

# PASSWORD

*Attracting Members - Growing Lodges*



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# From the Team

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Dear Readers,

In this Autumn edition of 'Password', we feature a subject of great importance to us all at this time, that of the Members' Pathway and addressing our membership challenge.

The summer has been a busy time for the Communications committee, supporting a number of initiatives, including recent Roadshows and Open Days.

It is with sadness that Mike Howells has passed to the Grand Lodge above and we are grateful for his work over several years. We now welcome Geoff Willis to the team, working alongside Ian Nelson looking after the Northampton lodges. In Kettering and Thrapston, Jason Harris has taken over as Local Communications Officer with Jason Brice now focussing on his role as Provincial Grand Communications Officer for the Royal Arch.

As always, please do let your local contact know of any up and coming events in your Lodges or Centres and we will be pleased to feature them on our Website or Social Media channels.

With best regards

Peter

**Peter Robinson**

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## Notable Events

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Socrates No. 373  
Three Counties No.9278  
Lactodorum No. 8526  
Provincial Gala Ball  
Ferraria No. 8489  
Provincial Carol Service  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Provincial Grand Lodge  
Three Counties No.9278

Bi-Centenary  
Installation  
Banner Rededication  
Banner Rededication  
AGM  
AGM & Appointments  
Promotions to Past Ranks

Ellindon, Peterborough - Monday 16th October 2023  
Sheaf Close - Monday 30th October 2023  
Towcester - Thursday 16th November 2023  
Accor Northampton Town Centre Hotel - Friday 17th November 2023  
Corby - 21st November 2023  
Peterborough Cathedral - Sunday 10th December 2023  
Sheaf Close - Saturday 9th March 2024  
Sheaf Close - Thursday 16th May 2024  
Sheaf Close - Wednesday 22nd May 2024

# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

## Brethren,

As I write this piece for Password, its early August and we are preparing to start another new and exciting Masonic season. During the summer break we have held two extremely well received Membership Roadshows, introducing the Members' Pathway and our Membership Challenge to attract, engage and retain. There is more on how all Brethren can help on pages 18 - 21.

Why is this Challenge so important? In recent years many of our Lodges have reduced the number of times they meet, some to as low as four times a year. Meeting so infrequently, it is difficult for such Lodges to grow. A Lodge meeting four times a year and wishing to complete an initiation, passing, raising and Installation, during the year, can only grow by one member a year. Then only if it has zero deaths and zero resignations, which is unlikely. One death and one resignation and the Lodge is in decline.

A Lodge that meets eight times a year, with a full workload of single ceremonies can only move forward in numbers if it only loses a member a year. With a membership where over 25% are over 80 years old, we must be realistic. We need to grow considerably

and by more than just one or two new members per year, per Lodge. The question is how? The answer quite simply we must embrace multiple ceremonies, initiate multiple applicants as soon as practically possible (if unknown to us, yes after getting to know them) we cannot expect a gentleman in 2023 to wait 18 months or more to join, he just won't, his life will be filled with other activities available today.

I often hear the view that the initiation and raising ceremonies are very special and should be singular, however I have also heard from those initiated with another one or two individuals, how good it was to be in a group and how special that relationship is with those who shared it with them. I hear "we don't do it like that in our lodge," I would then ask you, how do



you think your predecessors built their lodges to 60,70, or even 80 members in the years long before we all joined? They held multiple ceremonies. I often now listen to the minutes read out in meetings of one hundred years ago, and frequently hear that Lodges were not only initiating multiple numbers on the night, but even holding a second ceremony on the same evening to pass or raise brethren. I have recently witnessed a raising ceremony for FIVE brethren, which was superbly carried out and entertaining to watch. I am





convinced, along with our Pro Grand Master, that multiple ceremonies are the route to real growth in numbers, and I encourage everyone to discuss this in your committee meetings and thereby ensure your lodge can grow and thrive.

Attracting sufficient numbers of interested gentlemen is of course also required and I am delighted to have seen the number of Lodges and Groups that have been working together over the summer on information days, events, open days etc. The more we engage with the public and show what a cause for good Freemasonry is in our community, the more positive engagement we will receive.

Engagement and Retention we know are critical and we must ensure we work together to make our shared Masonic journey enjoyable



and fun, as well as challenging enough that we grow as individuals. We must ensure every member is involved in some way, either during our ceremonies, festive boards or in our fundraising or social events outside of the Lodge room. Ensuring we are all actively engaged and that it is enjoyable, leads us to build lifelong friendships. Share the work more across the Past Masters, for example the Traditional History, usually delivered by one senior Past Master, can be split into five distinct pieces. We have particular Officers in every Lodge: Almoner; Mentor etc, but it is incumbent on every one of us to engage with our fellow members and support and assist them not just in their ritual but in every aspect and to contact them outside of the Lodge by staying in touch with each other throughout the year and offering assistance and support where and when needed.

I firmly believe that the Royal Arch has a lot to offer and is a key part of

engagement during our individual Masonic journeys as do many of the other companion orders. With a sound Craft and Royal Arch foundation there is something for everyone across our wider Masonic family.

We have started this new journey to address our Membership Challenge with great vigour and enthusiasm, I thank you all and assure you of the support from the Province, especially our Provincial Membership Team and my executive, as we work together to continue to build our very special, thriving and vibrant Province.

RW.Bro Mark Constant  
Provincial Grand Master

August 2023



"We need to grow by more than just one or two new members per year, per Lodge. The question is how?"



UNITED GRAND LODGE



SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

## Grand Officer Appointments

We are delighted to announce the following first appointments to Grand Rank.

### First Appointments to Grand Rank to PAGDC

#### W.Bro Kevin Mackie

Initiated into Freemasonry in 2002 in the Province of Worcestershire. He was passed and raised in his Mother Lodge, Swinford Lodge No.5729, and was elected as WM in 2010. After moving to Peterborough he joined Medeshamstede Lodge and was appointed as WM in that Lodge and Pro Musica Lodge in 2016, receiving dispensation to be WM in two Lodges at the same time. He was then selected to take part in the tercentenary meeting at UGLE, where he gave the entrustment in the second degree in the Grand Temple. Appointed as an Active Provincial Grand Steward in 2017, he was then



appointed as Provincial Grand Almoner in 2019, a position he continues to fill with enthusiasm and dedication. W.Bro Kevin is a member of five Lodges and one Chapter (Gildenburg) in this Province and is very honoured to be a Founder Member of the Lodge of United Services where he is treasurer.

W.Bro Kevin is a Consultant in Medical Education and lead for education at Resuscitation Council UK, a role that sees him travelling far and wide on the national and international resuscitation stages. He was promoted to PAGDC in April 2023 and is looking forward to continuing to serve the Province as a member of Provincial and Grand Lodge.

#### W.Bro Roger Blason

Initiated into Piscator Lodge 7557 in 2008 W.Bro Roger went through the progressive offices before reaching the chair in 2014 - a keen lodge member serving as DC for many years. He was honoured with an Appointment to Active rank as Past Provincial Grand Steward in 2016 and again in 2019 to Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in 2020 to Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2022. Roger is also a member of Palmer Lodge 8995, Three Counties Lodge 9278 and an honorary member of Lodge of United Services 10012, Mulliner Classic Car Lodge 10019, and Cervisia Lodge 10032. He is a

member of Piscator Chapter 7557 and Abington Chapter 8041 and received Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 2022. Born in Northampton Roger has been educated at Moulton Comprehensive School and runs his own business Blasons Sound and Vision centre. Roger has two grown up children and with his long time partner Vanessa has three step children. When time allows in his extremely busy schedule he enjoys supporting Northampton Saints and Man City football club.



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## Introducing our Wardens

### **W.Bro Philip Miles, Provincial Grand Senior Warden**

W.Bro Philip was Initiated into Socrates Lodge No. 373 in 2006 after being proposed by his late father in law, W.Bro John Benson, progressing to the Chair in 2014 and became the Director of Ceremonies in 2020, a post he still holds.

He received his first Provincial appointment as Provincial Grand Steward in 2016 and is a member of the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards. In 2020 he was honoured to receive a further

appointment as a Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W.Bro Philip is also a member of The Province's Lodge of Installed Masters, and since 2022 has been a director of Huntingdon Masonic Hall Ltd, with responsibility for all bookings of the building.

In 2011, he was exalted into Socrates Chapter, was MEZ in 2019 and received his first Provincial appointment as Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in June this year.

He has been married to his



wife Jude for 17 years and has two grown up children from a previous marriage and two granddaughters. W.Bro Philip retired in 2018 after many years as a Contracts Manager for an Italian company and a period as a Sales Engineer, but is kept busy with long walks learning his ritual, caravanning, gardening and bowls.

### **W.Bro Kevin Barton Provincial Junior Grand Warden**

W.Bro Kevin was born to a Military family in November 1957 in Nottingham. He travelled round the Middle and Far East with his parents, attending various Military Schools and on leaving school joined the Royal Air Force, where he served for 19 years as an aircraft technician. Kevin left the RAF on 1994 and went on to join Cambridgeshire Police, subsequently serving in Northamptonshire and the Metropolitan Police until retiring in 2013. He went on to work for ASDA as a National Transport Planning

Manager before joining Securitas as a Training Assessor and then the Local Authority as a Family Support Worker, where he still works today.

W.Bro Kevin was Initiated into Wentworth Lodge number 737 in March 2002 and went through the various Offices until being installed in the Chair of King Solomon in January 2010. W.Bro Kevin was Exalted into the Royal Arch in St Crispins Chapter, Kettering in 2011 and will become a joining member of Cytringan Chapter in the near future. He was promoted to Provincial Grand Steward in 2012 and then to Provincial Assistant Grand



Director of Ceremonies in 2016. In 2022 he was appointed as a Group Officer for Wellingborough and Rushden and in May 2023 was appointed as Provincial Junior Grand Warden.



# Passing to the Grand Lodge above

## W.Bro Reg Hirst PAGDC

W.Bro Reg spent most of his life in Northampton, he did his two years national service at the age of 18 and then went on to train as a teacher. During his career he taught in a number of schools in Northampton but was best known for the period at the then Northampton Grammar School. From where he was introduced into Freemasonry as a master of the school. A very good sportsman and renowned for his activities

on the rugby field, once quoted "that if Reg Hirst is playing you better watch your heels". In the Old Northamptonian Lodge, after a period as director of ceremonies, he served for many years as secretary, his rendition of the lodge's minutes was famous and the lodge had visitors who would come especially hear him read them. He served the province in many roles but his contribution at initiates' evenings with an explanation of the various craft aprons was the main feature and was so enjoyed by all that attended.



He was always keen to further Freemasonry, as an excellent ritualist, and mentor to many who joined. On his evening of 50 years in Freemasonry following the presentation of his certificate he took the chair and closed the lodge in fine fashion.

**RW.Bro Michael Henry Roalfe** passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 21st August 2023, aged 88. He was born and educated in Norfolk before moving to Leicester in 1958 to join a Quantity Surveying practice, he was also a Justice of the Peace. He was Initiated in the Lodge of Friendship No: 7168 on 1st December 1964 and was Installed as WM on 3rd October 1979, he joined the Leicestershire and Rutland Lodge of Installed Master's on 12th April and became WM on 3rd October 1999. RW.Bro Michael joined the Reynard Lodge No 9285 on 26th April 2004 and the Royal

Sussex Lodge 28th February 2017 he became its WM on 26th February 2019. In addition, he was a member of a considerable number of other side degrees in the Province, holding high national rank in many of them. Michael and his first Wife June who pre-deceased him, had three children, Nick, Mark & Rebecca. Michael later married Vera. RW.Bro Michael held the office of Provincial Grand Master in our neighbouring Province for 8 years from 2002 to 2010. In Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, he was proud to be a member of Three Counties Lodge No.9278, serving as Master in 2002 and was also an honorary member of Chetene Lodge No. 9516.



RW.Bro Michael Henry Roalfe served Freemasonry for 59 years, truly laying up a Crown of Joy and Rejoicing which will long continue now time with him is no more. Truly, he has lived respected and died regretted.

Details of Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above are maintained in the 'In Memoriam' section of the Provincial Yearbook, which members can view online by clicking the 'In Memoriam' link on the Provincial Website homepage.



# Provincial Grand Master's



MCF 2024 Festival  
Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

## “Bonus Ball Lottery”

THE COST IS £1 PER TICKET PER WEEK - £10 FOR A 10 WEEK PERIOD

“BE IN IT TO WIN IT”

THE PRIZE IS £30:00 TO BE DRAWN ON EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT  
BASED ON THE NATIONAL LOTTERY BONUS BALL

ALL PROFITS WILL GO INTO THE  
2024 FESTIVAL

**3 WAYS TO ENTER**

**(1) SCAN ON PHONE  
TO ENTER**



**(2) FILL OUT THE FORM & SEND A CHEQUE**

Please make cheques payable to:-

“NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & HUNTINGDONSHIRE PROVINCIAL  
GRAND LODGE”

Please write on the back of the cheque “Bonus Ball”

Send to:  
Steve Storey  
4 Woodford Chase  
Sywell  
Northants  
NN6 0AR



Total Number of Numbers: ..... £ Total

**(3) ENTER ONLINE**

Or enter on line via the Provincial website

<https://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk>

## MASONIC LECTURE COMPETITION and MUSEUM

Whilst I am still available in my old title of 'Orator' to present lectures to your lodge if you need me, many formal 'Orations' and Lectures already on offer, may not always cover areas of particular interest of all the brethren – particularly those not yet through the chair.

The province is therefore launching a **COMPETITION** open to all Master Masons for the best **NEW** lecture, preferably not already explored by the immense 'Solomon' resource, about anything with a masonic connection – the scope is endless.

It should be 20 to 30 mins in length. (3- 4000 words), and, if possible, include audience participation and / or visual aids. The Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No 9600 will judge on content and presentation.

Remember, the purpose of the Craft is to "unite in the Grand design of being happy and communicating happiness" – and that is what the competition is about – having some fun, and hopefully learning and sharing fresh ideas on the way.

Enter either individually or as a team with some other brethren

The winner will be presented with a commemorative certificate, and have the prestigious opportunity of presenting their lecture to the Lodge of Installed Masters and recorded for the Provincial website.



So come on.... Have a go !!

To register your interest and for more information, contact me  
or the Provincial Grand Secretary



As part of a masonic **HERITAGE** program, I have also been asked to help update the museums we have in the province. We have made a start in Northampton by itemising all the exhibits we already have, and starting to better display them. However, there are so many masonic artifacts that do not see the light of day and which would be of interest to members and visitors alike. **If any member has any memorabilia they would be willing to have on display, it would be gratefully received.** Please be assured that title would be given full recognition, and could be given "on loan" if of family interest

It would also greatly help if the various centres took an inventory of any items they already have – whether or not already displayed .

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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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As we start the new Masonic season, we enter the final leg of the six years challenge to raise £2.024m for our national Freemasons' charity, the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Despite the suspension of our activities with the unwelcome intervention of Covid, we are meeting that challenge. Many Lodges have already reached their target and more are close to doing so. Progress can be monitored on the Provincial website. The final total will be announced at Provincial Grand Lodge on Thursday 16 May 2024.

It is now time to go that extra mile and act before the Festival concludes on 31 March 2024. We need to make sure, both

personally and as Lodges, we are doing all we can to not only reach our target but to exceed it by as much as possible. The cause is well worth that extra effort. On our behalf, the MCF is doing sterling work for both the Masonic family and non-Masonic charities. It also funds hospices, medical research and disaster relief.

You may not be aware that a registered charity that supports disadvantaged children and young people or is working to reduce loneliness and isolation in later life can make direct application to the MCF for a grant. (This is particularly relevant when the grant being sought is outside the scope of the Provincial Grand Charity.)

An example of a local charity that has successfully made such an application is the Northampton based Thomas's Fund which

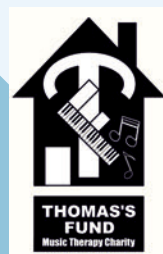
provides life-changing music therapy for children and young people from across

Northamptonshire who have a life-limiting illness or disability.

The grant, of £15,000, will enable the charity to employ qualified music therapists who visit the children and young people at home or in hospital, enabling them to take part in music sessions, however limited their movement. This is particularly important for children who are too ill or disabled to attend school.

If you know of a charity that fits the criteria and needs help, please refer them directly to the MCF through its website or to me.

If you are planning a fundraising event, please be sure to use the MCF's 'Freemasonry Gives' fundraising platform. It is



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easy to use for both fundraisers and donors. Unlike other fundraising platforms it is free of charge to all users and takes no commission. Please contact me if you need more information.

winning £30 each Saturday. The best way of securing your favourite number is to pay by Standing Order.

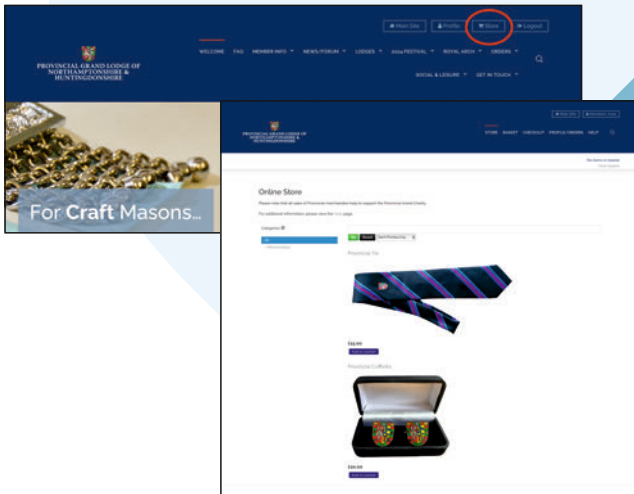
Second, you can buy Provincial merchandise (ties, cufflinks,

user), click on the 'Store' menu tab and follow the on-screen instructions.

For more information, once logged into the Store, click on the 'Help' tab. Sometimes Masonic charitable giving is either not understood or taken for granted by the outside world. That places upon all of us a duty to keep explaining to the wider community the outstanding generosity of Freemasons within the general context of Freemasonry. As we enter the new Masonic season, we can all do this with renewed vigour.

Thank you for your continuing generosity and for playing your part in that education.

Gerry Crawford  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Steward



Masonic charity is of course not just for Festivals. The Provincial Grand Charity is a constant, supporting our members and charities in the wider community - before, during and after the Festival. How can you help? Besides making direct donations, here are just two ways.

First there is the Bonus Ball. For £1 a week you can have a chance of

handkerchiefs or bow ties). As you wear this, it will show you are a proud member of the Province and support the Provincial Grand Charity which benefits from every sale.

On the Provincial website there is now an online store from which these items can be purchased using a credit or debit card. Just log on to the Provincial website (preferably as a registered

## 2024 MCF FESTIVAL



**£1,920,474 raised**  
(as of August 2023)

**OUTSTANDING** - Let's Keep It Going!

Remember - the Festival concludes on  
**31 March 2024**



## NORTHANTS & HUNTS FAMILY FUN DAY



Our first Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire 'Family Fun Day' held in Silverstone on Saturday 13th May 2023 was a great success, with support from across the Province and over 700 brethren, family and friends attending on the day.

There was something for everyone with brethren from Masonic centres in Northampton, Peterborough, Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough, Stamford, Huntingdon, Towcester and others, providing a variety of games and activities which made for a day of fun and laughter for all age groups.

The ball Jenga, babybel cheese rolling game and Tombola were very popular with young and old alike. One stall which proved very popular was the Provincial Grand Master volunteering to have wet sponges thrown at him, which raised over £70.

The highlight of the evening was the live music into the night provided by four bands, The Mottrams, Geri Patricks, Dizzy Miss Lizzie and Race Track Rockers, which was great fun.

APGM WBro Tim Almond, who had kindly volunteered his

home gardens and facilities for the event said:

"It was a wonderful day ! Thank you to all who have contributed in so many ways to the success of this event. In particular, I would like to say a personal thank you the members of the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards who helped throughout the weekend.

There's more pictures and information on the Provincial Website - here's to next year!!







# News From The Light Blues

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## NHNYMC



## SPREADING HAPPINESS EASTER 2023

NORTHANTS & HUNTS NEW AND  
YOUNG MASONS MAKING DONATIONS  
OVER EASTER

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club members have been busy distributing Easter Eggs to charities (including several children's charities), families in difficult circumstances, and hospitals.

Once again, the individual Light Blue Clubs organised the donation boxes within our centres, pushed for donations and organised pickups and distribution.



Many items were donated, including 2000 eggs, colouring books, activity packs and food parcels over the past few days and you will have seen many grateful, smiling faces on the pictures appearing across social media sites.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



# Join us if you dare



You're invited to the  
N&HNYMC Halloween Bash!

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 28 AT 7 PM

2023

80's & Halloween Fancy Dress encouraged. Live 80s Band,  
Disco and Hot Buffet. Dessert, Coffee and Mints provided.

Each Ticket will be entered into a prize Draw!  
£50pp for Light Blues & £60pp for Non Light Blues

Marriott Hotel, Eagle Dr.  
Northampton NN4 7HW  
RSVP to [Events@NHNMYC.co.uk](mailto:Events@NHNMYC.co.uk)



The first N&HNYMC "Educational Roadtrip"  
twinned with an event jointly hosted by  
Northampton Light Blues and the recently merged  
Roman & Viking Light Blues.

We all met at The Boat Inn in Stoke Bruerne before  
we boarded The Indian Chief for a memorable  
evening of Light Blue Information, beer, cigar  
smoking and playing pirates.

The N&HNYMC went to the seaside for the day, during  
the Skegness Day Trip Event,



The Occasion was  
aimed at the Family,  
Goodie bags were  
provided to the kids  
and there was lots of  
bus games played,  
such as Bingo.

Despite the Coach  
breaking down, the  
event was a huge  
success, and we plan  
on hosting another trip to the Seaside in 2024.



## Coming Soon

Visit [www.nhnmyc.co.uk](http://www.nhnmyc.co.uk) and our Facebook page for future events around our Province

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Introducing The Members' Pathway



**Brethren,** I have been extremely encouraged by the vibrant debate during the breakout sessions at The Members' Pathway Roadshow Presentations held over the summer and the acceptance that we need to change and adopt the proposed approach to assist in increasing our membership numbers. Across our province

our membership numbers hold up well, when compared to other provinces, however when compared to our historical numbers, we are still in a state of decline - as we enter our new season, we must now focus on Membership Attraction, Engagement and Retention.

Across the next few pages, The Provincial Team who will be spearheading this focus will outline how we propose to do this, but of course it is only with your support we can execute it. The planning of each individual Lodge plan will not only involve



those officers mentioned, but also the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, then each and every one of us to implement.

RW.Bro Mark Constant  
Provincial Grand Master

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Last season saw the introduction of the updated Members' Pathway initiative. Thanks to all who attended the very successful Training Roadshows taking away ideas to implement within your Lodges.

As we approach the new season many Lodges are engaging with these processes, particularly here relating to Plan & Attract elements – Lodges are producing their Lodge Profile (please email to me ASAP for posting on the Provincial Website). Numerous Discover Freemasonry events have been held at local shows and festivals across the

Province using our branded gazebo, marketing equipment and leaflets – proving an invaluable asset in increasing public awareness and

producing several enquiries. Several Centres have held successful Discover Freemasonry Open Days where doors are thrown open to the public to see what goes on and

#### Consider the following for the candidate:



Arrange a lift to and from the meeting



Introduce him to members after the meeting



Introductions – WM, JD and Tyler



Explain the toasts



Ensure he has a bottle of water as he waits for the ceremony



Maintain contact after the meeting



Sit him with a member after the ceremony



Ensure someone hosts him at his first full meeting and explains what is happening.



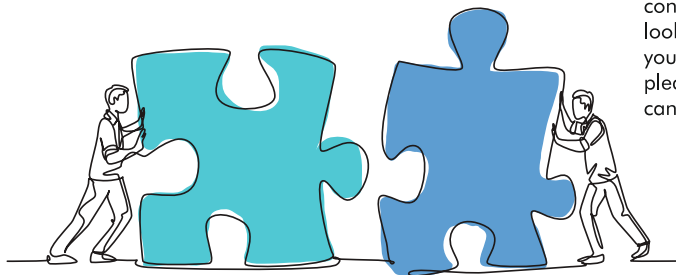
Have some cash for him for charity collections etc

what local Freemasonry does within our communities – again generating plenty of interest and enquiries.

We've seen a significant uptake of Gentlemen's Information Evenings – a meeting is held by one Lodge within a Centre, but with support from all Group Lodges inviting friends,

colleagues and enquirers from other Discover Freemasonry events. A brief business meeting is opened and closed, gentlemen are admitted and the Provincial Team explain a little about what Freemasonry means and does within our communities, followed by some, often emotional, personal anecdotes by local members

explaining their personal relationship with Freemasonry. We then retire to break bread, sing songs and offer brief toasts at a simplified festive board giving the gentlemen the chance to witness a social side of Freemasonry. The recent Kettering event saw 27 gentlemen attending with 60%+ signing up to either join a lodge within the Group or ask to be considered within the near future. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming season and please do talk to me about how we can help you with Attraction events.



### Provincial Grand Mentor

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Following on from the themes of Plan, Attract, Engage, and Retrieve of the Members' Pathway it is important to ensure that we proactively engage with all our members. The Lodge Mentor has a pivotal role in this engagement. It is not his responsibility to Mentor every member of the Lodge, rather he should ensure that mentoring activities are in place. One way to this is to have Lodge Mentoring Plan, which should form part of the overall Plan for Lodges to attract members and grow Lodges.

A Lodge Mentoring Plan need

not be complicated but should focus on such things as allocating a Personal Mentor to members and planning activities such as attending meetings to witness degree ceremonies, discussions on ritual and Lodge administration. We should never lose sight that our social activities are an important part of our Masonic experience therefore we should take great care to ensure that all

brethren are involved in them. Not everyone is a natural mixer at social occasions, or indeed in the bar, before or after lodge so we should be vigilant to ensure that Brethren

It will also help to answer questions such as:

- Who might be interested in Freemasonry?
- How do we present Freemasonry to prospective members?
- How do we support new and existing members?
- How do we make meetings enjoyable and appealing, so that expectations are met and members get involved?

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

are always engaged in conversation. Engaging with members can also be achieved

through the various Education resources that we have available to us such as the recently introduced guidebooks, 'Solomon' and a wide

range of Masonic literature. Whilst our ritual is important we must all remember that the best way to retain members is to engage with them, ensure that they are enjoying their Masonry and that Freemasonry is giving them what the need from the experience. By following this, we can continue with one aim in mind, to please each other and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. I look forward meeting each Lodge Mentor in the coming season and working with you all provide the best possible Masonic journey for all our members.

## Good practice suggests:



Set up a Lodge Membership Team (a couple of members)



Meet the candidate at a neutral venue



Discuss expectations – both their's and the Lodge's



Additional meetings – gather more information/ get to know them



Introduction to Lodge members – after the LOI or at a social event (including online events)



Invite them to social events – ladies' night etc



Discuss the timeline regarding becoming a member



Discuss cost and fees (a chance to use your **Lodge Information Sheet**).

## Provincial Grand Almoner

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I would like to thank all the Almoners, Local Support Officers (LSO) and Visiting Volunteers (VV) for their support in making this Province a shining light in the way we support the whole Masonic family. I am pleased to report that the amount of financial support given to our Brethren and their families has remained

stable this year. We obviously still provide a huge amount of welfare support and the Province has been very active in the award of emergency grants. It is always useful to know the sheer amount of assistance that we provide to our Masonic family, so you might be interested to know that, annually, MCF currently supports this Province with £200,000 in welfare grants, plus they support eight residents in

Masonic care homes. In addition to this, the Province awards seasonal and emergency grants of around £25,000 per year. Please continue to support MCF and the Provincial Grand Charity, I can assure you that our charitable donations really do make a difference to people's lives. This year we launched the 'Giving Time' project that encourages Masons to visit Devonshire Court and give some time supporting the residents and staff. You can give your time in many way and already we have had Brothers and their families: visiting residents, doing gardening, putting on concerts and generally trying to enhance the lives of the





residents. If you can spare some time, booking a date and time is easily done. Get in touch with: Bernie Steer (bsteer@rmbi.org.uk) or Michelle Giles: (giles@rmbi.org.uk), or phone them at Devonshire Court, on: 0116 271 4171. Please do not forget your own health and welfare. The poster over the page is starting to appear in all of our Masonic centres. On it you will find a number of resources that you can access without going through your Almoner (if that is what you so desire). Please keep safe and well and tell someone if you're not OK.

## We're all responsible in helping our Brothers

**So in summary Brethren**, let us look after our Brothers: consider some of the ways you can help new initiates - not being left alone at a meeting or at the bar, or think of an existing member of your Lodge who might be wondering how he fits in to Freemasonry. Work with your local team at Lodge level - your Membership Officer, Almoner, Mentor, Secretary, Charity Steward and Worshipful Master - and the Provincial Team as they roll out The Membership Challenge. This is a seven year challenge Brethren that will affect us all.

Ensure that he is not left alone at meetings or LOI

Introduce him to the members of the Lodge

Regular contact

Guide him through masonic protocols and traditions of the Lodge.

Explain what is happening and why

Familiarise him with the rooms within the centre



## Hello Brother, are you really ok?

### Worrying about finances?

Struggling to make ends meet?  
Worried about the cost of living?  
Can't afford your Lodge fees?

Please speak to someone.

Province and/or MCF may be able to help, but we can only do so if you talk to us.

Speak to your Almoner, or MCF direct (see below).

### Health and well-being

Your first contact should be through your Lodge Almoner. We appreciate that some of you may not wish to speak with someone within your own Lodge, so you can always call your Local Support Officer or the Provincial Grand Almoner direct (details in Blue Book). You can be assured that your enquiry will be dealt with in confidence.

### Worried about a Brother or their family?

Get as much information as you can and raise your concerns with your Almoner. There are a number of ways we can assist if we know someone is struggling.

### MCF Support

MCF can support you in a number of ways: family, medical, financial, short breaks, talent aid to name but a few. To find out more visit [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk) or speak to your Almoner.

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For Freemasons, for families, for everyone

### Benefits

Am I in receipt of all the benefits I am entitled to? Attendance allowance, pension credit, PIP - check if you are receiving all the benefits you can be visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>

### Formal counselling

MCF offers a free and confidential Counselling Care Line service. This is accessed via [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk) or 0800 035 60 90 - please make it clear that you are asking for counselling support so that your enquiry can be dealt with quickly.

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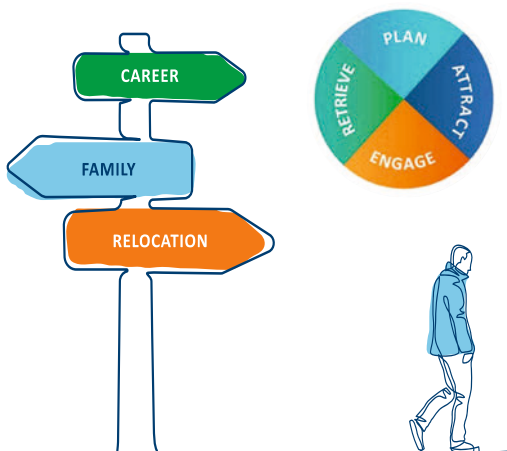
### I would prefer to deal with MCF directly

You can self-refer to the Masonic Charitable Foundation. This is very simple, just email [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk) or call 0800 035 60 90 and they will advise and support you as needed.

[help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk)  
0800 035 60 90

If you've read this far, you might want to think about the PSA testing being offered through the Royal Arch!

To find out more visit [www.northants-huntsmasons.org.uk](http://www.northants-huntsmasons.org.uk) click Welfare



## Consecration of Cervisia Lodge

After several years of planning, the Province's 97th lodge, Cervisia Lodge No. 10032, was finally Consecrated on Saturday the 18th March 2023 at Freemasons' Hall, The Griggs Centre, Sheaf Close, Northampton.

Over 170-brethren attended the Consecration of this specialist lodge for brethren with an interest in beer and the brewing industry, which included a wonderful ceremony and a most enjoyable festive board.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, with founding Worshipful Master, W.Bro Lee Kellett, PPGStwd at

the Festive Board.

The wonderful ceremony was led by the Provincial Grand Master and his Executive team. It included both thought-provoking, and at times amusing, addresses by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro Aaron Day, and was well orchestrated throughout by the Provincial Secretariat and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, WBro Roger Blason, who was ably assisted by his deputies.

The occasion was further enhanced by the music of the Provincial Grand Organist, W.Bro Bill Wright, and a choir



comprising members of Pro Musica Lodge No. 9547, both of which contributed to a wonderful atmosphere.



## PGM becomes a Widows Son



On the 6th August 2023, The Cobble Stones Chapter 'patched' their newest member, the Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, RWBro Mark Constant who received his "Cut" and road name '007' during a ceremony held at Sheaf Close, Northampton.

The Cobble Stones Chapter in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is one of 37

chapters of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association (WSMBA), which has over 1000 members in the UK.

It is not to be mistaken for the WSMRA which is an American organisation run by Non masons.

There are two types of members – full Widows Sons, who are Master Masons in good standing and 'Clickers', who are Non Masons or those below the rank of a Master Mason, who become Associate members.

Also 'patched' that day was Katie Mason - pictured below second from right - who became an Associate Member or 'Clicker'.

President Mick also explained:

'The main goals of the association are to introduce the pleasures of the world of motorcycling to our Masonic

Brothers and raise money for charity along the way.

There is continuing support for our regular Masonic lodges through regular attendance and assisting with or attending lodge events. Whilst wearing identifying regalia or patches, the Widows Sons are not a biker gang or club, but do wear the Square and Compass on our breasts, near to our hearts.

Most importantly, we are required to represent the fraternity in a positive light at all times'.

With Charity at the heart of the association, the Cobble Stones Chapter Vice President Mark Austin is pictured below presenting a donation cheque for £650 to the Provincial Grand Master for the benefit of the 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Charity.





# News From Around The Province

## Kettering & Thrapston

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### On Wednesday 12th April the Kettering United Lodge of Instruction held their

annual Festival Meeting, on this occasion working the first section of the Third Degree Lecture. The members not only Ceremoniously received their President for the evening W.Bro Mike Abbott, but also the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW.Bro Charles Bennett, accompanied by his DC W.Bro John Napper.

During his response to the Toast to Province, VW.Bro Charles Bennett commented that a great deal of effort goes in to making an evening like these successful and thanked all of those involved for making the evening so special, as well as thanking the rest of the brethren for supporting the event. During the Festive Board, the Acting WM, Bro Mick Vokes, presented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master with cheques for both the Provincial Grand Charity & Teddies for Loving Care which were very gratefully received.



It is with great sadness to confirm that W.Bro Tony Kingston, Past Master of Cytringan Lodge, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 12th July 2023 in the presence of his family. Only a month earlier the Province had reported that Tony, or "Kingo" to his friends and fellow Masons, received an e-mail informing him of the Honour of the award of the British Empire Medal for

services to Cricket and the Community.



With the new season approaching, maintenance and improvement work will have been in progress in many of our Centres throughout the Province. At the Masonic Hall, York Road, Kettering, the Directors, members and volunteers have been particularly busy with a range of improvements including new carpets in the main lodge room and also other rooms within the complex.

Great work and well done to all involved.



## Corby, Oundle

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### At the regular meeting held on the 16th May 2023

Ferraria Lodge celebrated its golden jubilee. The last founding member W.Bro Barry Cole was on hand to deliver bespoke Mauls commissioned to celebrate the event into the safe keeping of the WM and Wardens. The Lodge was then opened and a superb 2nd degree



ceremony took place passing Bro Kyle Rankin, after which a sumptuous festive board was held for over 70 members and guests.

The Secretary delivered an interesting talk on the history of the formation of the Lodge, an idea developed equally by Thistle & Rose and Willowbrook Lodges. To polish off the night a birthday cake made by Katie Mason was enjoyed by all.

### Corby Masonic Centre became a beacon of fraternal celebration on Saturday, June 24th,

as brethren gathered to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the consecration of the Thistle & Rose Lodge. This occasion brought together Freemasons, their families, and friends to honour a significant milestone in the lodge's rich history. Under the distinguished leadership of Bro. Jeff Consibee as WM, with Bro Carl Braybrook as Junior Warden and W.Bro Andy William as Senior Warden, the lodge members convened for a special meeting that embraced the essence of tradition and camaraderie. The atmosphere was charged with reverence and respect as the brethren paid homage to their predecessors

who had held the same positions during the consecration 75 years prior.



On the 17th May 2023, W.Bro Stuart Nichols had great pleasure in handing over a cheque on behalf of the Lodge of Heritage 9344 to Integrated Cancer Therapies (ICT). A wonderful facility who have supported fellow Brothers and many others in the Corby area. The Province of Northants and Hunts generously matched the Lodge's donation and the charity will be able to use it to great effect.





# News From Around The Province

**Huntingdon,  
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## Taking heed of the Provincial Grand Master's exhortation

at the AGM of Provincial Grand Lodge in May 2023, for Brethren to remain in touch with one another throughout the summer recess, brethren at the St Ives Masonic Hall have held two 'Open Bar' evenings in July and August.

Members of the four Craft and Companion Orders that meet at the St

Ives complex were invited, together with potential candidates, to share a social drink and nibbles together in the company of like-minded men.



After the success of the July evening, a sale of pre-used regalia was held in August which helped raise an additional £120 towards the Lodge Building fund.



On the 15th March 2023 a very special presentation was made by the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant at Euston Lodge No. 2283, that of a 60 Year Jubilee certificate to VW.Bro Derek George Young PGSwdB, PDepProvGM (Northants. & Hunts.). Ably assisted by the Past PGM RW.Bro Barry Hall they together remarked on 60 years of excellent service to Freemasonry in general and to this Province in particular, which included 3 years as our Deputy PGM from 2005.

## Northampton

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The 3 Pillars - Feeding the Homeless and Supporting the Community charity has for several years been carrying out its work in the Peterborough, St Neots, Huntingdon and Rushden areas, distributing hot food, bedding and clothing to homeless people and the most vulnerable from their mobile catering vehicles.

Co founder W.Bro Ged Dempsey added that with the help and support of many agencies and volunteers, this Freemason based charity has also facilitated the housing of over 180 people, of which 77 are now in employment.



Led in Northampton by Provincial Grand Chaplain, Aaron Day (pictured left) and a wonderful team of helpers, they have extended their operating area into the town, with a new feeding centre and Food Bank which opens on Tuesday and Friday evenings each week from St James Church rooms, Northampton.

In these difficult times, the demand here for food, clean clothes and a kind word has grown rapidly in just a few months. It is fantastic to see Freemasonry working frontline in the community and just how many people are benefiting from what we are doing.

Recently, The Provincial Grand Master RW.Bro Mark Constant visited with his wife Dawn to see first hand their excellent work. They also got involved taking orders and delivering food to all our friends and visitors at the tables. Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Michael Caseman-Jones and his wife Gail, who are regular volunteers, were also in attendance along with many other helpers.

The Provincial Grand Master summed up his visit: "As we go about our busy lives at work or in retirement, enjoying our hobbies, we

take so much for granted. To spend two hours in the company of those less fortunate than ourselves, is a most humbling and thought provoking experience. This initiative is a fantastic example of the positive impact that such a collaboration can



achieve within our community."

The centre are getting used to regular visitor/helpers from the Provincial Executive and Office, including W.Bros Roger Blason and William Diggins, and welcome any Brethren who would like to help.

**Anyone interested should get in touch with W.Bro Aaron on 07989421764, or the wider work of the 3 Pillars, W.Bro Ged Dempsey on 07748100100.**

# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

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**Dr Field Lodge No 8158 held their Summer BBQ** at the Griggs Centre, Sheaf Close on Sunday 30th July. A lovely meal was enjoyed by 40 members, Family and Friends. The day was organised by the Secretary, WBro Scott Austin and his Wife Jenny, assisted by Bro Mark Pooley and WBro Tim Smith. Pictured in their 'special Masonic Aprons' are Bro Mark Pooley, Master-elect, (left), and WBro Scott Austin.



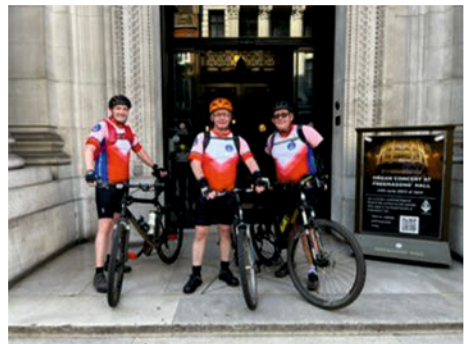
**On June 10th & 11th June,** while most of us were trying to find some shelter from the blistering heat three intrepid masons were cycling from Freemasons Hall in Great Queen Street, London to the Griggs Centre at Northampton via Leighton Buzzard along the Grand Union canal, a distance of some 110 miles. Mark Hunt, and Ronnie Webber from Grey Friars Lodge 4990 and Robert Brame from the Lodge of St James 6838 had decided to cycle the route as a sponsored ride to raise funds for the 2024 festival. The planning and the training rides had taken place during the wet and windy springtime when they could not have anticipated the heatwave that would arrive just in time for their journey.

Nevertheless, undeterred by warnings to seek shelter from the heat the three of them carried on with their epic ride over the two days and arrived back at Sheaf Close to be welcomed by several brethren including the Worshipful Master of Grey Friars W Bro Clark Gilkes who had brought some chilled refreshing sparkling wine to help them to cool down.

With temperatures reaching 30 degrees for much of the time they were cycling this proved to be a very tough challenge. The narrowness of the



canal tow path and the proximity of the water in the canal proved to be potential hazards as well but fortunately there were no mishaps despite some near misses. They have raised £1600 through sponsorship so far and there is still time to make a donation if anyone would like to. Just click on the link below.



[donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation/e0168-northants-hunts-mcf-2024-festival/cycle70](https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation/e0168-northants-hunts-mcf-2024-festival/cycle70)



## Peterborough

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### On Thursday 24th August 2023, the PGM took to the airwaves to

promote Freemasonry to the general public. RW.Bro Mark Constant was a guest on PCR FM's Breakfast Show in Peterborough, hosted by Kev Lawrence.

It was a timely interview as local Freemasons had a stand the following day at the annual Peterborough Beer Festival on The Embankment, and the following weekend will open the doors of the Masonic Centre in Peterborough to members of the public – both events last year attracted much interest and



### Peterborough light Blues

plus local Brethren, supported by the Provincial Membership Officer, W.Bro Jonathon Hibbins, made sure that Freemasonry was well represented at the 44th annual Peterborough Beer Festival, held on The Embankment from August 22nd to 27th. The travelling information stand was at the Festival on both Friday and Saturday nights. W.Bro Hibbins said: "very successful event was enjoyed by all, bringing



the Province were able to recruit new members from them, as well as explaining the part our organisation plays in the community.



lots of interest and enquiries from the public and referrals for Peterborough Masonic Open Day on Sept 2nd". Light Blues Treasurer W.Bro Alex Thurlow added: "our second year of volunteering at the Festival saw 15 masons working behind the bars, and another 5 manning the Discover Freemasonry stand, several enquiries were made through the Friday and Saturday, with many pints pulled, the Festival team were pleased for the support".



# News From Around The Province

## Wellingborough & Rushden

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**On Thursday May 18th**, W.Bro Brian Rees (President of Wellingborough United Lodge of Instruction and MEZ in Pemberton Chapter) presented to W.Bro Ian Richards (Chairman of Palmer Court) a cheque for £100 on behalf of Wellingborough United Lodge of Instruction and a further cheque for £200 on behalf of Pemberton Chapter. W.Bro Ian was most pleased to receive these on behalf of Palmer Court mentioning that "such donations enable Palmer Court to provide funding for the little extras such as social events for the residents".



**A "Rescuing Party"** from the Old Kimboltonians' Lodge No.7204 successfully claimed the Federation of School Lodges 'Travelling Gavel' from the Old Wellingburian Lodge No. 5570.



**Sulgrave Lodge 9462 have** held 2 wonderful events through the summer in aid of the 2024 MCF festival, The first of the 2 events was an "Anglo – American" night with music and food and the 2nd was a summer BBQ hosted at the Worshipful Masters (WBro Gerry Hills) house, Combined the events raised nearly £900 towards the festival.



**Wellingborough Masons**, headed up by WBro Bob Smith have been taking full advantage of the "Discover Freemasonry" gazebo promoting freemasonry in the area by supporting 3 local events, WBro Bob has been very pleased with the events and hopes they will help to attract people to the open day in September.



**On Sunday 16th July 2023** W. Bro John Marlow and his wife Jean hosted the John Pyel Lodge Tea In the Garden. Tea, sandwiches, cakes, trifles with umbrellas were the order of the afternoon for brethren and their family and friends. **FULL STORY ON THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE**

**f Stay Connected, by following Wellingborough and Rushden Masons on Facebook**



## Stamford

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### Stamford NYMC held a collection of Easter Eggs

and Chairman Bro. Tam Du'Kett presented half of the eggs to the Amazon Children's Ward at Peterborough Hospital. W.Bro Richard White (on behalf of Stamford NYMC) presented the other half to Grantham College Learning Development Centre. The College Centre is attended by many Young Adults from Stamford who have a variety of learning needs.



### As a change from the annual Ladies Lunch, W.Bro Mick Wren, DC of Chetene Lodge arranged an

Evening Cruise on the "Rutland Belle". This cruise was hosted by members and guests of Chetene and there was a representative from each Stamford Craft Lodge on board. The weather was fantastic and Rutland Water nice and calm. Following the cruise there was an excellent BBQ at the Crown at Casterton, where £100 was raised by the raffle for donating to masonic charities.



### A long standing tradition when the fair comes to Stamford is for

brethren from the Lodge of Merit to take youngsters with learning difficulties to the fair. On Thursday 17th August the owners of the fair opened for the children to have exclusive use of the rides before the fair opened to the paying public. W.Bro Ian Hall, as always, organises the event and was assisted by W.Bro Paul Laycock and W.Bro Richard White. The guests had a great time and it was wonderful to see their faces as they partook in rides that would not under normal circumstances be available to them.



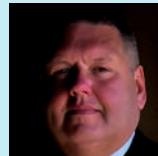
**The Stamford Combined Lodge of Instruction** meets on the first Tuesday of each month. At each meeting the members pay £1 subs to charity. This year culminated with a cheque presentation to the Senior Group Officer for Stamford W.Bro Bob Pues for £164.00 which was given to the Provincial grand Charity.



# News From Around The Province

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**Waynflete Lodge 4452, had its usual summer BBQ** on Friday 11th August. The event was superbly hosted this year by Les & Bev Lindsay. With the vagaries of the usual British Summer a substantial marquee was erected. The meat was provided by Jeff Sargent and a wonderful spread was provided by Bev Lindsay who worked tirelessly through the night. A collection of over £100 was donated to a charity close to the hosts

heart's. Just the right warm up to get the season's busy schedule going.



W.Bro Graeme Ford successfully installed W.Bro Mario Da Silva in the chair at the Daventry meeting of The Lodge Of The Oldest Ally (9524) held in May. This unique Lodge meets just twice per year. Mid May in Daventry and early October in Portugal.

The Red carpet was rolled out at part of this years Spring week-end when the Brethren visited Warwick Castle on the Friday before Saturday's meeting. The tour was enjoyed by both the visiting Portuguese Brethren and their ladies along with the more local Lodge members.



The next meeting of the Lodge is being held at the Hilton Hotel at Villamoura on the Algarve Saturday October 7th 2023. Do join us if you can.

# Roll Of Honour

Many congratulations to all the Brethren featured on our Roll of Honour.



## 60 YEARS

**Leslie Edward Charles Staddon**  
**William Frederick Pendray**

## Lodge

John Pyel  
Vale of Welland

## 50 YEARS

**Ian Edward Smith**  
**Peter John Watts**  
**David Frederick Rager**  
**Paul de Chastelain**  
**Thomas Hunter**  
**Robert Maurice Roberts**  
**Antonio Gordon Scrivener**  
**William James Kingford**  
**Donald John Dymer**  
**Barry Pilkington**

## Lodge

Eleanor Cross  
Perserverance  
Vale of Nene  
England Centre  
Eleanor Cross  
Hatton  
St Ivo  
Ailwyn  
Burghley  
Lactodorum

**Our best wishes for the future are included with this public recognition of your valuable service.**



## Message from The Grand Superintendent

Dear Companions,

In the Spring edition of Password I wrote of the development and imminent launch of our Ambassadors scheme. With the support of the Provincial Grand Master that scheme is now up and running. We now have teams of Companions, Ambassadors, eager to spread the word to all Master Masons who are not in the Royal Arch, that their journey from the Foundation Stone of Initiation to the Keystone that binds the whole superstructure together, is incomplete. The Keystone is their Exaltation into, and their journey through, Royal Arch Masonry. The completion of that journey which is Pure Antient Masonry. Each Lodge has a designated Ambassador assigned to it as a direct line of contact. However, the encouragement of all Master Masons to take that next step is not the sole prerogative of the Ambassadors. We are all Ambassadors for the Royal

Arch and as such should always be extolling the advantages of completing the whole story, that journey to personal enlightenment. Is our job done when get a Brother to commit to Exaltation? I respectfully suggest it is not. We, and I mean we, not him or them, must ensure that the ceremony is as vibrant, meaningful, inclusive of as many members as possible and well presented. Since 2018 I have put forward many ideas that I feel would assist in achieving these objectives and I again urge all Companions to support their Chapter as they strive to improve what is already a wonderful Ceremony, without any loss of the messages and tradition contained therein. We must also take a personal interest in the individual by acting as his mentor. Making sure that he does not feel isolated and uncared for as he takes his first faltering



steps and beyond in what is a new and difficult to grasp experience. The lessons of the Royal Arch are not easy but patience and industry will indeed bring enlightenment that will cement the teachings of the Craft and Royal Arch into one superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable to the builder. Let us then work together in true Companionship and may the True and Living God Most High, the Great Architect of the Universe, watch over you and your loved ones

Jim Boughton

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)





## Certificate of Meritorious for E.Comp Dick Godwin

During the annual Provincial Grand Chapter Meeting of The Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire, held on 29th June 2023, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, EComp James Boughton surprised a very shocked but worthy Companion EComp Dick Godwin.

MEGS delivered an impassioned summary of EComp Dick's impressive masonic history followed by the presentation of The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent's Certificate of Meritorious Service.

Dick was Initiated on 10th March 1975 into Christopher Lodge, No2309, Buckinghamshire and was Exalted on 4th April 1977 into Horsa Dun Chapter, No3123 in Middlesex.

Dick is a member of 4 Craft and 3 Royal Arch Provinces, a founder

member of 3 Lodges in 2 Provinces and 3 Chapters in Buckinghamshire. An honorary Member of 12 Craft Lodges and a Subscribing Member of 3 lodges in 2 Provinces and 2 chapters in this Province.

In the Craft Dick has been ProvGDC, and ProvJGW in Buckinghamshire, whilst in Northants & Hunts he is now a Group Officer for the South West. In 1996 Dick received the Craft Grand Rank of PAGDC, being promoted to PJGD 2018.

In the Royal Arch Dick is a PProvGSwdB in Buckinghamshire, a PProvDepGReg in Middlesex and PProvGSCh for Northants & Hunts. He is also the current Scribe E in two Chapters of this



Province, Fidelity and Beneventa.

In presenting his certificate for Meritorious Conduct to Ecomp Dick the Grand Superintendent thanked him not only for his dedicated service over many years but also for all that he is still currently doing for the Royal Arch in this Province.

## Notable Events

Go to 'Notable Events' on the Provincial Website for further information on these and many other forthcoming events

PSA Testing  
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Thistle & Rose C6644

Banner Rededication

Sheaf Close - Saturday 25th November 2023  
Peterborough - Saturday 3rd February 2024  
Corby - Saturday 6th April 2024  
Corby - Tuesday 9th April 2024

# News From the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch

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On Tuesday 8 March 2023 St Ivo Chapter No2684 held their Installation Meeting at St Ives Masonic Hall. The Installation team are pictured opposite.



Tuesday 14th March 2023 was a special day for the members of Cytringan Chapter No4048 when a special cheque presentation took place.

2019/20, their Bereavement service delivered over 500 sessions, supporting patient families and loved ones at a difficult time. Their hospice@home service

made 1,592 home visits. Cransley Hospice needs to increase fundraising from £1.4m to £2m over the next 5 years.

The presentation was to Cransley Hospice, where they presented a cheque for £200.

Cransley Hospice provides specialist end-of-life care to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of the patient, their family, and loved ones. During



## PSA Testing in this Province

In the latest round of PSA testing events put on by the Provincial Grand Chapter earlier this year, 431 tests were carried out across the three events, with the results broken down as follows:

Northampton: 141 Tests of which 137 were Green, 0 Amber and 4 Red. According to the Graham Fulford trust the

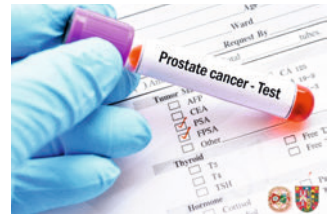
4 in Northampton were "Very Red"

Peterborough: 149 Tests of which 141 were Green, 5 Amber and 3 Red.

Corby: 141 Tests of which 137 were Green, 2 Amber and 2 Red.

Whilst it is very encouraging that the majority of those tested had a Green results letter,

it is hoped that those who received Amber or Red result letters are able to follow up with their own medical professionals quickly and effectively. For new PSA testing dates, see page 35.



**Everything is still on course for the Thistle & Rose Chapter** Banner Rededication for 9th April 2024. The new banner is being embroidered by Mrs Heather Everitt who resides in South Molten, North Devon. Earlier this year the chapter's Scribe E, E.Comp Stephen Seward was on holiday in North Devon and took the opportunity to visit Heather

at her cottage to see the banner being manufactured. He was made very welcome by Heather who showed him the Banner at its very early stage of manufacture in her workshop. Heather also showed him photos of Banners she has made for Lodges & Chapters all over the Country and further afield, she had just quoted for the manufacture of a Banner in Cairo. Heather began this career by chance when after completing her degree in art & design which included embroidery at Manchester Uni, when a friend of her father who were both Freemasons in Devon was shown some of her work and commented that their Lodge was looking to have a Banner made and she could probably make a decent job



of it. Well apparently she did and following this word spread and the rest is history.



## Lodge Enterprise - looking to recruit and grow

So far the Order of Women Freemasons - Lodge Enterprise No 80 have had a very successful year with much interest.

They now have 30 members and 4 new initiates, with 6 potential candidates.

If anyone is interested please contact Christine Godwin, Secretary, at [68.godwin@gmail.com](mailto:68.godwin@gmail.com)



### **Celebrating 50 Years - 2023**

By the time you are reading this, the NORTHAMPTON LAMS will have held their Celebratory Lunch to commemorate 50 years, on Sunday 17th September. We hope to bring you a full report in a future edition of Password.

### **The Wellingborough Millies**

would like to thank everyone for their support over the last year with their events held at the Masonic Hall, Wellingborough, and look forward to another successful year ahead. The Millies have been busy planning this year's events, and have the following date for your diary:

Coffee Mornings: Sept 16th, Oct 14th, Nov 18th, Dec 16th, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th from 1000 - 1200hrs. Home made cakes, and refreshments are served. We welcome our Ladies, Brethren and their families to come along and

support us by raising funds for the Masonic Hall.

The Millies will be supporting the Masonic Open Day at Wellingborough Masonic Hall on Saturday 23rd September from 1000 to 1600hrs with refreshments and a smile.

There is a Snowman Drive and pudding evening planned for December 10th at The Masonic Hall, Mill Road, Wellingborough for families to attend from 1600 - 1900hrs, where delicious puddings will be served along with Tea/Coffee, soft drinks for the children and the bar will be open. Further details to follow.

All events will be advertised on social media.

The Millies are run by a small group of Ladies who give their time to help and support the Lodges of the Masonic Hall, Wellingborough by raising money to help with the upkeep of the fabric of the building, your support is very much appreciated, and important.

Hopefully by the beginning of the new masonic season there will be a Millies board installed in the Wellingborough Centre which shows the donations by The Millies from 1993 until present day. If you are interested in any of the events planned you can contact The Millies on: [millroadmillies@gmail.com](mailto:millroadmillies@gmail.com)





THE PROVINCE OF  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & HUNTINGDONSHIRE  
PRESENTS...

# PROVINCIAL GALA BALL

17th November 2023  
7 PM for Pre-Dinner Drinks  
Accor Northampton Town Centre Hotel,  
Northampton, NN1 2TA

## FEATURING...

Posh Heads & Tails - £100 Prize  
3 Course Dinner  
Auction of Promises hosted by WBro Roger Blason  
Dancing to Fine Time Events

TICKETS - £50 PER PERSON  
DRESS CODE:  
BLACK TIE & BALL GOWNS

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA  
THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE  
FROM 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023



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