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Dear Readers,

I would like to thank every member of the Communications Committee for their hard work and endeavour to ensure the many communication channels we have in the Province, enable us to keep our members informed and up to date. During this difficult period, we have been able to highlight a wide variety of new online events, which has proved invaluable to many.

Since our last edition, we have welcomed Rick Hill to the committee, replacing long serving Mike Sheppard in the South West and also Jason Brice as communications representative for the Holy Royal Arch.

With Best wishes.

Peter Robinson

Provincial Communications Officer

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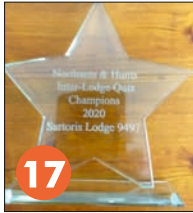
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An excerpt from the Address given by The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes on 20th August 2020.

Brethren, I recommend that no Masonic meetings take place in our Province for the time being.

Because the situation changes, almost daily, and there are talks of vaccines becoming available, we will look at the situation again in mid-September. I believe that if we review this each month, then we will be ready to recommence as soon as we can be confident that it is safe to do so. The welfare of our members is my prime concern. Their health and well-being is more important than membership numbers or any financial considerations. Take care Brethren, remain positive. We will meet again`.

Notable Events

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

`Seven Habits of Highly Successful Lodges`

Online presentation by WBro Tony Harvey, (2012 Prestonian Lecturer)
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Provincial Grand Charity

AGM

Sheaf Close - 13th March 2021

Provincial Grand Lodge

AGM & Appointments

Sheaf Close - 20th May 2021

Three Counties Lodge No.9278

Promotions to Past Ranks

Sheaf Close - 26th May 2021

Message From The Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

At this time of year we are usually enjoying our summer break from Masonry and reflecting on the past season. This year is so very different in that none of us has been able to enjoy traditional Masonry since early in March and I am afraid that none of us can be sure when we are likely to be able to meet safely once again. By the time that you read this, I will have made an announcement as to how the Province views the situation and what steps are being taken.

If we look back to pre-suspension times, we find that the Province was progressing well. Our numbers were increasing, the New & Young Masons Club was becoming firmly established and the future looked very bright. Then disaster struck. However, I must congratulate everyone on the manner in which we have handled this horrendous situation. We have become adept at using technology with many Zoom meetings and lots of contact being maintained through

social media. There has also been a goodly number of innovations taking place, all with the essential wish to keep members involved. There has been a University Challenge-style quiz competition into which many Lodges entered teams and we held a Masons Got Talent competition which revealed some amazing entertainment talent within our Province. We have also had a Cartoon Caption Competition, a Photograph Competition and many other events.

We have, unfortunately, had to forego several occasions that normally hold much importance. In April we would have been at Grand Lodge to witness the appointment and promotion of several members to and in Grand Rank. A promotion for W.Bro David Watson (Perseverance) to Past Senior Grand Deacon in recognition of his services with the Masonic Charitable Foundation and further promotions for W.Bro James Newman (Old Wellinburian) to Past Junior Grand Warden



and W.Bro Michael Herbert (Old Kimboltonian) to Past Senior Deacon. There were first appointments to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies for W.Bro Bob Cox (Lactodorum), W.Bro Bob Stokes (Peterborough & Counties) and W.Bro Martin Wilson (Old Kimboltonian). A very pleasing appointment was that of W.Bro John Fergusson (Anglo Scottish), our Provincial Membership Officer, to the acting rank of Assistant Grand Pursuivant. This demonstrates that London do sometimes appreciate the work that goes on in the Provinces. The other significant event that had to be cancelled was Provincial Grand Lodge in May. This is the highlight of my Masonic year and is, of course, a red-letter day for those brethren receiving a first promotion to Provincial Grand Rank. They have assumed their new ranks, but have not yet been able to show off their new regalia. The situation will mean that acting officers will not enjoy a full year in office

and that is why I decided to reappoint all of them next May. I felt that the same situation existed for Masters of our Lodges, so I have suggested that they should also continue for another year to ensure that they have the enjoyment of at least a full year. I am very pleased that all Lodges agreed to this suggestion.

The pandemic has inevitably had an effect on the fund raising for our 2024 Festival. Grand Lodge and the MCF are clearly aware of these difficulties and will not expect us to achieve perhaps what we might have done. However, I know that we will all make maximum effort in the remaining period and I am confident of a very satisfactory result.

Freemasonry in general has carried out some amazing work during the difficulties and our Province is no exception. Our younger members

have made sure that elderly members are not forgotten and arrangements have been made for the delivery of provisions and medication. The MCF has made money available to assist worthy causes and we have secured substantial funding for many charity organisations. Some of these funds have been directed to our Three Pillars Feeding the Homeless Trust. In addition to their normal activities the Trust has been engaged in securing accommodation for homeless people and then also providing breakfasts. Assistance has also been given to people suffering from domestic abuse and money has been provided to help to fund these refuges. We should all be very proud of what Freemasonry has done in recent months. One result is that many people have been made aware of what we are doing and have made

enquiries about what we are and what we do. There will be a definite improvement in the way in which Freemasonry is viewed by the general public and also a possible increase in membership.



Brethren, I am sure that we have all missed our Masonry and are anxious to resume our activities. Nevertheless, we have to be patient and wait until we are able to congregate safely. I am sure that when we do meet, we will all appreciate much more what we have. Take good care and keep safe. We will meet again.

God bless you all.

RW.Bro Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master

“We should all be very proud of what Freemasonry has done in recent months”



New Appointments at Provincial Grand Lodge

On Thursday the 21st of May 2020, the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, was pleased to confirm the appointment of his Active Provincial Officers for the ensuing year. As part of this process, the PGM confirmed the appointment of W.Bro Jonathon Hibbins as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and W.Bro Stephen Kingan as Provincial Junior Grand Warden.



W.Bro Jonathon was born in Peterborough in 1971. He is the second of four brothers, who along with their father, are all members of Fitzwilliam Lodge. Jonathon studied at

Stamford School before training in Electrical Engineering at Peterborough College. He subsequently served as a governor of the College championing local apprenticeships. Jonathon and his wife, Kathryn, own and run a property development and maintenance business; also, a holiday-lettings business. They live near Wansford.

W.Bro Stephen was born in 1953, the eldest child of four to an RAF doctor. He lived in various parts of the world before starting at Kimbolton School in 1964.

In 1970, while home in Singapore from school, he encountered Sara, a Bedford school girl. Fifty-years later they live near Nottingham and have three grown-up children. Having obtained a psychology degree at the University of Wales, Steve entered the computer industry. He joined Nexor as Managing Director in 1992 and went-on to



buy the business in 2004.

Also, as previously reported in Password, **W.Bro William Diggins** has been promoted to the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. We congratulate all those Brethren who achieved Provincial Grand Rank.



The Past Provincial Grand Secretary Reminisces

In May 2015 I was appointed by the Provincial Grand Master as his Provincial Grand Secretary and the significance of that appointment wasn't lost on me, nor was the fact that the entire Province was watching as I took that important post. I was also aware of the trust that the Provincial Grand Master placed in me and that I was about to follow in some very illustrious footsteps, many of whom have gone on to serve the craft province in high profile appointments.

The full list of all the activities I undertook are far too numerous to mention however some of the highlights were the appointment and investiture of the new members of the Executive, to co-ordinate the tercentenary of Grand Lodge, the consecration of a new Lodge, bi-centenary and centenary Lodge meetings together with a plethora of other

matters such as the lot of the Provincial office and its secretary and I thoroughly enjoyed my appointment and am fortunate to have had the opportunity.

I found the appointment of Provincial Grand Secretary both challenging and rewarding at the same time. During my tenure I found our brethren to be hard working and enthusiastic in their masonry and non-more so than Lodge secretaries, many of whom had been in office for more than 5 years; some of these hard workers were willing or possibly unwilling volunteers all of whom were doing a sterling job to make sure all the necessary masonic admin was dealt with expeditiously.

Having now handed over to my successor there is no doubt that there is a large hole in my day to day routine and I do miss the cut



and thrust of the secretariat, the post of Provincial secretary and all the other bits and bobs that come with a high profile masonic job however all good things do come to an end and as we gently move towards autumn I hope to be able to attend masonic meetings once more and enjoy the company of brethren, although quite rightly we need to be aware of our environment and all that this entails.

W.Bro Mike Caseman-Jones, PAGDC, Past Provincial Grand Secretary

New Grand Officer and CoM Appointments

In a video-message addressed to the Province, the Provincial Grand Master, RW. Bro Max Bayes, confirmed the following Grand Rank Appointments.

First Appointment to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (PAGDC)



W.Bro Robert (Bob) Stokes

In 2017, Bob was invested as the Provincial Grand Master of the Northants and Hunts Mark Province. He is also the current Worshipful Master of Three Counties Lodge No. 9278 having been appointed in 2019. He is also a Group Officer at Peterborough.

W.Bro Robert (Bob) Cox

W.Bro Bob was initiated into Freemasonry in Lactodorum Lodge No. 8526 in 1994. He was appointed as a Provincial Grand



Steward in 2008/9, ProvAGDC in 2012/13, and ProvDepGDC from

2013 to 2017. He also served the office of active Provincial Senior Grand Warden with great distinction during the 2018/19 Masonic season.

W.Bro Martin Wilson

W.Bro Martin is a member of no less than five other lodges of which he has been Worshipful Master in three including Old



Kimboltonians' Lodge No. 7204 in 2018.

Martin is also a member of Three Counties Lodge No. 9278. He is the District Grand Master of the East Midlands District of Royal and Select Masters, and holds office in several other orders.

First Appointment to Assistant Grand Pursuivant (AGPurs - Active Rank)

W.Bro John Fergusson

Wbro John is the current Secretary of Anglo Scottish Lodge No.8844 and Assistant Secretary of Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards and a member of Northants & Hunts Lodge of Installed Masters.

We congratulate these Brethren on their first appointments, together with those re-appointments and promotions as previously mentioned by the PGM (P4).

In 2016, the Provincial Grand Master invited John to become the first Provincial Membership



Officer. He also sits on the Provincial Communications Committee and is responsible for social-media engagement.



At February's regular meeting of Old Northamptonian Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro Jim Tarry with the Certificate of Merit award for exemplary service to the Province, including 10-years as Provincial Grand Tyler. As is the custom, each CoM award was accompanied by an immediate promotion to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden (PPSGW).

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I had intended in this edition to cover Masonic etiquette, but we have now more important matters on our minds.

In our hearts, we are all mentors to our newer Brethren. We delight in answering questions and imparting Masonic knowledge. We also all help to keep a newer Masons progress on track. These tasks usually firstly fall on Lodge Mentor coordinators, their assistants and a newer Mason's Proposer and Second. Your lodge also has systems in place to watch for absences and will offer help if any member seems to be struggling with their Masonic commitment. The new season will present many challenges and our newer members will require more support than ever. Our lodge Almoners continue to work hard and I know our New & Young Masons Clubs

regularly contact their members on a one to one basis, even if this contact is restricted to a phone call. I would therefore urge Proposers and Seconders of newer Masons to make sure their candidate members, who they have introduced to the Craft, are contacted and their many questions are answered, as far as they can, as this time. Lodge Mentor coordinators and their assistants will also offer support. Yours is a great responsibility and over the next few months our commitment and involvement to Masonry will be tested. Therefore please pick up the phone to talk through with newer masons how your lodge and centre will plan to cope, until we have something like normality once more. We must remember Masonry is a unique and wonderful gift we have all been offered and accepted. We must not squander that gift so that Masonry can grow and adapt and not decline and become unrecognizable from the fraternity we all love. Mentor support is therefore essential.

You know how to contact me if any assistance is required.

Over the past few months, I have kept busy with the preparation of the Provincial Inter Lodge Quiz 'masonic starters for ten' questions and am also working on an update to the Peterborough booklets. As our regular ceremonies are less likely to involve Initiations, Passings and Raisings, a quiz format in a regular meeting may be a suitable alternative. I shall therefore make the few hundred questions and answers available to Brethren for their use in a Lodge quiz.

I hope to see you in lodge over the next year, anyone who catches me in the bar will be offered a drink paid by me. To meet again, will make it worth every penny.

Duncan



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But What Can I Do?

The last six months or so in Freemasonry and the wider world through the COVID-19 pandemic have been, to use the word, 'unprecedented'

It leads many of us to wonder, what can I do to help Freemasonry build a bright future.

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 that will

strengthen our Lodges and our Province...

Let's 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's 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's find 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 belongs to us all, we're 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.

So, what will you do??

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Dear Brethren,

As we enter what would normally be a fairly quiet period for Freemasonry, I can confirm that the Provincial Almoner Team is keeping busy and very much here to support you. We are promptly dealing with a number of new and existing cases and I thank you all for your diligence in identifying Brothers and their families who may be in distress. This year to date we have more than doubled the number of MCF grants awarded to Brothers in this Province, and the Provincial Grand Charity has also awarded an increased number of emergency grants.

You should by now

know who your Local Support Officer (LSO) is and how to contact them. The LSOs are now allocated to Lodges by name and they offer an important additional layer of support for Lodges and Almoners.

The 'Brother2Brother' scheme has been very successful. The New and Young Masons Club volunteers are still there if you need anyone to do some running around for your Brethren or their families.

Lodge Almoner 'Virtual' Conference

In September, we will be releasing a 'Virtual Almoner Conference' via the Provincial website. This will be a video presentation that

Almoners and Senior Group Officers will be invited to watch. The virtual conference will be followed by a round of Zoom meetings with Lodges organised into groups.

Keep safe and well Brethren and I look forward to our next happy meeting.

Sincerely and
Fraternally

W.Bro Kevin Mackie
Provincial Grand
Almoner



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Support for Palmer Court 'Meals On Wheels'

As a result of the current lockdown, the House Committee at Palmer Court, Wellingborough became increasingly concerned that vulnerable residents living in sheltered accommodation were

New & Young Masons Club, W.Bro Dan Cooke, to ask for help.

Dan and his group of Light Blues responded immediately

continue this very important food programme.

Ian also commented, "The Palmer Court House Committee and residents would like to offer their sincere thanks to all involved, particularly Cesare Marinaro, Dan and the 'Light Blues', and the Palmer Court Scheme Manager, Mrs Jill Lett. This has been an outstanding example of great teamwork in action!"



eating less-regularly and not able to maintain a well-balanced diet.

Accordingly, several local catering companies were asked to provide appropriate menus at competitive rates, and a restaurant well-known to Rushden Masons was eventually selected to deliver hot appetising "meals-on-wheels".

Ian Richards, Chairman of Palmer Court's Local House Committee, explained that they naturally wanted to provide the residents with their meals at the usual time, i.e., during the early evening.

Speed being of the essence in order to distribute the meals as quickly/efficiently as possible following delivery, the Committee contacted the Chairman of Northants & Hunts

and have done a brilliant job of arriving regularly at 5:15pm on Mondays and Thursdays to distribute the meals, often accompanied by great applause from the residents waiting in eager anticipation!

It will come as no surprise that the Committee has received some amazing feedback from the residents, and take-up of the scheme has already increased by more than 50%.

Provision of the "meals-on-wheels" scheme had only been made possible by charitable donations, so it was wonderful news when the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, announced that Palmer Court were to receive a major award from the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) so as to allow them to

Please Donate

Notwithstanding the MCF grant, Palmer Court continues to need as much help as possible, particularly while the lockdown continues, so any donations will be thankfully received.

Donations can be sent by direct bank-transfer:

Name: Palmer Court,
Wellingborough
Sort-code: 40-46-03
Number: 51099914

Or cheques made payable to 'Palmer Court' can be sent to Palmer Court, Hatton Avenue, Wellingborough, NN8 5UZ.



Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF)

The MCF, the Freemasons Charity, in collaboration with our Province, have been pleased to award the following organisations grants from the Covid-19 Charity Chest, for their continued good work associated with care and support during the pandemic

RAYNET
(Radio Amateurs
Emergency Network UK)
£10,000
(£5,000 from
Provincial Grand Charity +
£5,000 matched finding
from MCF).



Hope Centre, Northampton
£60,000 over 3 years



Crick Good Neighbours
£1,000



For The Love of Scrubs,
Stamford
£2,000



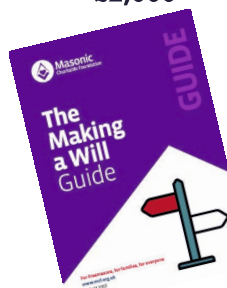
Shields4Corby&Kettering
£2,000

Homestart, Wellingborough
£1,000

William de Yaxley CE Academy
4 laptops plus £1,000



Care4 Care Homes,
Peterborough
£2,000



The MCF continues to offer a free will-writing service - details are on their website - ring 0844 669 6148 to book an appointment using the code MCF001. You do not have to leave a gift to the MCF in your will to use this free service but any gift you do leave will be gratefully received.

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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The world and Freemasonry have changed radically since the last edition of Password. Although the advent of the dreaded COVID-19 virus has had many obvious down sides, including the sad loss of life, Freemasonry has responded magnificently to the challenges it has presented - a response that surely cannot go unnoticed by the wider world.

We have not been able to meet since March but have been busy in helping out the needy amongst our members and the community generally. The generosity of Freemasons has been supporting many charities not able to fundraise in their usual ways as these charities play an important part in helping the needy in our society get through this crisis. We have also helped many of the public spirited voluntary groups that have

sprung up to make personal protection equipment and feed the hungry, by awarding them grants.

The 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless charity is at the forefront of feeding the hungry in the Peterborough and St Neot's areas, also in facilitating their re-housing and entry back into mainstream society.

Unlike virtually all other charities, Freemasons' charities derive their income from the generosity of its members - us. We freely give to charities and good causes through donations to Lodge charity accounts and our national Freemasons' charity, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

It set aside £100,000 for the East Midlands group of Provinces, which includes our

own, to relieve distress caused by the epidemic. It also established a COVID-19 Community Fund. £10,000

has already been donated to this Fund by Lodges and individuals in his Province. This will count towards to individual and Lodge Festival targets.

Thank you to all who have suggested suitable good causes as potential COVID-19 related grant recipients. Charities and good causes in this Province have received such grants totalling just under £30,000.

In addition, the MCF has granted the Northampton Hope Centre £60,000 for community projects supporting the needy.

This is all in addition to ongoing grants being made locally by the Provincial Grand Charity.

Separate from the MCF COVID-19 Community Fund, the Provincial Grand Master has set up a Provincial COVID-19 Fund. On returning to normal face-to-face Masonic activity, where a member find himself in financial hardship and unable to pay his Lodge subscription, this Provincial fund can be used.

In the last few months, the MCF website has been updated and made more relevant. As well as much downloadable material, I am sure you that, there, you will find charity





information that you did not know before.

You will also find many reasons why we all need to give maximum support to our 2024 MCF Festival. Thank you for your support to date. It has enabled the Festival total so far to top £1,000,000. We now need to maintain that momentum to ensure the Festival is the great success it deserves to be.

In a video available on the Provincial website I have been able to give a charity update and, on a second, taken part in a general discussion on

charity with James Newman, MCF Deputy President and Chairman, hosted by Bill Casswell, Provincial Grand Orator. For more on charity I commend them to you.

Finally, and only if you are able, I ask that you consider a little extra giving to support all these charitable efforts that are in finest traditions of our fraternity.

I hope you are you families remain safe and well.

Gerry Crawford
Provincial Grand Charity
Steward

Coming Soon - Bonus Ball Lottery

A soon to be launched Provincial lottery is to benefit the Provincial Grand Charity.

To participate, a player will choose one or more balls, numbered 1 to 59, at £10 for each ball. For each Saturday in a 10 weeks period a player's number is drawn as the bonus ball in the National Lottery, they will win £30. In other words, for each £10 stake, a player has ten chances of winning £30.

Whilst members of the Masonic family have the fun of playing, the Provincial Grand Charity will gain much needed income.

Look out for more details over the next few weeks.

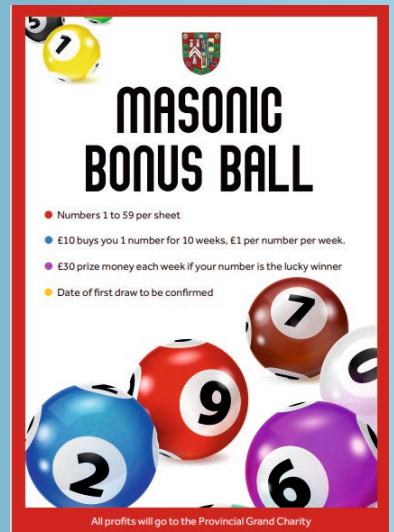
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(as at Aug 2020)

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2024 MCF Festival Progress



Mason's Got Talent

Earlier in the summer, the Province held an online Masons Got Talent completion, which proved to be a



huge success and culminated with a worthy winner: Bro Red Litchfield from Lodge of St Paul No. 6516 in Kettering. The fun and appeal of the event was summed-up by Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro Mark Constant, who said:

"When we started the competition, we anticipated that maybe 10 or 12 brethren would come forward, so we were very pleasantly surprised that we had over 30-entrants who came from across the Province and the whole demographic of our membership. The engagement levels were fantastic with over 600 brethren voting in the final.

I was particularly pleased to see brethren entering of whom we had no idea of their particular



talents. The variety of acts, including several comedy entrants, enabled us to present a varied programme each week.

Very many thanks to everyone who took part as well as those who voted. A special thanks go to my two colleagues, W. Bro John Fergusson and W. Bro Roger 'Boom' Blason, whose work and time-commitment during the weeks spanning the run-up to the competition as well as the competition itself were so important to its success."



Inter Lodge Quiz

Back in May, at the height of the lockdown, 39- lodges across the Province entered teams into the Provincial Inter-Lodge Quiz.

The culmination of this superb event was a final-match on Thursday the 2nd of July that saw Sartoris Lodge No. 9497 from Rushden declared as Inter-Lodge Quiz Champions of 2020, and Silverstone Lodge No. 9877 as worthy runners-up.

The competition was based on the format of University Challenge with VW.Bro Charles Bennett doing an excellent job as quizmaster while his good lady, Mrs Adele Bennett, maintained the scores and kept everything in order.

In summing-up the competition, VW.Bro Charles said: "3,500

questions to compile, 38 matches to host, nearly 200 participating brethren to meet, great sportsmanship from all who participated ... I could not think of a more entertaining, absorbing or fulfilling way to occupy my time during lockdown."

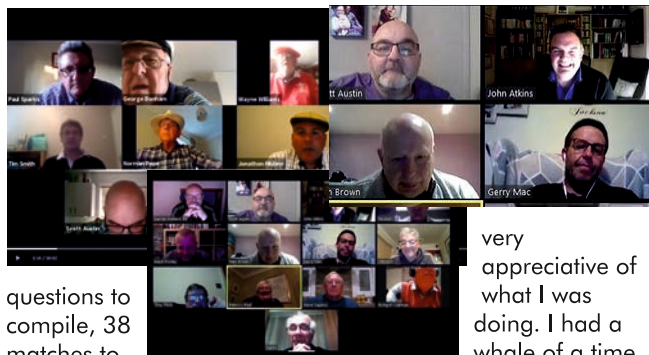
Adele went on to explain her feelings about the competition: "A daunting but exciting prospect trying to make sure I gave the points to the right teams. Being the only one who knew the scores, with about a minute to go, I was willing the teams on. A thoroughly nice bunch of gentlemen who were

very appreciative of what I was doing. I had a whale of a time and enjoyed every minute of it."

Thanks are due to all those involved with the event, including a special mention for WBro John Fergusson, who worked tirelessly throughout the whole event to record each tie and publish it on social media.

The success of the Northants & Hunts Provincial Inter Lodge Quiz has been reflected with similar events taking place in neighbouring provinces.

As a result, Sartoris Lodge took on the winners of both Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire's tournaments in what some might even call a Champions League! Bedford ran out as overall winners, but well done to Sartoris.



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Photography Competition

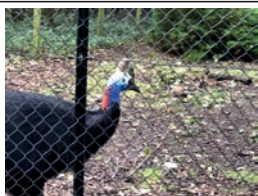


Introduced by W.Bro Jack Summerfield, the 2020 Provincial Photography Competition was open to all

members of the Province and their immediate family. Photographs had to have a Masonic theme and be received by midnight on the 31st of August 2020. The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, selected the twelve best photographs, shown here. The overall winner will be subject of a vote by the Provincial membership.

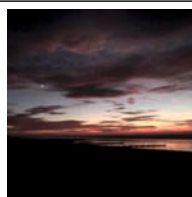
The closing date for voting is Sunday September 20th and the Overall Winner will be announced on Monday 21st.

The Final 12



A Member of the HRA

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To Mark the Setting Sun



Enjoying the Festive Board



The Sun Rises in The East

Mentoring at it's Best

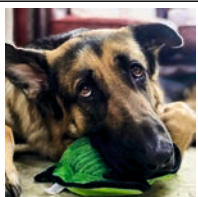


Beast of The Field



Darkness Visible

Hidden Mysteries of Nature of Science



Absent Brethren



Mysteries of Nature and Science



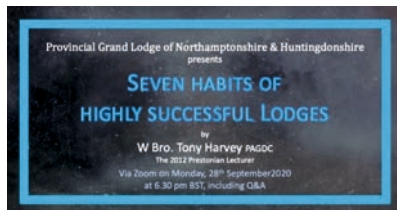
The Sun Sets in The West

Seven Habits of Highly Successful Lodges

The Province is pleased to welcome by the way of Zoom online, the 2012 Prestonian Lecturer and member of the Pathway Development Team, W.Bro Tony Harvey PAGDC, who will share with us the fruits of many years of research.

The lecture, which will take place on Monday the 28th of September 2020 at 6.30pm, will last approximately 30-

minutes with a question and answer session to follow. This is an opportunity for us all to look at how we interact with each other with a view to improving the retention of our members with benefit to us all.



Brethren can register for this event by searching the title or typing the link into their browser.

W.Bro David Watson, PSGD

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/masonic-lecture-seven-habits-of-highly-successful-lodges-registration-119072714695

St John's Lodge Celebrate 100 years

The Centenary meeting of St John's Lodge No. 3972 held on Monday the 17th of February 2020 at Sheaf Close, Northampton proved to be a wonderful occasion.

The members of the Lodge warmly welcomed members of their mother lodge, Pomfret Lodge No. 360, their

daughter lodge, Lodge of St James No. 6838, and five members of New Monkland Montrose Lodge No. 88 (affectionately known as the 'Scottish Contingent!'), who after being piped-in by W.Bro Jack Bogan, received a special welcome from the Master of St John's Lodge, W.Bro Mike Long.

Then, with the standard's unfurled, the sword held high and the bagpipes playing, the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, together with the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, W.Bro Lou Orsi and W.Bro Mark Constant, and many active Provincial officers entered the Lodge to another warm reception.



Our Province in Changing Time

Even as the Union of Ancients and Moderns was occurring in 1813, the Napoleonic wars were in their last phase. England was awash with French prisoners of war; six thousand of them at Norman Cross. It is said that the French formed many lodges, but no trace of such a lodge has been found in Peterborough.

In 1838 there was talk of Northamptonshire and Cambridge forming one Province, but this idea fell by the wayside. Instead, the first Provincial Grand Lodge meeting for the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire took place in 1842; it consisted of six lodges.

A year later an unusual item was recorded in the minutes of Provincial Grand Lodge, which involved the Deputy PGM, DC and Provincial Secretary and four past masters of England's Centre Lodge No.2555. They met to consider whether a

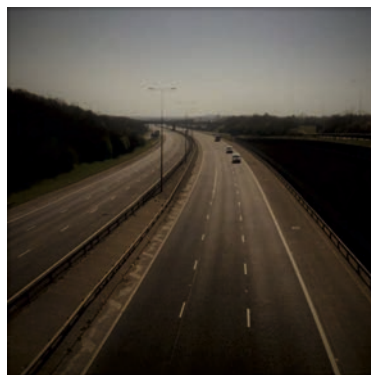
policeman could afford to become a mason. It was decided after some lengthy conversation, that he would be accepted, and we today are grateful for that decision.

The Province continued to grow and by 1924 there were 26 lodges and 2,000 Brethren. That same year Freemasons were involved in dedicating the new buttress at Peterborough Cathedral and a Provincial Grand Lodge was held.

The year after you could buy a Rolls-Royce for £1,890 and a Morris Cowley for £165. White lines started to appear, and the first traffic lights were installed in Piccadilly. This was followed months later by a new invention; the television, and by 1938 there was one and a half hours of programmes on weekdays and an hour on Sundays. I am sure my mum said; "Do not sit in front of that thing all day. Go

out and get some sun on your body." Little was known of skin cancer then.

In 1942 the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire held its centenary celebration in



Northampton. At its beginning membership was less than 100 but by now it was almost 2,500. This same year saw the start of the U-boat campaign and rationing.

In 1959 London was brought closer to Northampton with the first section of the M1 being opened. It would have cost you £500 for a Mini, and 4/6 for a gallon of petrol. One item that surprised me was that Provincial Grand Lodge moved around the Province until quite recently. Freemasonry is no mere luxury of reminiscence. Whilst it has grown out of the past, it transforms the present, enlarging and brightening the prospects of the future.

About the author: W.Bro Terry Cole was initiated into Peterborough and Counties No. 2996 in 1999. He is also a member Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No. 9600.



Tercentenary Parade 2017

Paul England - Citizen's Award

Earlier in the year, Bro Paul England, a member of St Peter's Lodge No. 442, received a British Citizen Award (BCA) in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

The BCA scheme, which is now in its 5th-year, serves to recognise extraordinary everyday people for exceptional endeavour that positively impacts communities throughout the nation.

Paul has been a Freemason for over 25-years. He is an amputee who is in constant pain and often struggles to walk.

Regardless, Paul has not let his disability stand in the way of doing a sterling job as Almoner of St Peter's and undertaking many other charitable endeavours.

He has raised thousands for charities including Macmillan Cancer Care, the Alzheimer's Society, The Royal British Legion, Air Ambulance and the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

In addition, Paul voluntarily runs a social club aimed at combatting isolationism. By arranging entertainment, planning trips, and even booking holidays, Paul has

dedicated himself to ensuring that all those using the club have an entertaining and enjoyable time. Over the years, many local Freemasons have also attended trips arranged by him.

Paul was presented with his Medal of Honour, which is inscribed with the words 'For the Good of the Country', by Jo Delbridge on behalf of Dame Mary Perkins, co-founder of Specsavers and Patron of the BCA.

Jo said, "I am always humbled and inspired to meet the medallists of the BCAs and hear their stories. Each recipient has demonstrated a commitment to help others and make our world a better, safer and healthier place and they

thoroughly deserve to be honoured."

The medal-presentation was hosted at the House of Lords by television presenter Michael Underwood, also a patron of the BCA.

For more information about the BCA scheme, please visit its website:

www.britishcitizenawards.co.uk

We congratulate Bro Paul on receiving his award and for his continued contributions to Freemasonry in general and St Peter's Lodge in particular.



News From The Light Blues

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AGM Meeting and 'Ask The Executive'

The Annual General Meeting of the Club, held on the morning of Sunday the 8th of March 2020 at Sheaf Close, Northampton was well-supported with over 30-members in attendance.

Amongst other business, the following points were agreed: To charge a one-off joining fee of £5 rather than a yearly membership fee; To combine the roles of Membership Secretary and Secretary. The Chairman also gave cheques to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Mark Constant with a cheque for £100 representing a most welcome donation to the Provincial Grand Charity, and to W.Bro David Crossley and Bro Mark Hunt with a donation of £100 towards their 5-day N2HQ sponsored walk from Northampton to Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, now happening in 2021.



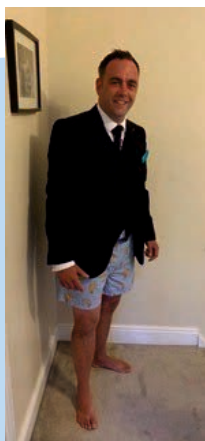
Join our Chairman, W.Bro Dan Cooke, for an insightful and fascinating evening with the Provincial Executive. Questions came from members of the Club to the Executive, who were on fine form for this absorbing Q&A. No secrets were given away, but there were a few surprises. If you missed it, you can watch it again on the NHNYM or the Provincial Websites.

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Bro Allen Smith
Bro James Prince
RW.Bro Max Bayes PGM
W.Bro Mark Constant APGM
W.Bro Duncan Childs PG Mentor



The Lodge of St George hosted a Beer Fest during the rugby world cup for Dexter's CP journey - a charity in support of Dexter, an extraordinary little boy diagnosed with a severe form of cerebral palsy - which was well supported by Light Blues. The Brethren and their guests raised a handsome total of £2800 and the Provincial Grand Charity generously enhanced it upto a total of £5000.

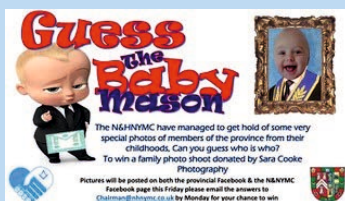


And finally..... the winner of the 'Light Blues' knobbly knees competition goes to our Chairman, W.Bro Dan Cooke. Pictured in preparation for the 'Ask the Exec' Zoom call.

The Corby Steel Acacias Treasure Hunt, where some excited people were out there seeing friends in the flesh rather than a virtual meeting!! Vroooooom not Zoom! A very enjoyable day finished off with a socially distanced picnic in the most glorious weather.



Roman Light Blues held a meal at The Boat in where 30 Masons and wives enjoyed a meal.



Our 'Guess the Baby Mason' competition got a lot of interest on Social Media, with many of the Provincial team - including all the Executive - submitting pictures of their younger selves and the winner was Richie Skillen.



The 'Virtual Euros' was a huge success, it was the Brainchild of Bro Rueben Freeman and we sold 9 sheets worth of teams with all the winners winning 'Just Eat' vouchers.



Northants Light Blues had a virtual BBQ where brethren held their own BBQs at home and joined in over Facebook

Coming in 2021

NHNYMC Valentines Ball - Watch this Space!

For further information go to www.nhnymc.co.uk

News From Around The Province

Kettering & Thrapston

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On the 3rd June 2020 Cytringan Lodge was due to commemorate their Centenary – this was of course not possible because of the suspension of masonic activity for four months as and from 17th March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

privilege and honour of being in the Chair on this auspicious occasion as he was, strangely enough, 25 years ago when the Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary.

It is hoped that by 3rd June 2021 the Lodge may be in a position to have the Centenary Warrant

presented accordingly and consequently have the Lodge's 101 year history acknowledged, which will of course include all the trials and tribulations of having to deal with the fallout of a pandemic.

The Lodge's WM W.Bro John Partridge put in place a provisional future date of the 2nd September 2020 in order to complete that happy event but unfortunately that has not been successful due to ongoing restrictions.

W.Bro John was hoping to have the



**W.Bro John Partridge with W.Bro Lou Orsi APMG
at the start of the Lodge's 100th year in October 2019.**

Corby

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Mrs Sandra Summerfield, has been filling-in her spare-time during lockdown by making fabric face-masks to raise funds for Kettering General Hospital's Intensive Care Unit. At other times, Sandra is busy using her sewing skills to create costumes for the the Xmas Pantomime held each year at Corby and other Masonic centres across the Province.

Sandra, who works as an early-years key-worker at a nursery school in Corby, initially started to make the masks for her own family.

When news of the masks spread via Facebook, friends were keen to obtain some for their own families and offered to pay for them. However, rather than charging, Sandra suggested

that they donate to the KGH Intensive Care Unit where her sister-in-law works as a deputy sister.

She has since been inundated with orders and has already raised £250 with many orders left to fill.

Important Note

We are obliged to point-out that the protection against coronavirus afforded by face-masks continues to be debated.

Accordingly, the Masonic Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire makes no guarantees, warranties or recommendations of any kind, expressed or otherwise, in this regard.



News From Around The Province

**Huntingdon,
Ramsey,
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During the Covid-19 lockdown, W. Bro. Iain Ladds of Sothius lodge spotted an opportunity to support the Sawtry Surgery maternity team. There are thirty-eight nurses who visit patients in their homes who are equipped with laptops to input data from their visits but find it difficult to use the touchpad in the home environment. Iain suggested that they used a wireless mouse but

unfortunately, this could not be funded by the NHS. Iain contacted his Charity Steward, W. Bro. Mike Nixon, to see if he could help. As the Sawtry Surgery is near to Huntingdon, Mike contacted the Charity Stewards of Socrates, Samuel Pepys and Hinchingsbrooke Lodges to ask for help. The three Lodges agreed to pool their resources and fund forty wireless mice

for the team. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions at the Surgery, the wireless mice were presented to the team in Lesley's garden along with Sharon Walker Maternity Team Leader. Lesley and Sharon expressed immense gratitude for the generous gift saying it would make the midwives jobs much easier .



L-R Lesley Alexander, Sharon Walker, W. Bros Mike Nixon and Iain Ladds

Northampton

Local Communication Officer

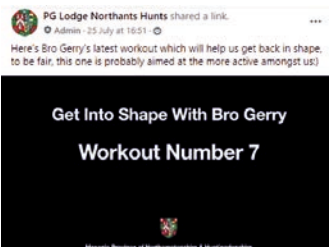
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Bro Gerry McCrory of Old Northamptonian lodge No.5694, has kept us entertained and fit over the summer with a series of workout videos, which are still available through the 'You Tube'

'The fitness videos came about as a result of a conversation I had with W.Bro Ged Dempsey when we were discussing a few fundraising ideas and really just grew from

there. Before I knew it I was having a

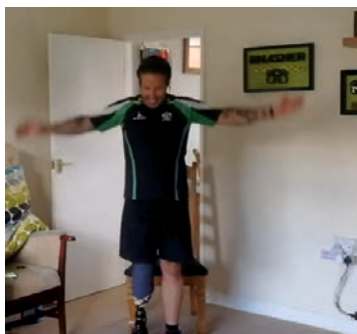


and asking for some training advice. On a personal note, I really enjoyed doing the videos and it is always nice to give something back when and where you can. As far as



links on social media and the Provincial Website.

As Bro Gerry explains:



conversation with W.Bro Mark Constant and the rest is really history. I soon got to work putting the videos together with the help of my wife and children. The videos seem to be well received by the Brethren and I received quite a few personal messages thanking me



the original conversation with W.Bro Ged Dempsey regarding fundraising, this has almost come to fruition...so Brethren keeps your eyes and ears open as something new is on its way in the coming weeks!'

News From Around The Province

Northampton

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I wonder how many brethren visit Sheaf Close and admire the beautiful stained-glass window there without having any idea of its provenance? It was in fact presented by Alfred Cockerill, 1842 to 1927, past master of Pomfret Lodge in 1888, and Provincial Grand Treasurer. He was a great and well-known Northampton philanthropist in his day as well as being a senior Freemason, but despite his elevated status within the town and within Freemasonry during his

lifetime Alfred Cockerill is today a little-known figure in the history of the town. W Bro Bob Farey from Greyfriars Lodge is trying to rectify that situation by giving illustrated talks about the great man to lodges and local history groups to raise his current profile within the town and trying to persuade the council that he is worthy of a statue or some other form of permanent recognition.



On Wednesday the 11th of March 2020, the Brethren of Ceres Lodge enjoyed a daily advancement in their



Masonic knowledge when W.Bro Ian Nelson gave a presentation on his experiences of

Freemasonry in Virginia, USA.

W.Bro Ian explained why each state in the USA has two grand lodges before providing additional information about the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which

was constituted in 1778.

Ian spoke of his Virginia lodge, Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, and its home at Masons' Hall, which is located in Richmond's Shockoe Bottom District and is reputedly the oldest continually-used Masonic lodge in the western hemisphere.

A full article on the presentation can be found of the Provincial Website.

Peterborough, Oundle

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On Thursday the 16th July 2020, W.Bro Ged Dempsey was both delighted and honoured to represent The Three Pillars - Feeding the Homeless Trust at a meeting of The Light Project Peterborough, attended by HRH The Duke of Cambridge.



The meeting took place at the The Garden House in the city.

In addition, The Three Pillars have liaised with Marks and Spencer through Dayle Duguid (pictured right), a member of Vale of Nene Lodge in Peterborough. He runs a scheme called Neighbourly, which donates surplus food stock from the shop to charities helping the homeless. With this new link in the chain, the charity hope to make use of

perfectly good foodstuffs that may otherwise go to waste. It is good to see Freemasons, working alongside other organisations in the community to achieve a common goal.



In July, Freemasons in Peterborough made a donation of £2000 to Peterborough District Nurses, together with the 'Hospital at Home' care team, which provides home care in the area.

W.Bro Andrew Ward of Thomas Deacon Lodge experienced first-hand the excellent support offered by the trust when his mother Mollie was diagnosed with inoperable stomach cancer in August 2019. Aided by a Palliative care package, she was able to return to her home a month later and from that point, Andrew was supported by District

Nurses and also the Hospital at Home carers. supporting projects over and above NHS funding, the charity works to enhance the Trusts' ability to improve the health and well-being of the people it serves and the staff who care for them.

Accordingly, on Friday the 3rd of July 2020, Andrew and W.Bro Mervin Roberts - Charity Steward for Thomas Deacon, together with W.Bro Gerry Crawford, Provincial Grand Charity Steward were thrilled to be able to

present the cheque for £2,000 to Megan Baxter, Team Leader. The money is to be earmarked specially for two specific departments - District Nurses and Hospital at Home care in the Peterborough area.



News From Around The Province

Wellingborough & Rushden

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W.Bro John Marlow was given permission by John Pyel Lodge to distribute the funds raised in his year in the Chair to two charities; The Three Pillars, Feeding The Homeless and Dementia Sings Out. Each received £515.00.

Dementia Sings Out was established under the umbrella of the Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir. Open to anyone living

with dementia, these free choir sessions are held every Thursday morning for an hour of lively and interactive singing followed by refreshments and socialising amongst all the participants, carers and Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir members. Importantly, as carers are encouraged to participate, they also have been left with smiles on their faces; it is this that the choir hopes to continue to achieve through singing.

Just before the lockdown, W.Bro John visited the Everyday Champions Church in Havelock Street in Wellingborough and presented the cheque to Ruth Bowe, who is the founder and Chair of the choir. (pictured below)

They were absolutely delighted with the donation and W.Bro John received a very nice letter from them plus a photo that was taken at the time.



Stamford

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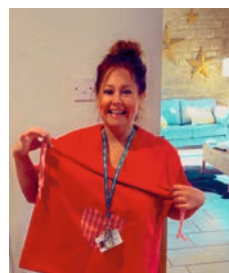
Stamford Freemasons in conjunction with the Masonic Charitable Foundation have donated £2,000 to support the work of 'For the Love of Scrubs Stamford', with many Key Workers benefitting. The group is run entirely by volunteers, and relies on fundraising and donations to purchase fabric, tape and thread to make garments for NHS and Healthcare workers on the frontline.

The initiative, which is part of the national 'For the Love of Scrubs – Our NHS Needs You' campaign, is locally-led by Miriam Spring Davies along with Jo Winterbourne, Bex Key, Lucy Thornton-Reid, and Beck Rogers. Miriam was moved to establish the

Stamford group in response to the national PPE shortage. Usually working as the Head of Wardrobe at the Stamford Shakespeare Company at Toilethorpe, she has swapped making Shakespearian costumes for scrubs, surgical hats and washbags, and in just a few short weeks has recruited 1,000 volunteers to help her.

Talking about the Freemasons donation, Miriam said; "Scrubs are being used more than ever in hospitals, care homes, and hospices in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. Its absolute incredible to be able to find a way of supporting our hard-working

healthcare staff. Our volunteers are all giving their time freely and are using their fabulous skills to make garments that will have a real impact to those working on the frontline during COVID-19. This welcomed donation from the Freemasons will provide more of the vital materials we need."



It was with great sadness that Stamford Freemasons learned that W.Bro. Ray Taylor died suddenly at home on 22nd April 2020. Ray was born on 9th August 1946 in Sway, Hampshire. He left school in 1961 and became an apprenticed painter and decorator. It was at this time he met Ann and they married in 1967. Ray joined the Prison Service in 1969 and was to rise up through the ranks; retiring as Prison Governor in 2000. Ray was initiated into St.

Margaret's Lodge No. 1452, meeting in Lowestoft, on 13th May 1996. When he settled in this area, he joined Burghley and served as its Master in 2008-2009. In his 20 years membership of Burghley he held the offices of ADC, Assistant Secretary and Charity Steward. He was Secretary from 2013 until his passing. He was a one-time member of the Vale of Catmos lodge in Oakham and a founder member of Terpsichore. He was also a member of Chetene lodge, its

Master in 2016-2017 and its Secretary from 2018 until his passing. Ray was first promoted to ProvSGD in 2015, and then again to PPGReg in 2019. He was also active in Montagu Chapter and was its 1st Principal in 2010-2011. He was promoted to PProvGStdB in 2014-2015. Ray was a committed Freemason involved in many other degrees. He was greatly respected by everyone who knew him and his loss to Stamford masonry will be sorely felt.

News From Around The Province

South West Brackley, Daventry, Towcester

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Brackley Community Hospital opens in September with a little help from local lodges and chapters. Fund raising started at the end of January but was curtailed by Covid 19 at the beginning of March, even so £5,000 was found from what was just one meeting for most who contributed. The call went out in January from the Hospital Trustees for help when they realised the NHS were not to supply some equipment and that funds would have to be found to purchase a sophisticated scanner as a first step to equipping the facility. Designated a Community Hospital it will support the communities of Brackley, Silverstone and

Towcester. The hospital's location is to the North of Brackley, adjacent to the A43, co-located with a hotel, pub, supermarket and fuel station. The NHS rents space within a building supported by a management trust providing funds for equipment. It has 16 beds, a cafe, and provides A&E, outpatient and community services.

Those contributing were the Mark Master Masons of Banbury and Towcester, RAM of Towcester, Rose Croix of Towcester, and the Brackley, Silverstone and three Towcester craft lodges.

It is planned to make a formal presentation when circumstances allow.



W. Bro Dick Godwin, on behalf of the Daventry Lodges and the Provincial Grand Charity, presenting a cheque to Rob Juson, Chairman of the Trustees for 'Reach for Health' - a rehabilitation gym in Daventry. Using various exercise regimes, assistance is given to people suffering from a variety of ailments - heart problems, strokes, MS, injuries, as well as 'advancing years'!

Most clients attend as a result of medical referrals and are from all over the Province as well as further afield. The lease on their premises is expiring. The gym is too small for current needs and an expanding clientele. With assistance from the local authority they will soon be moving into larger and purpose built premises which will enable far broader range of services to be provided.

RfH is a charity and the NHS can only offer limited financial assistance. Consequently of their income is derived from non-referral clients and donations. The donation from the Craft will contribute to the purchase of additional equipment in the new premises.



**Full details and build progress can be found here
www.brackleycommunityhospital.charity**

Passing to The Grand Lodge Above

W.Bro John Edwin Benson PJGD passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Tuesday the 31st of March 2020. Born in Islington, W.Bro John was evacuated to Brompton and never returned to London. He received a private education in Huntingdon, and his early inspirations in life were soon to be recognised when he was appointed head-boy of his school. His long, successful, and

perhaps more importantly, happy Masonic career started in 1977 when, on Tuesday the 15th February, he was initiated into Socrates Lodge No. 373. He subsequently progressed through every office before being installed as Worshipful Master in 1989. In 1991, John was invested as Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge, an office he held for ten-years as well as preceptor. In 1991, he was made Provincial Grand Steward. This was followed with



further promotions to ProvDepGDC in 1995, PProvGReg in 1996 and ProvJGW in 2001. W.Bro John was appointed to Grand Rank in 2005, before promotion to PJGD in 2016.



W.Bro Stanley George Wilford PSGD passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Sunday the 14th of June 2020. He was 92-years of age. W.Bro Stan was a Freemason for nearly 70-

years throughout which time his commitment and contribution to Freemasonry as a whole and to his own lodges especially was both tremendous and unstinting. It all began on the 18th of March 1952 when W.Bro Stan was initiated into John Pyel Lodge No. 5195. After progressing to become Master of the Lodge in September 1963, W.Bro Stan went on to serve as Director of Ceremonies and Almoner.

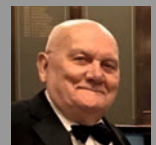
W.Bro Stan was also a Past Master of Old Wellingburian Lodge No. 5570, having been installed in 1978 and again in 2005. Indeed, he also served as the Lodge's Organist for nearly 15-years. In addition, W.Bro Stan was honoured to be installed as Worshipful Master of the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No. 3422 in 2008.

W.Bro David Balmer PPSGW passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 30th of July W. Bro David was indeed a man respected through his engagement with Craft, Holy Royal Arch, Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Freemasonry. But particularly, he will be remembered for the heartfelt warmth of his greeting to whomever he met him.

David was born in the village of Toft Hill in County Durham, on 24th September 1939. Over 31 years later he was initiated into Crook Lodge, County Durham on 26th May 1971. Next May David would have reached 50 years as a Freemason. David joined the Vale of Nene in January 1992 and progressed

through the offices to be installed as Worshipful Master in March 2003.

He served the Lodge as Secretary in two spells reaching a combined total of 10 years and was a Group Officer for Peterborough.



Our sincere condolences to the family of these Brothers, and also those who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during this period, who all lived respected and died regretted.

Message from The Grand Superintendent

Dear Companions,

It is late summer as I sit down to write this article in order to meet the submission deadline, a time of great sadness and uncertainty. Sadness not only as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic but also through the loss recently of a dear friend.

I only knew Excellent Companion David Brown, Past 3rd Provincial Grand Principal, for a short while from 2017 when I joined the Executive as 2nd Provincial Grand Principal. A year later David was placed in the unenviable position of keeping the 'new kid on the block' on the straight and narrow, a task he carried out with sensitivity and humour together with all the skills honed from his service not only as a submariner but also in the diplomatic corps. Very quickly he became a good friend, as he was to many, being one who was always there with sound advice, when required, and a twinkle in the eye accompanied by a cheeky grin, when appropriate. David will be missed by many but I

consider myself fortunate to have known one of life's true gentlemen, a star that will forever 'twinkle' in the firmament.

Uncertainty, for who knows what will be happening by the time you read this. At present we have to resume meetings but more and more centres are declaring that they will not be opening until October at the earliest. Each Chapter must check the situation at their own centre being fully aware that the nature of this pandemic means that things could change very quickly. Whatever happens each Companion must determine for himself whether or not it is advisable to attend meetings.

Of one thing I am certain, Freemasonry has in the past always been a force for good and will remain so in the future. We are the current



custodians of this wonderful Fraternity and it behoves us to maintain it in its fullest energies for those who are yet to come. The new season will bring with it our greatest challenge, maintaining that bond of Fraternal Union and companionship whilst being unable to gather together in the usual manner. This will require great resolve and determination to work as one in ensuring that we emerge from this pandemic strong with an organisation that is still able to function for the good of society.

Jim Boughton

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)

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The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Holy Royal Arch Province of Northants and Hunts, E Comp Jim Boughton, visited the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes to present him with a cheque for £10,000 towards the 2024 Craft Festival. The presentation was

performed in the PGM's garden using a socially-distanced cheque. This represents the amount so far raised by Companions, Brethren who have completed their third Degree by Exaltation into the Holy Royal Arch. The Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent are

especially grateful, recognising that this sum was in addition to the money given by the Companions through their Craft Lodges.



It is with sadness that we report the passing to The Grand Lodge above of E.Comp David Brown. E.Comp David was born on 19th October 1944. He was Initiated in to Phoenix Lodge 9438 (East Kent) on 12th February 1990, serving as its WM in 1996/97. On moving to Northampton, he joined Lodge of St George. He was Exalted in to the Holy Royal Arch in Abington Chapter on 28th March 1995, serving as its MEZ in 2007/08. His talents were quickly noticed and he was rewarded with his first

appointment as Active Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2010, an office he held for two years. This was followed immediately by his appointment to Provincial Assistant Grand Scribe Ezra (2012 – 2016) then Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra in 2016, serving in that office with distinction until 2019, when he was promoted once again, this time to 3rd Provincial Grand Principal, an office he filled with great enthusiasm and energy. E.Comp David was

appointed to Grand Rank as Past Grand Standard Bearer in November 2017.

E Comp David was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in spring of this year and retired from Active Office in June as the aggressiveness of his particular strain of MND became apparent. He will be greatly missed.



News From the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch

On March 2nd, E.Comp Jim Boughton, the Provincial Grand Superintendent for Royal Arch, visited the Montagu Chapter No.466 to present a 50 years certificate to E.Comp Guy Manners. Guy was initiated into Craft masonry in Singapore on 13th February 1969, whilst serving with the RAF. He was exalted into Chapter Singapore No. 7178 on 16th December 1969. Guy briefly returned to the UK on 17th February 1970 but returned to Singapore then, after a number of short postings, he eventually finished up at RAF North Luffenham. Finally settled, he then pursued his masonry in this area.

Guy joined Montagu Chapter in 1994 and was immediately appointed to 2nd Principal Sojourner! He became 1st Principal Sojourner in 2000 and served as treasurer from 2001 to 2008.

Guy then took on the role of Chapter ADC and was appointed DC in 2014; a role he still holds today. Provincial honours followed; two of which were Active ranks. In 2003 he was appointed Pr1stAssGSoj and in 2007 to PrAGDC. He received a further promotion this year to PPrGScN. When asked

about his time in Chapter he said: "I should include all the fine friends, enjoyment and fun that I have encountered in the process."

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone.



We are pleased to announce the promotion of E.Comp Del Pearson to Third Provincial Grand Principal. E.Comp Del was Initiated in to Greenhill Lodge in 1984. He progressed through the Offices and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1991, becoming Secretary upon installing his successor, an office he continued to occupy for ten years. Del was appointed to the Provincial Ranks of PPGStB in 1998, PPDepGReg in 2005 and PPGReg in 2012.

Having moved to St Neots, he became a joining member of Euston Lodge in 1993, eventually going through the Offices and becoming WM in 2006, Del was honoured with the Provincial Rank of ProvJGD in 2012, and promoted to PPGReg in 2017 by RW Bro Max Bayes, our PGM. I am currently Euston Lodge's Chaplain and Preceptor.

E.Comp Del completed his journey in Pure Antient Freemasonry in 1993 when he was Exalted into Euston Chapter 2283. He

progressed through the usual office and became MEZ in 2007. The previous MEGS, E.Comp Wayne Williams, appointed him to Prov1stAGSoj in 2010, and in 2014 he was invited to become ProvGAlm, holding the office until 2020.



For full details on all of these stories, please visit the HRA Section of the Provincial Website

Mark Master Masons 'Lest We Forget' Appeal

It is clear that it will be a long haul back to the new "normality" and that many will suffer loss of livelihood and employment on the way; in addition, we may well see many more deaths and cases of serious ill-health from the virus.

For that reason, Brethren, we must not forget that some of our fraternity will, almost certainly, find their lives changed forever by the effects of COVID19 and its aftermath. As a direct consequence, a number of them may well be in genuine need of assistance as time goes on and it is essential that we ensure that we are able to support them and their dependants should that prove to be the case. To that end, our Mark Province launched the **"Lest We Forget"** appeal in April of this

year.

I am delighted to report early, very strong support from a number of Brethren and Lodges and can confirm that the amount raised by the appeal thus far has now exceeded £3500.

To all those who have contributed may I express my sincere and grateful thanks for your generous support.

To those that may have forgotten but are in a position to be able to help I would ask you please to support the appeal as soon as you can – lest you forget.

I would remind you that you can support this appeal, for example, by a single one-off donation or a new, or increased, regular Standing Order payment to the Northants & Hunts Mark Benevolent Association. The

options are listed below:

Regular Payment by Standing Order or amendment to existing Standing Order Mandate
Please complete the Standing Order Mandate (click on the link below) and return it to your Lodge Charity Steward along with the completed and signed Gift Aid Declaration, he will then process it via the Provincial Charity Steward.

On a personal note, I hope that you and your families are staying safe and keeping well at this very difficult time for us all.

Brethren, please remember that every little counts. Thank you for your much-needed support.

W.Bro. Jeff Chambers,
P.Prov.G.M.O.,
Prov.R.A.M.G.R.,
Provincial Grand
Charity Steward

Peterborough LAMs

The Peterborough LAMS year got off to a good start with the New Year Party, followed by a very interesting and humorous account of the start-up of the Bramble Lodge Alpaca Farm, by Nicki Sly in February. Sue Jakeman joined us at our March Meeting with

anecdotes from the life of her Aunt, Peggy Spencer MBE. Sadly, the remaining programme for the year was bought to an abrupt halt as the UK entered lockdown. At this moment in time, with the Masonic Centre remaining closed, we cannot see the restart of any LAMS activities until 2021

subject, of course, to circumstances and restrictions in force at that time. We send our sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones during this terrible pandemic.

Wellingborough `Millies` Virtual Coffee Morning

Brethren since the Masonic "lockdown" in March we have all been able to attend virtual Provincial quizzes, Masons got talent, masonic workouts, lodge get together meetings, various committee meetings, along with lodge members just keeping in touch. However what about our ladies?

Ladies nights cancelled and no control of the TV remote for 4 months, has this caused them undue stress which we may have over looked?

In October 2019 ladies of members from the Masonic Hall at Wellingborough resurrected the Millies to allow the ladies of members to get together once a

month for a coffee morning, and in fairness in some cases, also supported by their other halves, but also to assist in providing funds for the hall.

Those coffee mornings were supported by up to 40 ladies and brethren. However Covid – 19 has not only affected our masonic meetings but also those Saturday mornings where the ladies could get together to see old friends and have a cuppa with homemade cake, a raffle and a general chat. That aside, on Saturday 25th July the Millies arranged a Zoom meeting where 18 members attended a virtual coffee morning to have a catch up, not everyone's

email was available so some did miss out. It is now intended, during current regulations, to hold another virtual coffee morning in August until the ladies can once again meet at Mill Road for a proper chin wag. This virtual coffee morning was also attended by several more senior ladies who managed to work out zoom so don't be afraid.

Ladies, if you wish to attend this virtual coffee morning then please contact Helen on: millroadmillies@gmail.com and let her have an email address she can contact you on and send the meeting details.

Roll Of Honour



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

60 YEARS

Langford Bernard Smth

Schola Regia

Initiated 20/07/1960



Norman Sydney Manser

Nantahala

Initiated 13/04/1960



Peter Henry Frederick Carr

Old Kimboltonians'

Initiated 21/10/1960



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

The Old Black Shoes

The old black shoes are looking glum
As I pass the lobby door,
"What's wrong with you?" they seem to say,
"We're going out no more.
We've taken not a single step,
Not third or even first,
And ne'er a sign we've seen you give,
Has our world been cursed?"

"It has", I said, "by virus vile,
We have to stay at home
Until such time the plague has passed,
Then once more we can roam.
The Masons' Halls are empty,
Regalia put away,
Gavels now stay silent,
DCs hold no sway.

Volumes of the Sacred Law
On pedestals redundant,
Now Brother Jim contacts his friends
By social posts abundant.
No handshake, word or sign,
No friendly Festive Board
No Tyler's song to say Goodnight,
No organ's well-loved chord.

"Black shoes," I said, "do not despair,
Our Chain is firm and strong
Our flag of love remains unfurled
We'll sing again our song.
And though our Brethren may have passed
To Grandeur Lodge Above,
We'll look upon their memories
With everlasting Love.

And in their name, we'll offer help
And soothe the burdened heart;
We'll comfort those who are distressed,
Thus Masons play their part.
And when this crisis is resolved
We'll sing the old refrain,
**Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part,
Happy to meet again."**

