardly surprising that Scouters have become Masons and Masons have become Scouters - both have a kindred spirit. Also not surprising that they have joined together to form Masonic Lodges all over the country with a national

association called the Kindred Lodge Association.

The Scout Lodge was started in this province in 2006 and now has close on forty members.

It meets four times a year in different Masonic Centres around the province as its members come from all parts of Huntingdonshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough. All are involved in scouting in many different roles. Apart from the social aspect, the object is to support scouting both physically and financially. Physically by running campsites, helping at Gang shows as well as running a Scout Group. Financially by raising money for equipment, training material and maintenance of scout headquarters.

Financially the Masonic Grand Charity has given a considerable amount to



scouting for training material, equipment and start up grants for new groups. Recently a Peterborough scout group were helped to replace their ageing camping equipment. Time is money and scouting still needs more adult volunteers. They need group chairman, group treasurers and quartermasters so the leaders can have more time with the youngsters.

If you are interested how you can help please ring Peter Sidwell on 01733 554311.

It easy to see that both organisations have similar goals. To help everyone, youngsters and adults alike to achieve there full potential in life.



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## The Mother Lodge of Scotland visits Dr Oliver

The last meeting of the season for Dr Oliver Lodge 3864 was a special one. The Worshipful Master Nick Cesare welcomed his close friend W.Bro Charles Hughes and Right W.Bro David Bloomfield, two guests from the Mother Killwinning Lodge 0 – The Mother Lodge of Freemasonry in Scotland.

Lodge Kilwinning was formed in the Ayleshire town of the same name, around the year 1140, coinciding with the building of Kilwinning Abbey. The Lodge's own written minutes begin in the year

1600. This is due to the fact that the original minutes were either lost in a fire at nearby Eglinton Castle, the home of the Montgomerie family who have always been associated with the Mother Lodge or lost at the Abbey at the time of the reformation.

The Grand Lodge in Edinburgh has the Old Schaw statutes from 1598 & 1599 and in these statutes they describe Kilwinning as the head lodge in Scotland. Prior to the formation of Grand Lodge, Mother Kilwinning was a Grand Lodge in her own right, issuing

charters to many other lodges. The Grand Lodge in Edinburgh was formed in the year 1736 and the Grand Lodge of Kilwinning continued to be represented until it was decided to number lodges according to seniority.

The Lodge did not receive its rightful place and withdrew from Grand Lodge and continued to issue charters as it had done so previously. This continued until the year 1807 when a meeting was held between the Grand Lodge of Kilwinning and the Grand Lodge of Scotland



and a new agreement was reached placing Kilwinning at the head of the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

With the signing of this agreement the Lodge gained certain privileges - the most important being that their RWM by right of that office became the PGM of Ayrshire, thus recognising the importance of Mother Kilwinning within the masonic world.

When it came to the Bicentenary of the formation of the UGLE in 1917, Lord Montgomerie, 16th Earl of Eglinton was invited to attend in London. At the time he was the Senior Grand Warden of the

Grand Lodge of Scotland and also the Right Worshipful Master of Mother Kilwinning and the Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire. He then became the next Grand Master Mason of Scotland in 1920.

As RW.Bro David explained at the Dr Oliver festive board, in keeping with the

above tradition he was invited in June 2017 to attend the Tercentenary of the meeting at the Mansion House in London along with Scotland's GMM, Charles Wolridge-Gordon of Esslemont in recognition of the historical significance of Mother Kilwinning being the first masonic lodge in the world.



**From Left to right RW.Bro David Bloomfield, WM W.Bro Nick Cesare, W.Bro Charles Hughes**

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Club

# CATCH THE SMILE

The second event of our fishing season took place at Rookery Waters, Pidley, Cambridgeshire. The day went very well, as it was warm and sunny. There were 16 participants with 6 carers from Gretton School, Cambridge.

They all caught fish, some catching several on the day and their carers remarked on how calm and interested the participants were. They all enjoyed their outing and in

particular the barbeque mid-day.

Alex Bates site manager, who is the son-in-law of the owners Mr & Mrs Germaine,



presented the certificates and medals.



[www.mtsfc.org](http://www.mtsfc.org)

# Our Provincial Website is your Website

For many years now, the Provincial Website has been maintained to a high standard by a team of dedicated Masons, led by our Provincial Webmaster, Simon Key. The team is constantly seeking to enhance the content and experience for all who visit. However, 'beyond' the initial pages open to the public and there is so much more for our Members to discover, but only if they take the step of becoming a Registered User.

**The following is a summary, which I hope is of interest to all;**

[www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk)

Simply 'log on' and you will be able to view the publicly available Home pages and recent Featured News. This is very popular, with total hits in the month of June of over 13,000 ! If you have not done so yet, do give it a try?

## Provincial Website – For Members of the Province only

For our N&H members only, there is a host of additional features, useful forms and member information available, but as they are

Password protected, you must become a Registered User first to access them – click on the appropriate Tab, set up an account and Log In ! Included here is access to the online 'Yearbook' and Membership Databases, which as we all know, are only to be used for Masonic purposes. A monthly 'News Alert' summary is available, but first of all, you must 'opt in' to receive them.

## Facebook – Province of Northants & Hunts Masons

This is a private Facebook group available to all members of the Province and provides an internal platform, allowing Brethren to share their thoughts and experiences in a friendly,

conversational, 'real time' manner. You firstly need an existing Facebook account and then simply follow the 'Invitation Request' to join from the Registered User Website area.

## Individual Lodges - your members

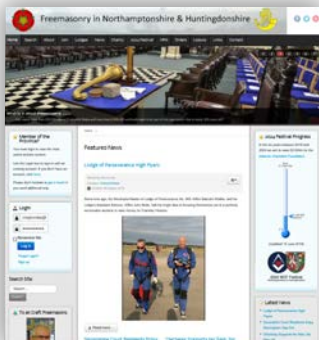
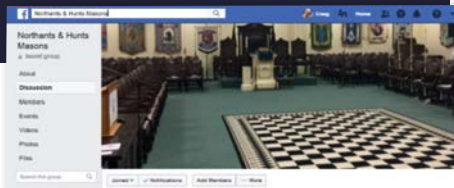
In addition to all our usual methods of communication, we would welcome your help to ensure your members are kept up to date with news and events from around the Province. We recognise this is a matter purely for individual Lodges to decide, but we would ask each Lodge to consider carrying the following logos on their Lodge Summons in the future, which we feel would be of considerable help;

 [northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](http://northants-huntsmaons.org.uk)  
 [facebook.com/groups/nhmasons/](https://facebook.com/groups/nhmasons/)

Thank you and if any Brother has any comments, ideas or would like to get involved with the Communications Team, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Yours fraternally,

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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Young Carers in Huntingdonshire given £30,000 grant

Children and young people in Huntingdonshire who are the primary carers for family members are benefitting from a £30,000 grant from this Province. The cheque was presented at St Ives Young Carers group in May.

The money will make all the difference to the young people that attend the groups. They rely on the groups for some time to be themselves, to talk, to know they will be listened to and to give them some breathing space. Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk ensure it makes a difference to young carers by providing a wide range of activities for them including regular groups, forums and trips away from home. As well as helping with their caring responsibilities, there is a focus on supporting educational, emotional, health and

wellbeing.

In the UK, there are an estimated 700,000 young carers. In 2016 Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk supported almost 1,500 young carers and currently support 320 young carers in Huntingdonshire.

Young carers are at risk of falling behind at school due to their caring responsibilities. One in twenty miss school because of their caring role and 26 per cent of young carers have been bullied because they are a carer. Their caring responsibilities can affect their health including



**PGChStwd Gerry Crawford hands over the cheque**



mental health, social life and self-confidence.

Young Carers carry out a wide variety of tasks on a daily basis that are usually the responsibility of adults, for example, personal, emotional and practical support for their loved ones. Josie, 12, and Jamie, 10, of St Ives, are two young carers supported by Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk. The young brother and sister help care for their siblings Amelie and Phoebe, who are triplets with Jamie and severely disabled. They help feed their sisters and assist their parents on family outings and with day-to-day tasks.

The grant has come through the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Miriam Martin, CEO for the Young Carers charity said: "I am overwhelmed.

The money will mean that we can continue to provide Young Carers groups like this as they rely entirely on charitable donations. We are thrilled to receive such an outstanding grant from the Freemasons. Over the next three years it will enable us to support young carers that are having a hard time, who need a break from their caring role to spend time with other young people in similar situations where they can feel safe and valued and be themselves."

Provincial Charity Steward Gerry Crawford, also said "We're very pleased to be able to help Carers Trust Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk who support some of the most vulnerable people in our community. They really make a difference to those young people who give up so much of their childhood to care for their loved ones."

The cheque came at a great time for the charity as it approached its annual free event, held for the first in Peterborough on 13th June. The event was an opportunity for carers, employers and supporters to come together, to have a chat, to take part in workshops, perhaps to learn something new and to recognise all family carers in the region for their outstanding work with Pride in Our Carers Awards. There were also awards for schools, employers and organisations that support carers in different ways.

As well as being a celebration, the whole day raised awareness about the impact of caring and that there is support, advice and practical help available for those who need it and don't know where to find it.

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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## New Portrait of our Provincial Grand Master



As a result of a collaboration between W.Bro Luigi Orsi (now APMG), W.Bro Michael Branch (PAGDC & Group Officer), and Bro Trevor Pywell (an accomplished photographer), a framed portrait photograph was presented to the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max

Bayes, prior to the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 17th of May 2018.

The portrait was very well received by the PGM, and has been displayed in pride of place at Freemasons' Hall, Sheaf Close, Northampton.

**From left, W.Bro Luigi Orsi (APGM), RW.Bro Max Bayes (PGM), Bro Trevor Pywell, and W.Bro Michael Branch (PAGDC & Kettering Group Officer)**

# Lifelites a Winner at Silverstone



In a 14-day "Lift for Lifelites" challenge taking place in May and June of 2018, Lifelites CEO, Simone Enefer-Doy, travelled to every Province in England and Wales to publicise the charity and the support it receives from Freemasons. She aimed to raise both the profile of Lifelites and £50,000.

On the morning of Wednesday the 6th of June, Simone arrived at the iconic Silverstone Circuit in our Province in a Dodge Charger (sporting a 7.2 litre engine) accompanied by the Province of Bedfordshire's PGM, RW.Bro Tony Henderson, and Dean O'Connell.

Silverstone Lodge Member, W.Bro Dermot Bambridge was on hand to drive Simone around the circuit in his Jaguar XK120 sports car (pictured below). When they stopped off at the winner's podium, the PGM, RW.Bro Max Bayes, presented Simone with a cheque for £5,000 (left).

Simone said "The support of Freemasons around the country had been fantastic and this is another tremendous boost to Lifelites which helps us exceed our target for this challenge. We are most grateful."



[www.lifelites.org](http://www.lifelites.org)

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Those Old Time Tunes return to Corby via Stamford

Old Time Music Hall returned to Corby Masonic Centre on Sunday the 19th of April as part of the Pro Musica Lodge Ladies Festival Lunch.

John Harvey chaired in the style of Leonard Sachs, ably assisted by Lodge Wardens Jeremy Bush and Sonny Sunderland. A welcoming introduction by Mike Gorrod, well known throughout the Province for his measured, masterful and mellifluous manner, set the

scene before the Chair man



introduced for our delectation and delight a wonderful whirlpool of entertainment from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Barmy, boisterous, bathetic and bawdy, the spirit of Music Hall lives on in Corby, thanks to John Harvey and the Festival Secretary & Treasurer Brian Chambers ..... but Chiefly Ourselves!

The meetings of Pro Musica and the festive Board that follows are always musical affairs, with members performing and always in good voice. If any Brother would like to add his talents to their number, please contact the secretary in The Masonic Yearbook.



**The ensemble in full voice!**

Sadly since the above event took place we have learnt that W.Bro Eric Place has passed to The Grand Lodge

above. He will be deeply missed by his family, The Pro Musica Lodge and Freemasonry in general.





## Corby

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### Silver Jubilee at The Lodge of Unity

A great evening was had by all on Monday 26th February 2018 as The Lodge of Unity No. 9495 held their Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro David Burton was the Official Visitor on the evening. RW.Bro W.B. Hall, PProvGM was also in attendance, who took part in the Consecration of Lodge on 20th February 1993 in his role of PSGW.

After the Worshipful Master W.Bro D. Genner had

opened the Lodge, the original minutes of the Concentration Meeting were read out to those present. The WM then graciously passed on the work for the evening to the Founders of the Lodge to conduct the 2nd Degree ceremony. The work of The Founders was greatly appreciated by the Bro A.S. Roderick on the occasion of his passing. The recently acquired Travelling gavel was also proudly on display following the successful raiding party from Lactodorum Lodge in Towcester.



Also present on the evening were W.Bro Mark Constant, Group Officer for Corby as well as a very good number of Acting Provincial Officers. Over 75 diners enjoyed a very resplendent festive board which included a birthday cake to add to the celebrations.



In his address at the Wicksteed Park Tercentenary Ball, the Provincial Grand Master explained that the evening was one for celebration. He invited all the ladies present to take part in a free draw involving a first-prize to

the value of £300, which was won by Mrs Sandra Summerfield. It was decided on the Corby table that night to use the money for tea at The Ritz, and the other four on the table accompanied Sandra and Jack to London on the 24th June to help them enjoy it.

# News From Around The Province

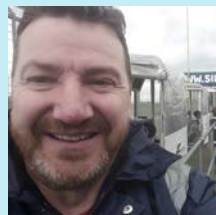
## Kettering & Thrapston

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### Chicheley Lodge Donates £750 to Dreamdrops,

a charity that is close to W.M. W.Bro Huw Parry-Jones and his wife's heart. When their daughter Bethan was cared for at Peterborough and then Huntingdon hospitals, Dreamdrops were on hand to offer support.

Dreamdrops aims to make life a little easier, when it can be at its most stressful. The money raised by the Charity is used to provide those things that the NHS simply cannot afford but would love to have.



**L-R Dr Nic Johnson, Nurse Kerry Raspberry, W.Bro. David Redden, W.Bro. Huw Parry-Jones, and Anne-Marie Hamilton.**



### Lodge of Perseverance High Flyers

Some time ago, the Worshipful Master of Lodge of Perseverance No. 455, W.Bro Malcolm Waldie, and the Lodge's Assistant Almoner, W.Bro John Betts, had the bright idea of throwing themselves out of a perfectly serviceable airplane to raise money for Cransley Hospice. The day of reckoning finally came on 12th July 2018. The jump took place at Hilbaldstow, which we're reliably informed is somewhere near Scunthorpe. And they were forced to wait until 6.30pm till they could make their jump. Eventually their names

were called, and before they knew it, they were in a small (very small!!) plane climbing up to 15,000 feet, where the deed was done. Both landed on their backsides as planned, with grins even the Cheshire Cat would have been proud of!

At present, the total raised stands at £1,318.75, a very pleasing amount but Malcolm and John would love to donate a nice round figure of £1,500, so any additional donations will be gratefully received. Should you wish to donate, please use the contact form (click here) to contact the Lodge of Perseverance secretary.



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### A real family affair at St Ivo Lodge in March

when Bro Tom Mantle was initiated into Freemasonry. Acting as Junior Deacon for the evening was his father, Bro Stephen Mantle and Worshipful Master W.Bro Jackson allowed W.Bro Brian Higgins, the candidates Grandfather to recite the Obligation. There were some

80 brethren present a great evening was had by all.

**L-R Bro Stephen Mantle,  
W.Bro Douglas Jackson  
(W/M of St Ivo lodge),  
Bro Tom Mantle and  
W.Bro Brian Higgins**



### The St Neots Town Business Showcase

was held on 13th June in the Market Square. The Euston Lodge 2283 held a stand alongside local businesses and store holders. It was very well supported and created a wonderful opportunity to promote Freemasonry locally.

On the day, there were some very interesting questions from members of the public regarding our organisation. Booklets and leaflets were distributed to many and we have already had some positive feedback via our

lodge website. Whilst there are no guarantees, we could potentially have two joining members and two candidates for the future.

The Town Mayor, Cllr Barry Chapman praised our efforts and showed great interest in The Lodge history. He was very surprised to learn that Freemasons have been meeting in the town since 1889 and wanted to know more as to why the Euston Lodge was so named. Thankfully, members were on hand to answer all his questions.



# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

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### The Fishing Lodge of The Province

The roots of Piscator Lodge sprung from the City of London Piscatorial Society, which was a fishing club, or to put it more correctly 'a very respectable angling society'. Not only did they enjoy their sport, they actively took part in angling competitions, some of which were international events.

It was at one such event held in Dieppe in 1955 with 14 members of the society taking part, that a very important discovery was made. They were ALL Freemasons of other lodges. This called for some serious thought and they began discussing the formation of a fishing lodge but it was not

until 3 years later that things began to happen and Piscator Lodge

No.7557 iwas consecrated on the 29th January 1958.

When the lodge was formed it was made up of various brethren with one common interest.....Fishing. Some were even famous (in the world of fishing that is!) There were members such a Leslie Norman OBE, the chairman of the Sea Anglers association; Len Cacutt was the founding editor of the Anglers Mail and went on to write and edit numerous angling publications; Eric Marshall Hardy who wrote 'Angling Ways' - first published in 1934, which I am sure many anglers in the UK have copies of his books; Peter Tombleson who worked with Hardy's of Alnwick in developing rods and even had a B James (London) rod named after him. Sidney Seymour was a designer of angler's weights. And these are just the ones that I know about, but one thing I can say is that all the members of Piscator Lodge have been impacted by Angling in some

shape or form.



You don't have to be a fisherman to be a member of Piscator Lodge, but it helps. Over the last 10 years a dozen or so members have regularly fished in Michigan USA for salmon and steelhead in the spring and autumn. The special Piscator Lodge question to all potential candidates is "are you a fisherman?" If the answer is not YES it does normally mean "Not yet". It's strange that fishing is always something inside us, like a small pilot light waiting to be lit and with our annual Michigan trip on offer; it's never too hard to get that flame re-ignited!



## Northampton

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### On Monday 16th April 2018, St John's Lodge in Northampton held its last meeting of the season.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, had encouraged members to support this meeting and he was not disappointed to see an attendance of close on 70-brethren of all ranks and from all corners of the Province.

Despite their challenging situation, St John's Lodge is in good heart and the evening had a buzz and a sense of something special about to begin.

During the meeting, the Lodge Secretary, W.Bro Phil Arnold, announced that there were 15 joining members for the Lodge. Many of these were from Piscator Lodge who found themselves in a very similar predicament only a few years ago and wished to reciprocate the support that

they had received from Lodges within the Province when they moved from London.

The Festive Board was a most enjoyable and sociable occasion. During the reply to his toast the Provincial Grand Master spoke about some of his memories of St John's Lodge as well as the spirit and determination of St John's Lodge not to give up which was typified by their Worshipful Master, W.Bro Nick Parsons, and a number of other senior Brethren during their meetings. He believes that many of the pieces are coming together for the Lodge to move forward in a positive direction with a view to celebrating their Centenary in October 2019.



### The Provincial Grand Master, addressing the Festive Board at St John's Lodge

He also gave his congratulations to the Master Elect, W.Bro Keith Stevenson and wished him a happy and enjoyable year.



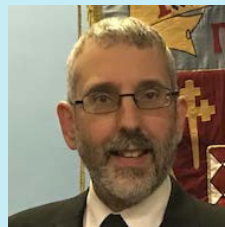


# News From Around The Province

## Peterborough

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### Nantahala - a daytime lodge of very special interest

Of all the Lodges of special interest, Nantahala Lodge in Peterborough stands out for many reasons.

Wives and Partners are invited to attend the meetings and to join the social gathering, starting at 10am with coffee, whilst the members retire to the Lodge Room for the formal meeting. At its conclusion the ladies are invited to join them in the lodge room for a talk or demonstration of general interest.

These have comprised of such topics as a display of exotic fruits, a concert on a selection of different guitars, the life of a country baker and the experiences of a prison visitor. In February of this year, their speaker was Sue Sewell, Chair Lady of the Stamford Flower Club, who spoke expertly about, and gave a hands on demonstration of flower arranging (pictured).

Many masons welcome the opportunity to share a lunch in convivial company and Nantahala remains an important route to introducing new members who prefer a daytime Lodge meeting.

As the song goes "No more can the ladies adore than a free and accepted Mason", and perhaps when visiting Nantahala, this can be appreciated.



## Wellingborough & Rushden

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# Wentworth Weekend for 3 Pillars



The brethren and supporters of the Wentworth Lodge in Wellingborough organised a most successful August Bank holiday weekend of events in support of the 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Charity. First a hardy 'band of brothers' undertook, what has now become the annual 'Canoe The Nene'

sponsored challenge raising funds for Charity and having fun at the same time. The crew worked well together to navigate sections of the river Nene throughout East Northamptonshire, stopping off of course for the occasional well deserved 'liquid refreshment' !

Then on the Sunday, a Jazz Festival and BBQ held at the Stanwick Lakes, was well supported and enjoyed by all, despite some adverse weather.

On behalf of The 3 Pillars Charity, W.Bro Ged Dempsey thanked W.Bro Rob Mallett, Bro Matthew Horton and Bro Dan Cooke, together with all the Brethren of Wentworth Lodge for their hard work and support. Funds raised over the weekend totalled £2,600, including a contribution from Barclays Bank.

W.Bro Ged said, 'We are so grateful all for the continued support you have provided for our Charity. We are overwhelmed with what the members of the Wentworth Lodge have been able to achieve. Thank you all'.



# News From Around The Province

## Stamford

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### 'Old' Stamford Prepares for a New Season

Throughout the Masonic summer break, work has been going on by the Stamford Masonic Centre Committee to improve the building for the benefit of everyone concerned.

One of the biggest projects to be undertaken in our recent history is the replacement of the original glazed units in the dining hall. The years had caused the

windowpanes to grow brittle and presented a real danger that they might one day shatter and fall on members of the public using the car park below. Bespoke double glazed units have now been fitted. Because our Centre sits in the Stamford Conservation Area the window design had to meet strict standards. Whilst they maintain the aesthetic appeal of the old they also meet modern safety standards and will save on energy bills. The SMC Committee and Brethren are extremely grateful to the Province for assisting them with a loan from the Provincial Building Fund - all a far cry from the very first beginnings of Freemasonry in Stamford. If the Brethren of that time were beset with the practical issues of running a centre then

they never recorded it. This can only be because they never had any such concerns.

Many Freemasons of this Province will have seen the replicated document that is mounted on the wall in Sheaf Close, Northampton. The original copy still hangs on the wall of St. Marys and All Saints Church, Fotheringhay and is dated 1435. At that time this was a collegiate church run by a monastic order. The church was then nationally important and today is noted for containing a mausoleum to leading members of the Yorkist dynasty. The ancient document is a charter from the Kings Commissioners to extend the nave. It was granted to a local stonemason who signed the document, 'William Horwood, Master and Freemason of the Stamford Guild'. The old operative Guilds were closely associated with the Church establishment and it is possible that William's Guild met in the Corpus Christi Chapel of the town's 12th century church of St. Mary's.

The excellent book 'The History of Freemasonry in Stamford', by W.Bro R.J. Linnell, states the Lodge of Good Intent No. 87 (Ancients) first met in Stamford in 1803 at the Salutation Inn in the Beast Market. This is what we

now know as Broad Street. The Salutation Inn sat on the corner of Broad Street and Newgates and is today the home of an NHS Dental practice. This Lodge was erased in 1827.

When the 1840 warrant of the Lodge of Merit arrived in Stamford in 1865 it made its home in The George Hotel. In 1925 it moved to The Stamford Hotel and Assembly Rooms where it stayed until 1972 when it temporarily moved to the old school rooms in Austin Street. The Bluecoat School went up for sale in 1975. It was purchased by members of the Lodge of Merit and converted into what we see today.

So, the Stamford Masonic Centre, owned and run by local Freemasons, can be considered a relatively recent innovation, its ancient operative counterpart having met in a local church and the later speculative Lodges having predominantly met in the towns Inns and Hotels.

These earlier homes of Freemasonry in the town were very different from the Stamford Masonic Centre. Its just possible those early Lodges would envy what is now our permanent home, despite the need to run it.

# News From Other Orders

## Convocation sees Installation of new Grand Superintendent



On Wednesday 28th February 2018, E.Comp Jim Boughton was installed as the 13th Grand Superintendent in and over the Holy Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire. The meeting was attended by Companions from Chapters across the Province as well as a number of Grand Superintendents from other Provinces.

This Installation Convocation was honoured by the presence of the ME 2nd Grand Principal, E.Comp Russell Race, DL as well as the Grand Director of Ceremonies, E.Comp Oliver Lodge. The ME 2nd Grand Principal conducted the Installation ceremony and was assisted by E.Comp Peter Kinder, Grand Superintendent of Leicestershire and Rutland, and E.Comp Colin Brown, Grand Superintendent of Worcestershire. Once he had been installed, the Grand Superintendent appointed E.Comp Neil Handley as 2nd

Provincial Grand Principal and reappointed E.Comp Mike Coleman as Deputy Grand Superintendent and E.Comp Mark Constant as 3rd Provincial Grand Principal.

Deputy Grand Scribe Ezra, E.Comp Graham Redman, read the Grand Superintendent's Patent in his own inimitable way and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, E.Comp Oliver Lodge, ensured that the ceremony ran without a hitch.

Once the Installation ceremony

was complete, the newly installed Grand Superintendent addressed the Convocation, thanking all those who had come to this special meeting. He spoke of how honoured he is to be leading the Province and reaffirmed how he is looking to build upon the tremendous work of his predecessor as well as supporting the Provincial Grand Master in ensuring that we attract the right men into Freemasonry. A very enjoyable Festive Board followed the meeting and the Grand Superintendent presented the ME 2nd Grand Principal with a bottle of Kingswell Gin, Marmalade and Chutney with the whole of the Installation team receiving a commemorative glass and bottle of IPA from the resurrected 'Phipps' Brewery as a memento of his Installation Convocation.

All in all and despite the inclement weather, it was a fine day and the beginning of a new chapter for the Holy Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire.



# News From Other Orders

## Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation

The annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter on Thursday 28 June 2018 was blessed with glorious weather and was another special occasion. It was, as has become the norm, very well attended and the occasion was the first annual Convocation of the recently installed Grand Superintendent, Excellent Companion Jim Boughton. There were many distinguished guests from other Provinces who were warmly welcomed. Following the business part of the meeting, the Grand Superintendent was pleased to reappoint Excellent Companion Mike Coleman as Deputy Grand Superintendent and Excellent Companion Neil Handley as Second Provincial Grand Principal,. He thanked them not only for their commitment to the Province but also their friendship. The Grand Superintendent then appointed Excellent Companion John Payne as Third Provincial Grand Principal after which he thanked Excellent Companion Mark Constant for his dedicated service as Third Provincial Grand

Principal over the last three years. After the Provincial Grand Chapter appointments and promotions had been made, the Grand Superintendent addressed the Convocation congratulating Excellent Companion David Brown, Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra and his team, for their meticulous arrangements in preparation for the day's successful event. The Grand Superintendent was particularly keen to stress the importance of a strong link between the Holy Royal Arch and Craft,

thanking the Provincial Grand Master for his support in this matter. As part of this link, the Provincial Grand Superintendent made two uncollared appointments with Excellent Companion John Fergusson becoming the Royal Arch Membership Officer to mirror his role as Craft Provincial Membership Officer, and Excellent Companion Duncan Childs, Craft Provincial Grand Mentor, becoming Provincial Royal Arch Craft Liaison Officer.



**L to R: E.Comp. Neil Handley - 2nd Provincial Grand Principal,  
E.Comp. Jim Boughton - Grand Superintendent,  
E.Comp. John Payne - 3rd Provincial Grand Principal,  
& E.Comp Mike Coleman - Deputy Grand Superintendent**



# News From Other Orders

## Prostate Cancer Testing Sessions Update



Now that all three of our planned Testing sessions have been completed at Northampton, Peterborough and Corby, we can now look back and consider the success of the initiative, how it came about and perhaps more crucially, where do we go from here?

Even though the Province of Dorset was the first to launch the initiative in 2014, it was in the early part of 2016 that we began to take note of promotional material and Social Media postings from a growing number of Provinces who, by then, had already launched their own individual arrangements with 1300 Brethren passing through PSA testing sessions.

My own time as Grand Superintendent was drawing to a close and ever conscious of the vast sums we are proud to distribute to so many worthy causes each year through the MCF and individual Provinces, it occurred to me that sometimes, just sometimes, we should also be thinking of the well-being and health of all those Brethren/Companions who make such generosity possible.

With one in seven men said to be contracting Prostate Cancer – the most prevalent cancer in men with well over 40,000 diagnoses a year - and now said to have overtaken female breast cancers as a primary cause of death, it was time to take action. With monies accruing year by year on the Royal Arch Provincial Charity accounts, it was then that the Royal Arch Provincial Executive took the decision under the Royal Arch banner to join those other Craft Provinces involved in the PSA Testing initiative.

The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust now follow up with all participants who have fallen into this category to ensure that appropriate action was being taken. We know not who they are – results are confidential to the participant - but we have been grateful for all the complimentary comments and feedback we have received for introducing such an initiative and which has ensured that at least 22 of our Companions/Brethren are now receiving treatment for a deadly threat which they simply didn't know they had.

But where do we go from here? Ideally, a follow-up test in 24 months might seem appropriate – but who funds it? We have greatly reduced our Provincial Charitable Fund to achieve the success we have so far and we have been grateful for the voluntary

donations we received on the morning of testing by so many participants. But does the individual look to cover the cost of any further tests, do Chapters take this initiative on board for future, modest contributions or do we seek support, in whole or in part, from the Craft and the Provincial Grand Charity at a time when we are all heavily engaged in Festival 2024. Options will no doubt be discussed in some detail by the Royal Arch Provincial Executive with all participating parties in due course but, for the time being, we can be well pleased with the initiative we have taken and for the results which have come to light.

Just ask those 22 men whose future might now be so much brighter. They will agree and thank you all for the support you have given with so much enthusiasm to such an important and well received project.

E.Comp Wayne Williams  
Past ME Grand Superintendent  
Royal Arch Province of  
Northamptonshire &  
Huntingdonshire



# News from Other Orders

## Provincial Team Visit to Powys Royal Ark Mariner

To mark the celebration of RW.Bro Norman Manser's fifty years membership of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner, the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Robert Stokes supported by his Deputy and a number of the 2017 active Provincial Officers attended the regular meeting of Powys Lodge of RAM at Peterborough on the 9th March.

Accepting the Lodge Sceptre from WC, W.Bro David Hilton, for the agenda item, the Provincial Grand Master gave a short history of RW.Bro Norman's long and distinguished masonic career.

RW.Bro Norman was advanced into Fitzwilliam Lodge of MMM on the 27th January 1966 and Elevated into Powys Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in January 1968. During his address to Norman, the Provincial Grand Master mentioned his long and

distinguished career in the Mark Province including Deputy to RW.Bro John Bennett and then as Provincial Grand Master from 1995 to 2000.

He touched on his leadership qualities and for continually maintaining that the brethren of the Mark Province enjoyed their Mark and Mariner masonry. During that time he developed close relationships with a number of other Mark Provinces including N&E Yorkshire's ProvGM, RW.Bro George Cooper, and with RW.Bro Ernesto Stevens, District Grand Master River Plate. The ProvGM also praised Norman for his insight and early involvement with the acquisition of the premises at Ellindon, now enjoyed by so many Peterborough Masons.

Norman has also been both WM and WC of the prestigious Grand Master's Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Time Immemorial

Lodges and of the Lord Swansea Lodge.



In an entertaining reply, RW.Bro Norman elaborated to the benefit of all on some of the points mentioned by the Provincial Grand Master, particularly regarding how he became life-long friends with RW.Bro. Ernesto Stevens. The ProvGM then vacated the Chair to the Lodge WC where the remaining business of the evening was conducted including an excellent rendition of the Royal Ark Mariner Tracing Board by W.Bro. Richard Asher.

Following the meeting, the brethren joined together in harmony for a wonderful Ellindon festive board.



**L to R: RWBro RK Bradley, PPrGM, RWBro NS Manser, PPrGM, RWBro RA Stokes, PrGM, WBro D Hilton, WC, WBro BJ Elliott, DepPrGM and WBro RN Bedells, PrGDC**

# News from The LAMS

## The Society of Lady Associate Members

### Northampton LAMS

In 1973 a group of like-minded ladies came together to form Northampton LAMS. Forty five years later and we are still going strong. Many of the inaugural members are, sadly, no longer with us, but one of the founder members has recently been appointed our new President – Mrs Patricia Parsonson.

Northampton LAMs are very fortunate indeed to meet at the premises of the Provincial Centre, Sheaf Close, where the facilities are superb and the support given to us over the years is greatly appreciated.

Constitutionally, the main objective of Northampton LAMs is to arrange social activities for its membership and through this objective to raise funds towards the upkeep and maintenance of Freemasons' Hall, Northampton. In addition to this, a proportion of the monies raised is donated to outside charities and deserving causes.

Across our forty five years we are proud to have accomplished so much and provided funds to enhance and enrich the Northampton

Hall's premises, latterly at Sheaf Close, but previously at St. George's Avenue, Northampton. Particularly worthy of note are the picture mirrors, the symbols of reflection, that we added to The Griggs Dining Room at Sheaf Close, to commemorate the Tercentenary celebrations marking 300 years of Freemasonry in 2017.

We have supported many charities, both national and local, and it is our Chair who is given the honour of choosing a particular charity for the year.

We have most recently raised funds for Crazy Hats, a truly worthwhile charity supporting breast cancer care in Northamptonshire. More information on the charities we have supported in the past can be found on our website.

Our current Chair is Mrs Linda Cribbin and her chosen charity is Parkinson's UK (research into Dementia with Lewy bodies).

We are always pleased to welcome new members, including 'Friends' of LAMs, and we would urge other ladies to join us in this very worthy cause and thoroughly enjoyable experience. Our website provides all the



information both current and future members of LAMs might need and it can be viewed here:

[www.northampton-lams.org.uk/](http://www.northampton-lams.org.uk/)

# Roll Of Honour



**Many congratulations to all the Brethren featured on our Roll of Honour. Our best wishes for the future are included with this public recognition of your valuable service.**

## **Grand night for W.Bro Bob Beaton at OKs**

The meeting of Old Kimboltonians' Lodge held on Friday the 18th of May 2018 was a special one for Peterborough's Senior Group Officer, W.Bro Bob Beaton PJGD, who was presented with a Golden Jubilee Certificate by the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, to mark his 50 years in Freemasonry.

The event, held the day after the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, was made even more special by the presence of a substantial number of distinguished brethren including the newly appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Luigi Orsi; the existing APGM, W.Bro David Burton; and the PPGM, DepPGM and PDepPGM of Hertfordshire.

Also present were a good helping of Active Provincial Officers including W.Bro Bob Cox ProvSGW and W.Bro Tony Elsey ProvJGW.

Through an illustrious and distinguished career, W.Bro Bob has served Freemasonry and This Province in particular, well. The presentation was a tribute in the fitting surroundings of his Mother Lodge.





## 60 YEARS

W.Bro Richard Bayes Caton      Ailwyn

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Bro Arthur John Bradley	England's Centre
W.Bro Gerald Morton Skoyles	Pemberton
W.Bro John Anthony Hall	Fitzwilliam
W.Bro Colin Joseph Swales	St Wilfrid
W.Bro Graham M Southgate Sands	St Wilfrid
W.Bro John William Anderson	Socrates
W.Bro Peter John Parry	Cumton
W.Bro Colin Valentine Atkins	Sothius
W.Bro Rowland Henry Dykes	Old Wellingburian
W.Bro Markham Royce Wildman	Peterborough and Counties
W.Bro John Robert Beeton	Old Kimboltonians
W.Bro Leonard Cyril Cacutt	Piscator

### Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Demonstration Group

Founded in 2008 to research material that could be presented in dramatic form to inform, inspire and entertain Brethren regarding the history, origins and meaning of Craft Masonry and the Royal Arch.

Today, new members are most welcome join and support this successful Group – for further information please contact;

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