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# From the Team

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Dear Readers,

Our Spring 2021 edition of Password highlights the wonderful support available throughout the Province for the health and well being of each other. This together with the range of activities and new methods of communication in use shows that despite the difficulties, Freemasonry is very much here for us all!

My congratulations to our Webmaster, Simon Key on his promotion and extend an invitation to any brother who may like to become involved with our Communications team and its work, to contact me for more details. Since our last edition, we have welcomed Jason Brice as Local Communications Officer for Kettering & Thrapston and thank Alex Willis for his work whilst in the role.

With best wishes.

**Peter Robinson**

**Provincial Communications Officer**

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## Introducing Hermes

UGLE have created a new software package to assist our Lodge Secretaries. Called Hermes, it will enable Secretaries to perform the majority of what is presently paper based tasks online, directly updating the currently used Adelphi database. Hermes will assist and guide Secretaries through their administration tasks to ensure all records and requests are in order.

The roll out programme will be supported by one team with two specialist 'champions', one for the Craft and one for the HRA, to assist with those areas of difference in terminology or approach. For the Craft this will be W.Bro Simon Key who has been working in the Provincial Office for the last two years and also as our Provincial Webmaster. His day job is as an IT Professional and so is well qualified to assist. He will be supported by the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro William Diggins.

Any questions in the first instance in relation to Hermes should be sent via the Provincial Office.



## Notable Events

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

N&H New and Young Masons Club  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Provincial Grand Lodge  
Three Counties Lodge No.9278

`Light Blues` Virtual AGM  
AGM  
AGM & Appointments  
Promotions to Past Ranks

Via Zoom - 7th March 2021  
View via Website - 10am 13th March 2021  
Sheaf Close 20th May 2021  
Sheaf Close 26th May 2021

# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

**Brethren,**

We begin 2021 with great hopes that it will be a vast improvement on 2020 although the latest variant is causing many problems. Most of us will be receiving the vaccine during coming weeks which will provide us with safety from this terrible pandemic which has damaged so many lives. As I write this, it is not possible to predict as to how soon we may begin to enjoy our Freemasonry in a manner to which we were all accustomed. However, when full activity resumes, perhaps we will appreciate much more what we have and what an amazing organisation it is to which we belong.

I congratulate all of those members who have worked so hard to keep us connected over the past 10

months. We have enjoyed some really exciting innovations such as University Challenge style, Question of Sport, Music Quizzes and many other events, all being enjoyed via electronic means. A year ago, very few of us had heard of Zoom, but now we all accept it as our means of meeting together. I am aware that many Lodges have arranged Zoom meetings, often on evenings when the Lodge would normally have met, and that has also helped enormously. Despite these modern methods of communication, we have not forgotten those elder brethren who may not embrace the technology. They have been cared for with regular telephone calls and visits where possible.

I am firmly of the opinion that one of the most important happenings in our Province in recent times has been the formation of the New & Young Masons Club. I congratulate the young men who have made this such a success, not forgetting those established members who have been available to offer support and advice to the newer members. The activities of this club during these very trying times has



helped enormously.

Another organisation that has been carrying out vital work is our 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Trust. Not only is this Trust providing comfort and support to many extremely distressed people, but it is constantly presenting to the public a face of Freemasonry of which they were previously unaware. Other Provinces around the country are seeking advice and guidance with ideas of trying to set up similar operations and our work is well known and appreciated by the powers that be in Great Queen Street. The Masonic Charitable Foundation have been making a lot of money available to help charities throughout the country, and I am delighted that we have secured funds of almost £33,000 for the purchase of another vehicle. This will enable the Trust to extend its crucial operations into other parts of our Province.

**A Question of Sport**

DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?  
IS YOUR SPORTS KNOWLEDGE AS GOOD AS THE PROPS?

TEAM CAPTAIN: Wayne Williams  
PRESENTER: Geoff Allen  
TEAM CAPTAIN: Max Baen

Brothers interested in joining one of the teams, please send your names and specialist home sport for the home or away sections of the quiz to [quiz@northamptonshiremasons.org](mailto:quiz@northamptonshiremasons.org)

We would like a mix of Light Blue and Dark Blue, 1 of each on each team.



The work that is carried out does involve substantial funding as we not only provide food, but also clothing, bedding and personal hygiene goods to our clients. I would ask that, even in these difficult times, Lodges and individuals continue to support the Trust as has happened in the past. The original van that operates in Peterborough is pictured below.



You will know that over recent years we have been achieving a steady increase in our membership numbers. This steady progress has now been devastated by the pandemic. We have unfortunately, but inevitably, lost some

members through death, and there have been some unavoidable resignations. During this time we have, of course, not carried out any initiations. The result is that the statistics tell me that we are now around eighty less in number than we were at this time last year. I appreciate the difficulties that some members are experiencing. Many will have been affected by being furloughed and some will have suffered redundancy. It is now the time of year when many Lodge Subscriptions become due and I am sure that some are considering whether they should continue to pay for something in which they are not able to participate. Brethren, before long we will be meeting again and let us remember that Lodge expenses still accrue even when the country is in lockdown. The positive angle to our numbers concerns is that there are in excess of eighty gentlemen who would have been initiated by now had we been able to meet. It

may be that it is not safe for us to meet normally for several months yet, so I repeat what I have already announced. Lodges that wish to meet during the summer months may be able to do so. Not only will this give Lodges an opportunity to 'catch up' with outstanding ceremonies, but it will enable all of us to enjoy our Freemasonry 'live' once again.

Brethren, stay positive, keep connected and be cheerful. We will all meet together in peace, love and harmony.

Have faith brethren, and always remember – This too will end.

God bless you all.

RW.Bro Max Bayes  
Provincial Grand Master

**"I congratulate all of those members  
who have worked so hard  
to keep us connected"**



## A New Look For Teddies For Loving Care

The Teddies for Loving Care (TLC) initiative is getting a welcome rebrand. W.Bro Mark Constant APMG is delighted to inform everyone that the new larger teddies with a heart shaped nose are now being distributed. There's a new-look website, new-look bears, and bespoke TLC badges for our



Province.

To visit the new website log on to the link at the bottom of the page.

The charity provides cuddly bears to A&E departments for medical staff to give to young children often at most distressing moments.

Established in 2001, TLC is now a national programme

administered locally by Freemasons across England and Wales.

Support and enthusiasm for the initiative continues to grow with more than two million teddies distributed nationwide to over 200 hospitals.

We would like to offer a massive thank-you to the brethren who have continued to provide bears to our hospitals, paediatric and A&E wards through lockdown and beyond: W.Bros Francis Margot, Gareth Ogden, Phil Collins, David Genner and Arthur Briggs.

Additionally, W.Bro Michael Carrington will become the new 'teddy boy' for the Huntingdon area as



he takes over from W.Bro Francis, who has served this very worthy cause with distinction over many years.

Brethren wishing to purchase one of the new-look TLC badges should speak to their Lodge Charity Steward, and if any Lodges might consider sending the Provincial Grand Charity a cheque and asking for it to be used for TLC, they would be most grateful.



[www.teddiesforlovingcare.org.uk](http://www.teddiesforlovingcare.org.uk)

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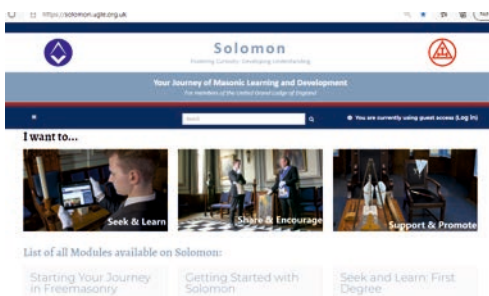
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**Combining with our Provincial Grand Orator, William Caswell, I would highlight the benefits of the UGLE online resource, Solomon.**



### What is 'Solomon'?

Solomon is a most extensive and fully integrated information and learning library for all ranks of masons, from the Entered Apprentice to the Grand Lodge officer. It is growing and developing all the time. Three of the principal elements are: "Seek and Learn", "Share and Encourage" and "Support and Promote".

To quote the site; 'Solomon is a platform for delivering individual learning, and for sharing material in a Lodge or Chapter. It is not a web site, but rather uses web technology, and is better viewed as a system.'

There are range of resources

available:

**'Nuggets'** - short informative pieces for example suitable for Lodge of Instruction inserts.

**'Fillers'** in the lodge – for example when the candidate is being prepared.

**Full lectures** suitable for lodge transmission.

**There is** also a wealth of seminars, sound files and videos

within the different modules, as well as formal learning courses, properly structured, for those wishing to progress further.

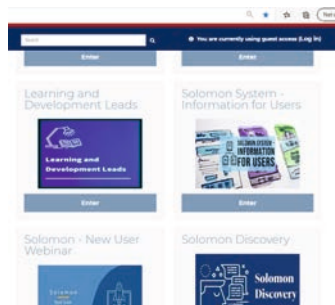
Solomon will help your 'daily advancement' and support the mentoring of brethren in your lodge.

The web platform is not a readily available service via Google, but part of the hidden web in order to give a degree of privacy. To access it, you need the URL shown below.

Once on the introductory facing page, you can set up a user name and password to access all the various

modules available, this page has a section 'Getting Started'.

For those who have not yet registered, there is also a 'webinar', which informs brethren how it all works and how to access all the facilities. This is available by clicking on Solomon System - Information for Users which is near the bottom of the home page on the right hand side (see below).



Although there is an enormous amount of information on the platform, it can be quite easily navigated to find specific information, or just to let yourself be drawn down the 'rabbit hole' of curiosity! Please use and enjoy this resource to the full and encourage other masons to do so.



[www.solomon.ugle.org.uk](http://www.solomon.ugle.org.uk)

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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## What's Your New Year's Resolution?

A New Year brings with it a fresh start. It is a beacon of hope and optimism for the future. We are already seeing positive signs of the pandemic gradually coming under control and with that, our opportunity to return to Freemasonry in due course.

So, what should our New Year's resolution be? Simply put, we should all commit to playing our part in ensuring that Freemasonry is in a healthy position when Masonic activity resumes. What does that mean though?

Let us talk to our friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family about Freemasonry; we are

the very best advocates for our fraternity, its values and the enjoyment that it gives us.

Let us make sure that we're talking to those who are still relatively new or who are on the progression ladder and may have many questions as well as needing support, encouragement or guidance.

Let us take the time to speak with a Brother or two who we do not regularly speak to, as there will be some who find themselves in challenging circumstances.

Freemasonry frequently brings its greatest value to Brethren in their darkest, most challenging moments.

Freemasonry and its

principles have stood the test of time, weathered many storms and will enjoy a bright future. To do this, we need to stand together and all play our part. This is not the time to leave it to others to 'do the doing', but to take the time to find one or two things we can all do that will strengthen our Lodges and our Province.

Freemasonry belongs to us all, we are its custodians for this moment. Our responsibility is to pass it on to the next generation of Freemasons so that they can enjoy it as much as we have.



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Little did I know what lay ahead of me when I took over as Provincial Almoner in February 2020. Within weeks we went into lockdown and my personal learning curve accelerated beyond belief. It is all too easy to focus on the negatives in these difficult times and sadly we have lost a number of our Brethren over the last few months.

Thinking positively, I have no doubt that the cessation of Masonic gatherings really did protect us from the coronavirus pandemic, and, whilst we have lost Brethren, the feeling I have is that the active Masonic community has been brought closer together. I certainly feel more connected with the Almoners and the Provincial Almoner (PGA) team than might have been the case in 'normal' times and many Lodges and associated groups have held regular virtual meetings to help keep everyone in touch.

The Brother to Brother scheme has worked well and been adopted wholeheartedly by some Lodges, whereas others have found differing ways to keep in touch with their Brethren. We all know of Brothers who pay their dues, but who live miles away,

sometimes even overseas. My Lodge saw these Brothers appearing on Zoom calls and reacquainting themselves with old friends and it proved very uplifting for us all.

In September 2020, the PGA Team launched a virtual conference and followed it up with eight consecutive weeks of Zoom meetings for Almoners and Senior Group Officers. After a slow start we ended up with an overall turnout of over 70% of the potential attendees; a big improvement on the attendance for meetings in the past.

Continuing with the good news, we launched a regular Health Welfare and Wellbeing feature and in December I was very pleased to announce the launch of 'Brother Line' a freephone helpline for this Province tackling loneliness and isolation in the Masonic community. I won't further expand here, as this edition of Password features more detail on these two initiatives.

Finally, I just wanted to give you an idea of how much work goes on behind the scenes supporting Masonic Welfare. In this financial year to date the Masonic Charitable Foundation has given

£212,000 of assistance to 105 cases in this Province, compared to £140,000 and 79 cases in the same period last year. This is an increase of over 50% in monetary assistance and a 33% increase in cases. The PGA Team manages most of these cases, even if they are self-referrals, and I am grateful to the Almoners, Local Support Officers and Visiting Volunteers for their continued support and dedication.

Let us all hope that 2021 sees a resumption of our regular Masonic meetings, but please be reassured that we are here for you and working harder than ever to keep up with the welfare demands of our community. Happy New Year to you all.



[www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Health, Welfare and Wellness

Autumn 2020 saw the launch of a regular feature on Health Welfare and Wellbeing. So far we have looked at mental health, finances and loneliness and isolation. In 2021, we will be focusing on physical healthy, the work of the MCF and others.

The loneliness and isolation feature in December showcased an exciting new initiative, the launch of 'Brother Line', a freephone service coordinated by the PGA Team with assistance of volunteers from the



NHNYMC.

Any Brother or member of the Masonic family in this Province can call and request a regular telephone call with a volunteer.

This may be particularly useful for those who aren't as familiar with the on-line environment or who don't have internet access.

Please spread the word, the phone number is:

**0300 030 1604.**

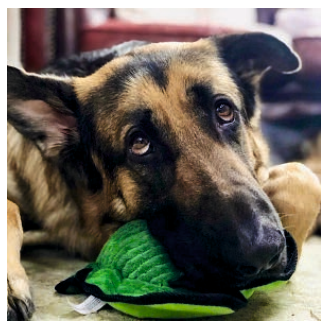
Rather amusingly, one of the volunteers is Brother John Line, and he is very pleased to have his name in lights as we launch Brother Line!



## Boom! Lights, Cameras, Captions, Music and now Art!

**The Provincial Photography Contest proved of very high calibre,** and it is with great delight that we can announce that the winning photographer is W.Bro Marco Curran and his photograph titled 'Absent Brethren' - very well done!

Many thanks to all those who took part, those who voted, to W.Bro Jack Summerfield for his work and to the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, for selecting the final twelve photographs.



Absent Brethren

In recent months we have enjoyed many events, including our Caption competition, the Big Music Quiz and now **'Calling all Artists'** we have the launch of the Provincial Art Competition. Please check the Provincial website and Social Media for more information



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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What a year! A year like no other. 2020 has taken us on a journey of isolation and restriction. Within Freemasonry we have missed our face-to-face interaction with fellow Masons. Many of our traditional methods of fund raising have had to be suspended. We have had no alms collections during meetings. We have missed gift aided collections and raffles at Festive Boards. We have not been able to have our usual fund raising events such as garden parties, barbeques or Ladies' Festivals. Our fitter members have not been able to fund raise by walking, running, climbing, jumping and the like. Our fund raising capability has therefore been severely diminished. This against a background of greatly increased demand from our members due to the effects of the pandemic on them and their

families. Similarly, non-Masonic charities, large and small, have not been able to fund raise in their usual ways but have been inundated with requests for help in alleviating the effects of the pandemic. Whilst these are difficult times, they give Freemasonry an ideal opportunity to demonstrate its place in, and support of, the general community of which it is a part. Our Masonic charities have responded magnificently to this challenge. Nationally, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has helped 4,036 Masonic families in distress with grants totalling £13.2m. Locally, the Provincial Grand Charity has awarded a total of £25,257 to 36 Masonic families in distress. In addition, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has made grants to 399 non-Masonic charities

totalling £4.5m, helping them to combat the effects of coronavirus. The Provincial Grand Charity has supported 34 non-Masonic local charities with grants totalling £59,306. This Masonic generosity of spirit has rightly received positive national and local media coverage, improving the image of Freemasonry in the public perception. In the run up to Christmas, Devonshire Court appealed for help in making the festive period more enjoyable for the residents. This Province responded generously with donations of festive food and drink, as well as cash donations. Our year of restricted activity has seen innovation in the ways we can fund raise. Gift aided donations can now be made to Lodge Relief Chests digitally, using







smartphones or computers in association with the relevant QR code or internet link. Paperless transfers can also be made from Lodge Relief Chests to the Festival. Lodge Charity Stewards have details of how to do this.

It should be stressed that these digital age innovations do not replace existing methods. They simply add to them in an effort to make processes simpler and more streamlined.

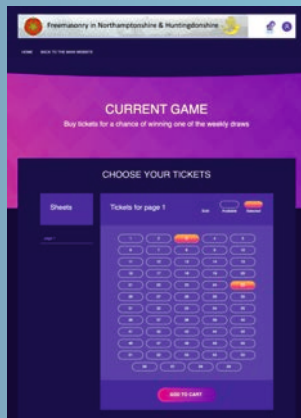


Thank you to those who used the **smile.amazon.co.uk** link to log on to Amazon to buy their Christmas presents, gaining the Provincial Grand Charity a donation from Amazon in the process. £264.88 had been received before the festive period. I look forward to seeing the next set of figures.

To give the finances of the Provincial Grand Charity a further boost, the **Provincial Grand Master's Bonus Ball** is being launched. This will

run on the Provincial website and be based on Saturday night's National Lottery Bonus Ball winner. Sheets with numbers from one to 59 will be published on the Provincial website. The numbers can be purchased by players for £10 each with online payment once they are logged in as registered users.

Every Saturday of each playing period of ten weeks, there will be one winner of £30 cash for each completed sheet of 59 balls. The winner will be the person who has the number corresponding to the Bonus Ball drawn on the Saturday night's National Lottery. This means that for an outlay of £10 a player has ten chances of winning £30. Several games, each



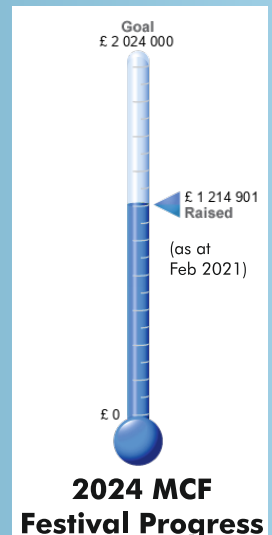
consisting of 59 allocated numbers, can run in the same ten week period.

Since all proceeds will be for the Provincial Grand Charity, the more sheets of 59 balls sold for each ten week period, the more the Provincial Grand Charity will benefit.

As ever, and only if you are able, I ask that you consider a little extra giving to support all our charitable efforts that are showing Freemasonry in such a positive light.

We all sincerely hope that this year will soon see life in general, and Freemasonry in particular, return to normal. In the meantime, may you and your families remain safe and well.

Gerry Crawford  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Steward



## MCF Covid Fund in support of those in need

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) our Freemasons Charity, working in collaboration with the Provincial Grand Master, have been pleased to make the awards from the Covid-19 Charity Chest to the following organizations in support of their continued work caring and helping for others during the pandemic.



### Lakelands Hospice

Corby Lakelands Hospice `At Home` service has been awarded a much needed grant of £5,000.

Photograph (L to R);

Lakelands bubble – Paul Marlow (head of fundraising), Tracy Glen (Nurse manager) and Sue Hall (Trusts & grants officer), together with W.Bro Dr Kevin Williams and W.Bro Jim Spence.



### £5k to Cransley Hospice

An award of £5,000 has been made to Cransley Hospice in Kettering and a formal presentation will take place when circumstances permit.



### 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Trust expands operations

A magnificent award of £33,000 from the MCF has been confirmed for the purchase of a new 3 Pillars van to help with the Charity's planned expansion in support of the homeless in the Rushden and Wellingborough areas.

The 3 Pillars-Feeding the Homeless Charity would like to express their grateful thanks to the MCF and also to the N & H Masonic Bowls Association for their wonderful donation of £1,000.

## Echoes from Portugal

The Lodge of the Oldest Ally 9524 was consecrated on 22nd October 1993. Its first WM was the late VW. Bro Peter Kitson, PGSwdB, and the chair is currently occupied by a Portuguese surgeon. It is quite unique not only because meets twice a year in two different countries, but because it celebrates friendship between two nations that have ancient political, commercial and cultural relations.

We are experiencing a public health emergency decreed by the World Health Organisation (COVID 19). The numbers of infected people do not stop to grow both in Portugal as well in England.

The Lodge of the Oldest Ally decided, with the consent of the provincial authorities, early in the course of the pandemic crisis to suspend the May 2020 meeting, which proved to be a wise decision.

In Portugal the lodge meetings were suspended

by the middle of March, and it is not known yet when they will be resumed. Many Brethren meet online to assist to videoconferences, webinars, podcasts and have access to digital libraries.

Anyway we are not still. Many masons are involved in this fight in hospitals, fire departments, police stations and social security centres... Others, who are teachers, are helping children that are confined and have school at home.

The Regular Grand Lodge of Portugal (GLLP) offered 10,000 face visors to the Portuguese Firemen League (437 firemen associations) who with the most altruistic sacrific



protect the population every day. It also promoted a blood donation campaign as an action of solidarity.

We all hope to soon say "Happy to meet again!"



## **The Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No.**

**9600** would like to offer this article to those keen on pursuing their 'daily advancement' of Masonic knowledge. Look out for further articles in future editions of Password.

## **Initiation Ceremony of Ancient Blacksmiths**

Life in the Middle Ages was punctuated by the Mysteries, Miracle Plays and Moralities, which were dramas enacted representing biblical, legendary and allegorical subjects, and were most popular during the time the cathedrals and churches were being built, and indeed lingered long after the reformation.

These Mysteries (meaning skills or crafts) or Miracle Plays were an annual event and often Guilds were designated to play certain dramas year after year. These were performed to a largely illiterate populace. The operative Guilds were widespread during the middle ages having had a great influence on the general population of that time. The Free Masons

were not the only workers Guild to have their own initiation ceremony. Two trades that have been always closely associated with the Free Masons, namely the Carpenters and Blacksmiths, each had their own. Although these colourful ceremonies have long been consigned to history, it is curious to consider what initiates had to endure.

The medieval Masons regarded their initiate as a rough piece of stone to be squared and polished and marked so that he should be fit to take his place in the intended structure. The Carpenters' regarded their initiate as a rough tree to be felled and barked and made into a shapely piece of timber. The Blacksmiths' regarded their initiate as a rough piece of pig iron to be forged and tempered. They all illustrate the journey of an unskilled man becoming a master craftsman. His apprenticeship would include being taught to read and write at a time



of high illiteracy in the general population. So, the significance to a candidate of his initiation was of life-changing significance.

The Masons' Ceremony was more polished and complete than the other two, with a deeper symbolism and meaning and possibly a more ancient origin. It therefore naturally appealed to more cultured men and, in time, more readily lent itself to being the foundation of our speculative rite.

The Guilds of the Blacksmiths and Carpenters have long



been consigned to history, and their graphic ceremonies all but forgotten. What follows is a brief account of the lost Blacksmiths Guild initiation ceremony. The Candidate would be carried into the forge room flat, as if a rough pig of iron. The Blacksmiths are blowing up the forge, and two Master Blacksmiths are sledging away on an anvil, the Candidate was carried a safe distance from the fire as though he was a rough piece of iron being prepared to be worked.

He was then moved close to the anvil. The Master Blacksmith would then instruct two other Master Blacksmiths to tap him very gently with their master's hammer, to signify he was now being transformed. He was partly 'quenched' with water, thus figuratively

forged from rough iron into a finished piece, properly tempered. He was then given his Blacksmith's Apron, hammer, and tongs. A lecture was then given in his honour, which was the traditional history of the Blacksmiths. Today we consider such graphic dramas as outmoded, and they truly are. However, it will have impressed upon the medieval candidates the full significance of what he would undergo to become an operative master craftsman.

This lecture has been adapted from one delivered in Lodge 3456 in London on 14th October 1914. This, and many

more lectures, can be found upon joining the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research 9600.

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### **Editors Note:**

The views expressed in this article are entirely those of the author.



**The next Richard Sandbach Jubilee talk will take place on Zoom on 15th March 2021 and is entitled: 'Four or More - The Grand Lodges of England'. We consider how our Premier Grand Lodge began in 1717 and became the Union of the Modern and Ancient Grand Lodges in 1813, but we were not alone!**

# News From The Light Blues

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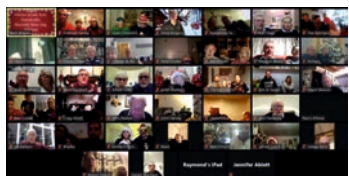
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## Best Dressed Carols at Wellingborough and Rushden

On Sunday 6th December, Wellingborough and Rushden Light Blues held a Zoom Family Christmas Carol Service. we asked for Carol Sponsors and a considerable sum was raised for which we donated the money to this Project.



It attracted 51 families from across the province. There was plenty of fun all round, an address by the PGM to kick the evening off, Christmas stockings for the children and even a surprise visit from Father Christmas, who even had time to judge the Best Dressed Family. The Dooley family won this accolade and were presented with a luxurious hamper as first prize. Above is a picture of the prize winners with their award and a zoom screen grab from the night. The evening was finished off with a highly amusing rendition of the 12 days of Christmas which will surely be remember for some time!

Brethren,

With the AGM just around the corner, I would like to announce that, after my 2 year term, I shall be stepping down as Chairman.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the support you have shown the club and to me over the past 2 years.

We really have laid the foundations and established a wonderful club that we should all be very proud of and a club that I have no doubt will continue to grow year on year.

None of this has just happened, and none of it has happened because of me. It is all down to the effort and hard work from every committee member and the support from the members of the individual light blue clubs.

Rather than a goodbye, I hope this is more like a see you all later as I am extremely passionate about our achievements and I'm looking forward to sitting back and being able to enjoy the wonderful events in the future.

Brethren once again, thank you and look forward to seeing you all soon.

YSF

W.Bro Dan Cooke



Find Us On  Northants & Hunts NYMC

Many of our members have been joining other clubs across the country and supporting both the Young & New Masons Socials and the NYMC Mini Conferences. These events are a great way to meet other Brethren from other clubs and assist in our daily advancement with fantastic guests and topics, we even got to listen the the Pro Grand Master.

Look out for upcoming events on the N&HNYMC Facebook.



Young & New Masons

NYMC Forum



## Wellington & Rushden Light Blues 2020 PUDDING PROJECT

Bro Martin Fletcher of Wentworth Lodge, No. 737 worked very hard on the Pudding Project, and the Light Blues were on hand to help with donations.

36 flats at Palmer Court were all supplied with Mince pies and chocolates (pictured). The 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless had around 50 boxes of mince pies and Chocolates and 15 Christmas goodie bags for Children, and the local Food Bank benefited with a donation of £120 worth of food.



Here's a great new initiative by the Northampton Light Blues to help cope with the new lockdown. If things are getting to you or you just want a chat, grab a bite to eat and join them every Wednesday at 1pm, for a get together. No plan or agenda, just a means to catch up, check up and keep the morale up

**Great News from the Light Blues!**  
**Members numbers have grown during lockdown, we have now reached 277 members! Look out for their promo video on Facebook and if you are a Worshipful Master a below, you're eligible to join.**

**Lunch Break**

Grab a cuppa, something to eat and join us for a chat.

No plan, no agenda just a catch up.

**Every Wednesday 1pm**

Zoom: 532 857 3363  
Password: DrField

Do you wear one of these aprons?

Do you enjoy socialising with friends and family?  
Then why not join the N&HNYMC?  
To start enjoying socialising with one of our 9 Light Blue Clubs in the Province

Local Light Blue groups in:

- Corby
- Huntingdon
- Northampton
- Peterborough
- Stamford
- Wellington & Rushden
- Daventry
- South West (Towcester)
- Kettering & Thrapston

Find us on Facebook: Northants & Hunts NYMC

### Coming Soon

NHNYMC AGM - Sunday 7th March 2021 via Zoom at 7pm

**There are vacancies for Secretary and Treasurer roles, enquiries to [chairman@nhnymc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@nhnymc.co.uk)**

# News From Around The Province

## Kettering & Thrapston

### Local Communication Officer

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**Bro Leonard Litchfield, an accomplished artist and the Senior Steward** of Cytringan Lodge No. 4048 (an office he has held for



the past 20 years!), has commemorated the 75th Anniversary of both VE Day and VJ Day by producing three wonderful paintings during lockdown.

Born just after the War very close to the Birmingham Small Arms (BSA) factory, which



suffered heavy bombing, many of Bro Len's earliest playgrounds were bombsites. All of his aunts and uncles either fought in the War or helped with the war-effort. His mother made parachutes.

Accordingly, Len has always had a special interest in the events of WW2, and he is particularly admiring of the Royal Air Force pilots and their aircraft, especially the elegance and beauty of the Supermarine Spitfire.

Len's favourite film, one that he watches often, is *The First of the Few*, which is based on the story of Reginald J Mitchell CBE, the British designer and creator of the much beloved Spitfire fighter-aircraft.

Len explained that his new paintings were created to remember

those who served. Also, to represent:  
'The Elegance of the



Memorial Flight';  
'The Bravery of going up to fight';  
'The Sadness of those who gave their lives in defence of our Country'. We congratulate Bro Len on his wonderful paintings and join him in remembering all those who served so valiantly, many making the ultimate sacrifice.

We will never cease to remember them.

**Please log on to the Provincial Website for details of the Provincial Art Competition**



## Corby

### Local Communication Officer

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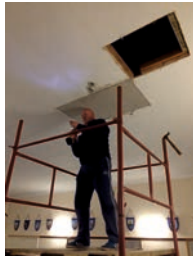
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### There have been works to maintain The Corby Complex

in good order which have been undertaken at minimal cost of materials only, with a number of volunteers giving of their time and expertise free of charge. The works have been led by the Complex Chairman. Extensive work has been done to the bar, which has been decorated and the tables are set to the social distance when needed, and the kitchen, it's corridor and cellar has been decorated. Also the shop has been relocated to the storeroom. It was decorated and a screen put up to segregate the shop from the back storeroom. The Ante Room has been decorated. The car park, fire exit, entrance and floor have been renovated and the area at the back of the complex was sprayed with weed killer



and has been cleared of some of weeds, the gutters have been cleared. There is a COVID safety plan in place with Signage / Sanitizers.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers who gave their time and effort, and also to the anonymous Brother who paid for the car park to be relined.

### Four Taxi drivers saved

their tips on the run up to Christmas to provide a free Christmas dinner for 80 vulnerable senior citizens. They included two Freemasons; Bro Robert

McArthur, of St Giles Lodge and W.Bro Hugh Mack Crosbie, of Town & Country Lodge. Originally the group raised £900 to help provide food parcels for vulnerable children during Lockdown - organised by the Autumn charity day care centre in Corby. The group then went back to the centre to find another deserving cause. They were told that there were a number of vulnerable senior citizens in Corby living on their own with no family, so the money provided 80 free Christmas dinners which were prepared and cooked in the Autumn centre. The four taxi drivers then gave up part of their Christmas day to then deliver the meals whilst still hot to the senior citizens. Any money left over was then donated to the Alzheimer's Charity.



# News From Around The Province

**Huntingdon,  
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Kimbolton**

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**Dreamdrops is a Huntingdonshire children's charity** whose aim is to make the hospital-stays of sick children and their families less stressful by providing those little extras not funded by the NHS. Local Freemasons have teamed-up to help them in their latest campaign and are looking for unwanted laptops and tablets to be recycled for use by schoolchildren during their

studies. W.Bro Mike Nixon, Charity Steward of Sothius Lodge, is providing a link with the Charity for donations, whilst W.Bro Mick Marks of Euston Lodge is providing the technical expertise necessary to clean the donated devices and make them ready for reuse. The recent Government announcement regarding education-at-home has



made this a very important campaign particularly as many children from poorer backgrounds do not have access to the equipment needed for online learning. If anyone has a laptop or tablet they would like to donate to this appeal can get in touch via the Provincial Office or contact Dreamdrops directly using the link below:

<https://dreamdropschildrenscharity.org/contact/>

**W.Bro John Hitchin, that well known,** debonair, ivory-tickling senior Mason of the Province, has embarked on a fundraiser. Members of Old Kimboltonians' Lodge (W.Bro John's mother lodge) have challenged

him to change his coiffure by refraining from his usual hair-dyeing appointments thus returning to his natural hair colour. There is a strong suspicion it may be grey. John has readily agreed to do this and, to boot, will also remain unshaven. He

will maintain his new hirsute, greybeard look until the next regular meeting of his lodge. John commented:

I expect by the end I'll be looking like Robinson Crusoe but I don't mind. It's all in a good cause, our 2024 Festival, which is supporting the wonderful work of the MCF.

If anyone would like to support John and the Festival by making a donation, please go to the link below. All donations will count towards the donor's personal and Lodge targets.



<https://e0168.everydayhero.com/uk/john-hitchin-s-greyathon>

## Northampton

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**St John Ambulance are seeking volunteers** to join the NHS COVID-19 vaccine team and we are delighted to report that Freemasons from across Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire have responded magnificently with over 120-volunteers now on stand-by to assist.

The NHS has begun what will be the largest vaccination programme in its history, and Freemasonry has been asked to be part of the team that helps to protect millions of people.

St John Ambulance is providing full training and the initial commitment is for volunteers to be available for at least two eight-hour shifts each month.

A huge thank you to those who have been able to step forward by offering support to St John in their roll out programme across the Province.

In addition, many of the local Masonic centres around the Province have made their buildings available to the St John logistics team and further

news in this regard is expected shortly.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master WBro Mark Constant said; "We are incredibly excited about playing our part in the National fight back against COVID-19 and in creating a healthier, safer and more resilient future."

Further updates on this wonderful initiative will follow.

**St John  
Ambulance**



## PGMs Bonus Ball gets off to great start



Congratulations to the inaugural winners of the PGM's Bonus Ball who chose ball number 42 and will each receive £30.

With a further nine weeks to go, everyone who entered has nine more chances of winning £30.

The Bonus Ball is now open for the next block of ten weeks. Get in

early to buy the numbers of your choice.

For the modest outlay of £10 - a £1 a week - a player will have ten chances of winning £30 over a ten week period. Each week's winners will be those whose number coincides with Saturday's National Lottery Bonus Ball number.

**Details on how to enter the PGM's Bonus Ball lottery are on the Provincial Website**

# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

### Local Communication Officer

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**St Johns Lodge No. 3972** have received the excellent news that their application to join the UGLE Universities Scheme has been accepted. W.Bro David Watson PSGD, Chairman of the Provincial Retention Team, explained:

It was nearly 200-years ago that the first University Lodge, Apollo University Lodge No. 357, was founded at Oxford. Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 at Cambridge followed soon after.

Since then, many thousands of young men have been introduced to Freemasonry through these two Lodges, thereby providing the inspiration for the University Scheme, which was set-up by by the United Grand Lodge of England in 2005.

Headed by Assistant Grand Master Sir David Hugh Wootton, the scheme now has 86 member-lodges, the latest

being St John's Lodge No. 3972 in the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Encouraged by the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, a small team led by the Worshipful Master of St Johns Lodge, W.Bro Michael Long produced a business plan demonstrating to the Scheme's committee how the Lodge would work to attract and develop initiates from Northampton University.

It's unfortunate that the Lodge's success in being admitted to the Scheme has been tempered by the COVID-19 lockdown,

which has prevented Northampton University from holding its traditional Freshers Fair.

Nevertheless, we are working with the University to see how we can interest potential members via an online presence, and the United Grand Lodge of England have developed a YouTube video to this end: This is certainly a most interesting time for St John's Lodge, which also celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2020.

On behalf of the Province, we send all those involved our hearty congratulations and best wishes for every future success.



## Peterborough, Oundle

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**Motor neurone disease (MND)** is a progressive muscle-wasting disease, with symptoms getting worse over time. It is life-shortening and there is currently no cure.

Although MND affects people differently, it reduces the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. In some cases, it can also change the way people think and behave. The cause is still unknown, despite much extensive and ongoing research.

There is a one in 300 chance of contracting MND, and at any one time there are 5,000 adults living with it in the UK alone. The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA), is a charity close to the hearts of two Peterborough Freemasons - W.Bro Clive Lane, who is living with the disease, and W.Bro Alan Nicholls, whose wife Barbara is

similarly affected.

Although these two men have known each other through Freemasonry for many years, it was a chance conversation in 2018 which led them to realise each other's circumstances and appreciation of the support and care afforded by MNDA.

With this in mind, earlier this year they decided to launch an appeal within the local Masonic community to benefit the charity and raise awareness of this unforgiving disease.

As a result, Freemasons' Lodges in Peterborough have donated £2,400 to the appeal, which has been recognised by the Provincial Grand Charity in authorising a further significant contribution culminating in a total sum of £5,000.

At a socially distanced gathering on Tuesday the 22nd September 2020, W.Bro Clive and W.Bro Alan presented a cheque to MNDA representative, Simon Crooke. Also in attendance were W.Bro Mark Constant (Assistant Provincial Grand Master) and W.Bro Jonathon Hibbins (Provincial Senior Grand Warden), both members of the Provincial Grand Charity committee.

Alan said, "In light of our personal experiences we wished to show our gratitude for the care received thus far, and in the future, by attempting to raise funds to support the MNDA in their endeavours. Our area is covered by the Cambridgeshire branch of the charity and we are indebted to the Peterborough Lodges and Provincial Grand Charity who supported us in our fundraising."

Clive added, "We are overwhelmed at such a magnificent response to our appeal in the Peterborough area and the support given by the Provincial Grand Charity. We would also like to thank those lodges beyond our province with whom we have an association, who have separately donated a further £1,500."

On behalf of MNDA, Simon thanked the Freemasons for their exceptionally generous donation which, in these constrained times, is especially welcome and appreciated.

**W.Bro Clive sadly lost his battle with Motor Neurone Disease in December 2020. Tributes have flooded in for a very generous and caring man and Freemason. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.**





# News From Around The Province

## Wellingborough & Rushden

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### W.Bro John Ford, Master Elect of Gates of Billing Lodge in

Wellingborough, ran the Milton Keynes half marathon on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 for the Northants and Hunts 2024 Festival.

time, but the first time in our Province. He usually raises money for military charities, but this time as it was his first competitive half marathon, he felt that the Festival could do with a much needed cash injection.



W.Bro John is also MEZ in a Chapter in London, and will be going through the chair for the fourth

We are very pleased to report that he completed the race in a very respectable time of 1 hour 55 minutes,

and managed to raise £420 for the Festival, surpassing his target of £250.

Congratulations John.

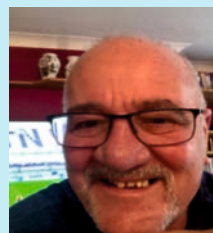
### Having recovered from prostate cancer

following a diagnosis in 2018, Bro Keith Shurville of Webb Ellis Lodge has decided to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK by walking 11,000 steps every day in March.

"I am sure you will all know of a man that has contracted Prostate Cancer.", says Keith,

"If not, then you have now as I was diagnosed in 2018. Following fantastic treatment at Northampton General Hospital, I have hopefully recovered and can get on with life. There are many men not quite as fortunate as me as I was diagnosed early after requesting a PSA test at my doctors'.

The walk will be a task that hopefully many men are looking to complete, and I hope that you can share with me by donating to my Just Giving page below."



<https://marchthemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/shurvs-march-challenge>

## Stamford

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### The Province has been honoured

by the appointment of W.Bro Tim Russ as a Grand Steward and member of the Grand Stewards Lodge. Tim, a lawyer by profession, relocated from Dorset to Stamford in 2014 for his work.



WBro Tim is a Past Master of St Mary's Lodge No. 707, meeting in Bridport, Dorset. He is also a past master of Burghley Lodge No. 9364.

Tim is also currently Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Emulation No. 21, which will celebrate

its Tercentenary in 2023 and is one of 19 London lodges that have the ancient right to propose a Grand Steward every year, the final appointment being made at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Grand Stewards assist in the organisation of the Grand Festival held annually in April. They are Grand Officers for the length of their appointment only following which they hold the rank of Past Grand Steward, which is still senior to London and Provincial Grand Rank. Tim's Grand Steward appointment took effect in April 2020 at a time when the usual activities of Grand Lodge and Freemasonry in general had to be curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Sadly, as a result of this, the Grand Officer Investiture ceremony was unable to take place.

We are, however, delighted to show Tim wearing his new regalia for the first time at the Stamford Masonic Centre.

### When Burghley Lodge

found themselves without a Worshipful Master in August 2020 they did not allow the COVID-19 lockdown to prevent them appointing a successor.

They approached the Provincial Office, who reacted with enormous speed, and granted the necessary dispensation, even though it was a Sunday! In accordance with Government Guidelines prevailing at that time, six Brethren of the Lodge met in October to elect a new WM. W.Bro John Southerington was duly installed on 4th November, just before the next lockdown began.

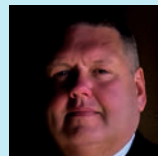


# News From Around The Province

**South West  
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## **This year despite the pandemic the Master**

at Lactodorum Lodge, Towcester, decided to make his 2020 Christmas Gift more personal. W.Bro Alan Sparham and his wife Sandra took time to visit the Widows and deliver his Christmas Card and Gift at a safe distance.

All the widows said how nice it was to see W.Bro Alan and his wife, and some commented that

he was the first visitor to their door since earlier this year. W.Bro Sparham drove himself and his wife around for the 4 hours that it took, and a big thank you to Bro Ben Sheard for offering a coffee stop half way round the route.



## **Having heard that staff of Devonshire Court**

were asking for Christmas donations, Daventry Freemasons didn't hesitate to hold a whip-round to purchase some much-needed festive goodies.

W.Bro David Smith, the current ADC of Coritani Lodge, was pleased to deliver the supplies whilst visiting a very special resident - the mother of his good lady, Liz. As can be seen from the photo below, W.Bro David's delivery was thankfully received. We have no doubt at all that it will be faithfully applied.



## **Earlier in the year Brackley Community Hospital Trust 2020**

received a donation from lodges and chapters in Towcester, Silverstone, Brackley and Banbury towards the acquisition of a fixed-bed digital X-ray machine priced at

£165,000. The financial target was reached and having raised excess funds work has started to provide an advanced ultrasonic scanner. The scanner will provide support for multiple disciplines enabling consultants to hold clinics in Brackley. In the future any additional funds will go towards the hospital room's social equipment.



## Message from The Grand Superintendent

In last Autumn's edition of Password I wrote of a time of great sadness and uncertainty and although there is still sadness and uncertainty all around us I feel that there is now hope.

Hope springs from the development and deployment of a vaccine and although we must not get ahead of ourselves, we can but hope that we are nearer to that time when we can again meet in the joyous companionship that is the Holy Royal Arch.

### **A thought for all Master Masons**

As we head toward the end of this long and dark Covid tunnel I invite all Master Masons to reflect upon the

messages contained within the Third Degree and whilst there is much to be learned regarding fortitude and commitment there is also darkness, great sadness and loss. However, there are also hints that with patience and industry there is light at the end of the tunnel of despair and loss. Society has endured much and in general has shown patience and fortitude whilst industry, particularly from scientists, has brought light at the end of the Covid tunnel. Brother Master Masons your industry, through Exaltation (remember that word) into the Royal Arch, will reward your patience by lifting that despair, restoring the joy and recovering the genuine, completing



your journey through Pure Antient Freemasonry.

Let us therefore look forward with a spring in our step to that time when we can all meet again not only in open Lodge but also Chapter. Until then, take care and stay safe.

Jim Boughton  
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)

## News from the Provincial Charity Steward

Companions all,

As we continue to be active in various ways during this hiatus in our regular masonic activity, it is a good time to acquaint all of our Companions in this Province of the continuing charitable works being undertaken on your behalf.

We had an excellent response to our appeal for donations to cover the alms collection normally taken during the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting in June, which has enabled us to continue our work.

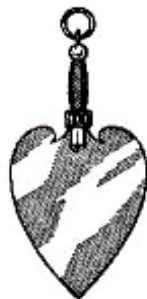


As a result, we have received three official letters, thanking us for our donations, enabling these very deserving organisations to continue their investment in our futures.

They were received from the Royal Osteoporosis Society thanking us for the £1,000 that we sent, the Motor Neurone Disease Association also for £1,000, and the Graham Fulford Trust for £2,180. The latter was sent as advance payment toward the cost of the Prostate Cancer Home Testing Kit project we are launching for those Companions/Brethren who missed out when our visit to Corby in 2020 had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

Companions, we thank you all, throughout the Province, for your continued support during these very difficult times and look forward to meeting you all again, in the not-too-distant future.

Graham Minett  
Charity Steward -  
Provincial Grand  
Chapter





## PSA screening for indications of Prostate problems resumes

One beneficiary of the current Holy Royal Arch PSA testing campaign, financially supported by the Craft, is Abington Chapter Treasurer, Excellent Companion Michael Branch, who prompted by an invitation to attend an event at Sheaf Close, produced test results that highlighted a need for him to contact his local GP. Following a number of further tests at Kettering General Hospital he was then transferred to the Oncology Unit at Northampton General Hospital where he commenced Radiotherapy Treatment for Prostate

Cancer which concluded with success on 7th January 2021.

Excellent Companion Michael, shown here ringing the 'Bell' to denote the successful completion of his treatment at Northampton General Hospital Oncology & Haematology Unit, said, "I have been fortunate. My grateful thanks go to the Past Grand Superintendent Wayne Williams for starting the first round of PSA screening in 2017, and to the current Grand Superintendent Jim Boughton for his continuing support with a second round

which commenced in November 2019".

A number of Companions and Brethren around the Province have had similar experiences and have benefited from early indications of a possible problem highlighted by the PSA blood test.

Prostate Cancer UK states that every 45 minutes a man dies of Prostate Cancer

in the UK and yet there is no national screening programme. We as Freemasons have been funding research into cancer for many years and in 2004 the Grand Charity sponsored Professor Colin Cooper with £1,000,000 to quickly progress understanding of the causes and treatment of prostate cancer.

The current PSA screening programme commenced Autumn 2019 at Northampton followed by Peterborough in February 2020. However, the Corby session due April 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The rest of 2020 saw the development and trials of a home testing kit by the providers, the Fulford Trust, with Excellent Companion Mike Green, continuing regular contact with the Trust awaiting deployment. It is pleasing to report that those who would have been invited to the Corby session of April 2020 have now been contacted with details as to how they may obtain Home Testing Kits.



# News From Other Orders

## At a specially convened Zoom meeting held on Tuesday, 15th December 2020,

the Pro Grand Master, MW.Bro. Raymond John Smith, was delighted to confer Mark Grand Rank upon 18 recipients of the Grand Master's Special Award in recognition of their outstanding community service during Covid-19. The 18 brethren were selected from the Provinces of England & Wales and Districts Overseas and were the finalists from brethren submitted for the award by the Provincial and District Grand Masters.

This Province was honoured by the selection of W.Bro. Mick Pescod of Earl of Euston Lodge MMM, who received a promotion to Past Grand Senior Deacon, the highest of the awards given by the Grand Master on the occasion of this Special Award, in recognition of the work he has undertaken with 3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless Charity.

Commenting on receiving the award, W.Bro. Mick said "Since joining the Mark and Mariner, many years ago now, I realized a long time ago that you never know what lies



round the corner, another complete surprise with this promotion, I thought those days were behind me, and I am absolutely thrilled"

## On the 28th December 2020, V.W.Bro. 'Vic' Bashford celebrated his 100th Birthday

and the whole Province sends congratulations to Vic for this wonderful achievement. Vic was born in Horley in Surrey and is the eldest of 3 children.

After leaving school, Vic volunteered for Royal Air

Force service in 1938 where he trained as an electrical fitter. He was recently awarded the Arctic Star campaign medal in recognition of his bravery and contributions to "Operation Dervish" the first Arctic Convoy and the advance party of fitters and riggers to receive the Wing's Hurricanes..

On the 20th July 1946, Vic married Margaret at Christ Church in Croydon and had three children, Andrea, Priscilla and Anthony. Vic lost Margaret in October 2010.

Following a fulfilling RAF career, Vic worked for London Brick Company being made an area manager based at both their Stewartby and Warboys works. Early retirement saw Vic move to Ramsey where he played cricket for Warboys CC and enjoyed golf at Ramsey Golf

club going on to be Club Captain, President and Seniors Captain and later the Cambridge Union Captain.

Vic was Advanced into St.Ivo Lodge of MMM No.607 in April 1968 and later Elevated into Great Ouse RAM Lodge No.607 in September 1969. A Founder member of both the Earl of Euston Lodge MMM No.1458 and Ailwyn Lodge MMM No.1871, he was honoured in 2006 as Very Worshipful Brother with the rank of P.G.J.O., previously receiving R.A.M.G.R in 1993.

Prior to Bedfordshire becoming a separate Province in 1985, Vic was also a Founder of Amptill RAM Lodge No.1396 in 1980 and is still a member of Northants, Hunts and Beds Installed Commanders Lodge No.1346.



## Lest We Forget.....Remembrance November 2020



Daventry



Peterborough



Thrapston



Corby



Wellingborough



Towcester



Stamford



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of WBro David Bosworth PJGD on the 2nd January 2021 following a period of illness.

Born in Kettering in 1928, W.Bro David attended school in the town. In 1944, he began his engineering apprenticeship in Luton, and was also involved with the family business, Bosworth Motors, which was established in Kettering by his grandfather, John Bosworth. Between 1946 and 1948, David served his National Service in the Northamptonshire Regiment and subsequently served in Berlin, Spital and Austria. After the war he continued his apprenticeship at the Triumph Motorcycle Works near Coventry. It was there that he met the love of his life, Connie, who was working as a secretary.

Connie and David married in 1951 and set-up home in a flat above the family business in Silver Street, Kettering. They were blessed with two boys, John and Richard, who were also apprenticed into Bosworth Motors and subsequently joined David as directors of the company. The company continued for many years and the family still retains premises in Ebenezer Place.

David was initiated into the Lodge of Perseverance on the

20th April of 1964 and served in the progressive offices before reaching the Chair of King Solomon in 1978. In 1980, he started a period of over 10-years as the Lodge's Charity Steward. Having served as Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1988, W.Bro David was appointed as Provincial Grand Charity Steward in 1991. In 1992, those responsibilities were expanded and split between the role of Provincial Grand Charity Steward and the new role of Provincial Grand Almoner to which W.Bro David was honoured to be the first person appointed. In the same year, David received a first Grand Rank appointment to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He proved to be a trailblazer in coordinating and organising support for Lodge Almoners. The then four Masonic charities respected his pioneering work, recognising it as the benchmark for delivering financial assistance and other support.

Always a very forward looking individual, W.Bro David laid the solid foundations upon which much of the great work that followed was built. Alongside the Executive of the day, he made a significant contribution to the formation of the Provincial Grand Charity in 1992. The PGC remains a fitting tribute to his work in the Province.

W.Bro David remained in post as Provincial Grand Almoner until 2001. He was subsequently promoted to Past Junior Grand Deacon in 2008 and served as a Group Officer for Kettering and Thrapston for several years.

In addition to being a member of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No. 3422, David's love of motorcycles led him to joining Graham Milton Lodge No. 9796 in 2005 as a founder member.

David was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in 1968 when he joined Perseverance Chapter. He remained a member of the Chapter until 2020.

W.Bro David never shied away from encouraging or doing what was right. He showed great care for others, truly living and practising his Freemasonry. His passing represents the sad loss of a much-loved Brother, one who most certainly 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.**



# Roll Of Honour

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



## 60 YEARS

**Kenneth Mallows**

Pictured with Mrs Thelma Mallows

## Lodge

John Pyel



## 50 YEARS

**Geoffrey Michael Cox**  
**James Thomas Turney**  
**Wilfred Houghton Rodwell**  
**William Maximillian Griggs**  
**Edgar Richard Mobbs**  
**Malvyn Bertram Harlock**  
**Gerald William Butt**  
**William Herbert Turner**  
**John Marion Robert Broadbelt**

## Lodge

Willaveston  
Ceres  
Dr Oliver  
Pemberton  
De la Pre  
Ailwyn  
Kingsley  
Old Northamptonian  
St Wilfrid

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





# Provincial Grand Lodge 2021 / 2022 Active Officers

Rank	Name	Lodge
PGM	Maxwell William BAYES	L6838 Lodge of St James
DepProvGM	Charles Anthony BENNETT	L1911 De la Pre
AsstProvGM	Luigi ORSI	L6516 Lodge of St Paul
AsstProvGM	Mark Robert CONSTANT	L7204 Old Kimboltonians'
ProvSGW	Jonathon Richard Hedley HIBBINS	L2533 Fitzwilliam
ProvJGW	Stephen Nicholas KINGAN	L7204 Old Kimboltonians'
ProvGChap	Aaron Albert DAY	L7557 Piscator
ProvGTreas	Paul Anthony SPARKS	L8158 Dr Field
ProvGReg	Simon Daryl Colin KEY	L8526 Lactodorum
ProvGSec	William Thomas DIGGINS	L5978 Lodge of St George
ProvGDC	Dale Robert GILBERT	L6532 Risdene
ProvGSwdB	Brian John William HORNIGOLD	L3039 Pemberton
ProvGSuptWks	Nigel Kenneth JOHNSON	L607 Chicheley
ProvDepGDC	Thomas Simon WEBSTER	L8767 Petriburg
ProvDepGDC	Roger John BLASON	L7557 Piscator
ProvGAlm	Kevin Charles MACKIE	L6104 Medeshamstede
ProvGChStwd	Gerald Raymond CRAWFORD	L4990 Grey Friars
ProvGMen	Duncan Philip CHILDS	L455 Lodge of Perseverance
ProvGORat	William Murray CASWELL	L455 Lodge of Perseverance
ProvSGD	Joe Sao APEA	L4990 Grey Friars
ProvSGD	Nicholas John CORY	L5195 John Pyel
ProvSGD	Derek Joseph MALONEY	L6838 Lodge of St James
ProvSGD	Nicholas Christopher GARNER	L9364 Burghley
ProvJGD	Robert REID	L6644 Thistle and Rose
ProvJGD	Richard Damian ORME	L5627 St Crispin
ProvJGD	Genese Bernard DAVID	L8041 Abington
ProvJGD	Barry Keith POTTER	L9814 Scout
ProvAGSec	Gilbert John WILLIAMSON	L2555 England's Centre
ProvAGDC	Philip Godfrey Clark MILES	L373 Socrates
ProvAGDC	Derek Alfred HORNBuckle	L3039 Pemberton
ProvAGDC	John Joseph CUMMINS	L9516 Chetene
ProvAGDC	Stephen William GRIGGS	L9829 Wilavestone
ProvGOrg	Christopher Hugh WINFIELD	L4048 Cytringan
ProvGStB	Frederick Lewis Charles KING	L2684 St Ivo
ProvGStB	Alexander Brown CRUICKSHANK	L7439 Willowbrook
ProvAGStB	Roy Reginald SPARKS	L8158 Dr Field
ProvGPurs	Kris Simon ROBERTS	L9814 Scout
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ProvGStwd	Stephen Mark STOCK	L5195 John Pyel
ProvGStwd	Stephen Paul WOOD	L8400 Whytewell
ProvGStwd	Mark Richard William BENNETT-TIGHE	L6104 Medeshamstede
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ProvGStwd	Michael John STEVENS	L8932 Buckby Castle
ProvGStwd	Thomas David HALL	L9344 Lodge of Heritage
PProvGStwd	Richard Frank SKILLEN	L8489 Ferrara
PProvGStwd	Philip James RUSSELL	L8526 Lactodorum
PProvGStwd	Terrance Alan CADBY	L9048 Harmony
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