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# Welcome to Password

Dear readers, I hope that you will enjoy this, our Autumn edition of Password in our Tercentenary year.

Thank you to all members of the Communications Committee and Brethren for their contributions, with special thanks to WBro Russell Laxton, WBro Rob Mallett and WBro Vince Tindale for their past service.

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

Thank you

**W. Bro Peter Robinson**  
**Provincial Communications Officer**

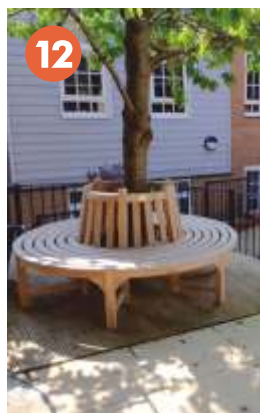


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# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

## Brethren,

I greet you all as we prepare for a new Masonic season to which, I am sure, we are all looking forward eagerly. Most of us will have enjoyed the summer break and I am certainly feeling refreshed and ready to go.

The early part of this season will witness the culmination of the Tercentenary Celebrations. Our Province has experienced two outstanding events that will remain in our memories forever. The visit to Grand Lodge in March and the parade through Peterborough to the Cathedral were both tremendous successes and we can now look forward to the final event in October, the Grand Ball at Wicksteed Park.

Many of you will have seen the series of programmes that were shown on our television screens earlier this year. We will all have our views about these, but the

overall result was, I believe, satisfactory in that many members of the general public will now have a clearer view of what we are and what we do. These programmes, together with the various Tercentenary events carried out in our Province and throughout the country, have resulted in a massive increase in requests for information and for approaches for possible membership. We all need to be very careful how these approaches are handled to ensure

that membership remains restricted to men who will abide by and maintain our high standards. In this Province we have introduced, following consultation with Group Officers in each centre, a recommended 'best practice' for dealing with enquiries. I hope that all Lodges will consider these recommendations useful. It is important that we strive to introduce new members into our Order, but also vital that we uphold our high standards.



**The Provincial Grand Master, together with the DPGM, both APGMs, The Mayor and Mayoress of Peterborough, John and Judy Fox, Supt Andy Gipp and PC Simon Roberts, pictured in Peterborough Town Hall prior to The Grand Parade**



We hear so much about the decline in Masonic membership and I know that some Provinces are struggling to maintain levels. I watch our membership levels very carefully and each month review the year on year situation. I am most pleased to report that our overall numbers continue to increase.

The increase in the year to 31 May 2017 was six and at the end of June 2017 it was shown as four. Not massive numbers in a net membership of around 3,300, but I believe that it is

significant in that we are no longer declining. Please keep up the excellent work.

Many Provinces are concerned about the condition of their buildings. I perceive that in the late Victorian times and through to the beginnings of the 20th Century, Lodges generally met in pubs and taverns. The Order was at that time so successful that it was thought prudent to construct dedicated Masonic buildings. These buildings are now more than a hundred years old and suffer from increasing maintenance costs, made more difficult with a reducing membership. I am so relieved that in our Province we have few such problems. Corby, Towcester, Peterborough, Huntingdon and, of

course, Northampton are all new or at least modern buildings. Centres such as Kettering, Rushden, Wellingborough, Thrapston and St Ives, whilst older buildings, are well maintained and controlled by an efficient management team.

Brethren, we commence another Masonic season in good heart, in good situations with our buildings and with our membership numbers and therefore with much confidence for the future. I look forward to meeting and talking with you on my visits around the Province.

Bless you all.

RWBro Max Bayes  
Provincial Grand Master



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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge



## Chairman's Tercentenary Update

Brethren, our Tercentenary year is drawing to a close. We have enjoyed two very successful events, with our Grand Lodge visit and the Peterborough Parade and Church service. We now await the final event, the Black Tie Grand Ball at Wicksteed Park on the 21st October 2017.

The support that has been shown throughout this Province has been remarkable. The previous events have been extremely well attended by Ladies, Gentlemen and Brethren. Nothing could fill me with greater pride than to see over a thousand of our Brethren at Great Queen Street passing Bro Luke Howard. It was a fantastic day. Then to see the parade of Lodge banners through the streets of Peterborough is a sight that will live with me for a very long time. The Grand Ball will be a fitting climax, where the

Provincial Grand Master will close this Province's contribution to the Tercentenary Year with an address.

It was an inspired decision by the Provincial Grand Master not to turn this year's events into an opportunity for raising money, and by contrast at The Grand Ball we will be presenting one lucky Lady with a prize valued at £300 without any raffles or money raising, a very pleasant change.

I must take this opportunity to thank all the members of my committee, who over the past 3 years have put in a great deal of time and effort to ensure this year has been a resounding success.

That, coupled with the tremendous support from all around the Province, means we should be very proud of our contribution to the landmark celebrations for 300 years of Freemasonry.

Sincerely and fraternally

WBro William Diggins  
Tercentenary Chairman



## New Grand Officer Appointments

At the Provincial Grand Charity AGM on Saturday 11 March 2017, the Provincial Grand Master announced the details of the Appointments and Promotions to Grand Rank for 2017 and, on behalf of the Province, extend our sincere congratulations on First Appointments to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies to the following Brethren.

**WBro Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones – Waynflete Lodge No 4452**



WBro Michael has been our Provincial Grand Secretary since May 2015, having previously served as the Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. As many of you know, he works tirelessly to ensure

the Provincial Secretariat and our Province is run with military precision.

**WBro John Henry Hitchin – Old Kimboltonians' Lodge No 7204**



WBro John is a very busy Freemason and is well known to many because he was the Provincial

Senior Grand Warden in 2011/12, an appointment that he served with some considerable distinction. Equally, others may know him as he serves as Honorary Organist to many Lodges in the Province and now as a Group Officer in Huntingdon.

He was also pleased to announce that promotion has been conferred on the following members of our Province; VWBro. James H Newman OBE-reappointed to Deputy President of the MCF, WBro. Charles A Bennett – Assistant Provincial Grand Master to PSGD, WBro. Robert L Allison – to PJGD.

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Latest From Provincial Membership Officer

Many members have asked me how the Sky1 series impacted our enquiry levels; it's fair to say that there was a healthy uplift in the number of enquiries that we received during the series and shortly afterwards. Time will tell how many of these enquiries turn into members.

By the end of last season, the Provincial Grand Master and I had met with the Group Officers in each of our centres. We listened to the challenges as well as the success stories and these very positive meetings have enabled me to produce a list of best practice for introducing new members which was approved at the Group & Grand Officers' Forum in May. Your Lodge Secretary will have received a copy in his pack at the Secretaries' meeting.

Some of the points you may like to reflect on are

below, to be clear, these are not compulsory, but, are recommended from successful use by Lodges in our Province:



**Expectations and Commitments:** A gentleman should understand from a very early stage what the commitments are in terms of time and money as well as what we expect from him should he become a Freemason, but, by the same token we should be communicating what he can expect from the members of the Lodge in

terms of support and encouragement. These expectations and commitments can be discussed prior to the formal interview as well as during the formal interview - if we do not explain what these are then there's a very real risk of misunderstandings arising from both sides which will not end well.

**Family:** It is important to make sure that a prospective candidate's family are aware of his intentions to become a Freemason and are supportive. This can be achieved by involving his family in any social events prior to joining and/or meeting with him at his home. This is an opportunity to answer any questions that the candidate's family may have so that better understand what Freemasonry is, what it isn't and again what is involved.



**Formal Interview:** The suggestion is that the formal interview should be made up of 3 to 4 people and those people should be chosen for their ability to be effective interviewers rather than their seniority within the Lodge. Each person who takes part in the interview should understand what questions they are asking. If the prospective candidate candidate has

attended a number of social events then members have had the opportunity to meet him and to flag any concerns they may have which then removes the need for them to attend. Let's not forget that people would not expect to interview in front of more than three people for a job. A large panel of interviewers can be overwhelming and daunting.

After the interview, the Lodge Secretary might like to circulate a note to his members advising how the interview went and share a little background on the prospective candidate.

**WBro John Fergusson**  
**Provincial Membership Officer**

## **Social Media Policy Reminder**

Following the recent meeting of Lodge of XV in the Province of Essex the celebrity status of the Initiate was clearly the major factor in the level of attendance at the meeting and that led to many photograph requests. Some of those photos made it onto Social Media via Facebook and Twitter.

UGLE has a Social Media policy that states that members should not "identify anyone else as a Freemason without his explicit consent." Clearly that went wrong in this case - no explicit permissions were sought or gained from the Initiate or indeed from any other Brethren present at the meeting. It is imperative that any postings on Facebook and Tweets are removed

with immediate effect and that further content is not published on social or any other media.

There are a set of approved Social Media Guidelines and these are available from myself or Provincial Office.

**WBro John Fergusson**  
**Social Media Editor**

For more information please visit the Provincial Website  
[www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk)

# News From The Masonic Charitable Foundation

## MCF Community Awards

# THE RESULTS ARE IN!



To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons nominated 300 local charities to receive a share of £3 million.

Depending on the number of votes received, each charity will receive a grant between £4,000 and £25,000. Once again, we would like to

say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the MCF Community Awards by voting and encouraging their friends and families to vote.

The six charities nominated in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire received a fantastic amount of support from their local communities and we are pleased to announce the following results:

**Crazy Hats Breast Cancer Appeal** who received the most votes in our Province and have secured a grant of £25,000.

**DACT Daventry Area Community Transport** has been awarded a grant of £15,000.

**Acorn Cancer Support Group** has been awarded a grant of £15,000.

**The Carers Sitter Service, Peterborough District Riding for the Disabled Group, and Northampton MENCAP Society** have all been awarded a grant of £4,000 each.

Congratulations to all the successful charities.

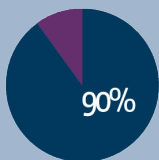


## MCF COMMUNITY AWARDS IN NUMBERS



**177,809**

votes were cast in total



Were  
online  
votes

**87%**

of voters were  
members of  
the public

Voters who  
wanted to  
learn more  
about  
Freemasonry



people  
visited  
the  
website

#MCFawards  
reached an  
audience of



**70%**  
used props  
& images

**73%**

increase  
in e-news  
subscription



**2.9m**  
people reached through  
15 radio broadcasts



MCF Facebook posts seen by

**163,000**

MCF Twitter posts seen by

**174,000**



new  
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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Circular Seat at Palmer Court



In 2015 members of Risdene Lodge took part in the Annual Canoe Challenge organised by Wentworth Lodge. From some of the money raised, Risdene members decided to donate the sum of £1200 to the Palmer Court Sheltered Housing Scheme in Wellingborough. The cheque was presented by RWBro Barrie Hall to the Chairman at the time, WBro John Rivett, who asked residents how they would like the money to be spent. It was decided to provide a circular seat around a cherry tree in the garden

but unfortunately, due to other plans to redesign the external area, it was not possible to erect the seat until this year.



At a recent Garden Party, held to celebrate the completion of the refurbishment, RWBro Barrie Hall and WBro John Rivett were joined by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes to try out the new seat, as pictured below.

WBro Ian Richards, the present Chairman, made a point of thanking all those Lodges and Charities who make donations to Palmer Court to help provide such excellent facilities and enhance the lifestyle of the occupants of the scheme.



## The 3 Pillars Charity goes from strength to strength



The last issue of Password heralded the beginning of The Three Pillars Charity – a very worthwhile cause that offers hot food, blankets and clothes to the homeless in Peterborough. The aim is to replicate the model around the Province.

WBro Ged Dempsey has written in to give us an update:

"We are still waiting for the proper catering van which we hope to have soon. WBro Duncan Jackson is working to provide us with a substantial grant from a Charity of which he is a Trustee. We are also delighted to say that we have been granted Charity Status and our Charity number is 1173518. The work is ongoing, we feed between 60 and 70 people during an evening and provide them with clothing, bedding, tents and conversation.

The Charity has attracted the support of many non Masons who help in many ways, including most importantly their time, by volunteering to cook and serve food.

An information and thank you evening was held on Friday, 16th September at the Masonic Rooms, Eaton Socon with the Provincial Grand Master and his wife Barbara in attendance with local dignitaries as well all those who have supported and assisted us with the Charity. A very convivial time was had as well as those present hearing some success stories and our plans for the future."



For more information, please go to the website  
**[www.the3pillarsfeedingthehomelesstrust.com](http://www.the3pillarsfeedingthehomelesstrust.com)**  
or the Facebook Page

**3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless**

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Let us not forget those passing to the Grand Lodge Above

It is with great sadness that we report the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of these distinguished and highly regarded Brethren.

**RWBro H. Brian Smith, aged 85 years, a Past Provincial Grand Master of this Province from July 1990 to June 1997.**

RWBro Brian, a chartered accountant by profession, was initiated into Lodge of Perseverance No. 455 in March 1957 and exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in September 1971. Prior to taking-up the appointment as Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Brian was Deputy Provincial Grand Master from 1984 to 1990; he was

also acting Provincial Grand Treasurer from 1979 to 1984.

RWBro Brian attained his first Grand rank in 1983 when he was promoted to PAGDC. He was further promoted to PGSwdB in 1985, and was a Grand Steward from 2005 to 2006. In 1999, shortly after his tenure ended as Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Brian became President of

the RMBI, a post he served until 2004.

RWBro Brian was also a Grand Officer in the Holy Royal Arch. He attained the rank of PAGSoj in 1991 and was promoted to GScN in 1997.

RWBro Brian was an extremely hard-working, well-liked and well-respected Mason. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



**VWBro David Manners  
PDepProvGM PGSwdB**

passed away on the 28th of June 2017. He was 84 years old. VWBro Manners was initiated into Beneventa Lodge No. 2380 on the 12th of October 1955 becoming Worshipful Master in 1969. He was subsequently elected as an honorary member. He was also a founder and elected honorary member of Coritani Lodge No. 8079 and Danetre Lodge No. 8594. He was appointed Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1974, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1975, Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 1988 and Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1990.

He was made a Grand Officer in 1976 when he received the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He was further promoted to Past Senior Grand Deacon in 1989 and Past Grand Sword Bearer in 1991. He was also a Grand Officer in Holy Royal Arch receiving the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in 1989.

**WBro Rev Canon Frank  
Eustace Pickard,**

**PAGChap** passed away on Wednesday 5 July 2017 at the age of 86. WBro Pickard was initiated into De La Pre

Lodge 8 February 1979 becoming Worshipful Master in 1985. He served the Lodge as Chaplain on three separate occasions. Outside of this Province, he was also a member of Forest Hill Lodge in London, becoming their Worshipful Master in 1992. He was also a member of Grand Junction Lodge and an Honorary Member of several Lodges. WBro Pickard was honoured with an appointment to Grand Rank in 1987 when he was appointed as Assistant Grand Chaplain. He received a first Provincial appointment in 1988 when he was appointed as Provincial Grand Chaplain, a post that he held for 5 years. In 2008, he was reappointed as Provincial Grand Chaplain for a further three years, and was also extremely active in the Holy Royal Arch and held office in Supreme Grand Chapter.

**WBro Peter Jones PSGD**

passed away at the Great Western Hospital, Swindon on Monday 28 August 2017. With his lifelong friend WBro Dennis Rideout, he was initiated in the Lodge of Remembrance, who meet in Swindon in the Province of Wiltshire on 1st April 1964. He progressed through the various offices and became Worshipful Master in 1981.

His work in the house building industry took him to Northampton. There, on 25 March 1991, he became a joining member of Grey Friars Lodge No 4990. On 3rd August 1992 he became a founder member of Sulgrave Lodge which meets at Rushden and became its Worshipful Master in 2001.

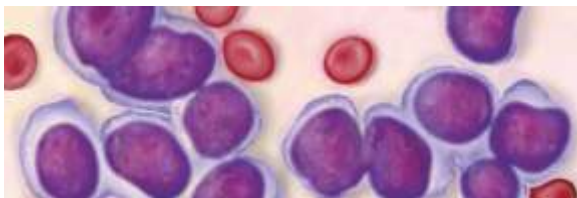
He achieved Grand Rank in 2004 and was promoted to Past Senior Grand Deacon in 2005. In a distinguished Masonic career, an important event was his appointment as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire on 7th October 2004.

In 2014 he received from both his home Province of Wiltshire and also this Province Jubilee Certificates marking his 50 years in Freemasonry.

All these distinguished Brethren will be sorely missed and we pass on our condolences to their family and friends.

# LEUKAEMIA – CAN YOU HELP?

Many years ago a diagnosis of leukaemia was to end in certain death for the patient, but over the years chemotherapy has advanced and along with stem cell transplant techniques and selective radiotherapy, in some cases, even at a late stage, there is now hope of a recovery. The current treatment involves killing off the cancerous blood cells and introducing new stem cells from a suitable donor - a full bone marrow transplant. Hopefully new blood cells will regenerate following the healthy pattern of the new stem cells which are infused into the blood. It is even better if a diagnosis is made early when defective blood cells (Lymphoma



or Myeloma) can be identified which will later develop into leukaemia. In this case the ideal treatment is similar in principle but the cells introduced are an exact match with the patient from a willing donor. You can imagine that this "exact matching process" can take time and most of all it depends on volunteers offering their blood. A quick match is obtained by a simple mouth swab, when DNA is examined and compared with patients who are awaiting treatment. If a likely match is found then further blood tests are

carried out to refine this possible match. If all is suitable and the ten criteria needed in the donor DNA matches the patient, then the treatment can be undertaken. For a donor, treatment usually involves having two pints of blood passed through a machine which is then immediately returned to the donor's body. A fairly simple process which is not painful nor too uncomfortable. Presently the success rate is improving as there are now millions of donors worldwide.



It has come to our knowledge that one of our Brethren in Northampton has a 33 year old daughter who has been diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and found herself in the situation of needing a donor for treatment, the abnormal blood cells having been found early during a routine blood test while pregnant with her daughter, who was born in October 2015.

The final diagnosis took until last June, but it is now confirmed.

Can anyone help by volunteering to become a donor and possibly save a life? You need to be 18 to 50 years of age, in good health and prepared to give a mouth swab.

Perhaps if you fall outside these criteria other members of your family might be willing to help. It is really important that those who are able and suitable volunteer.

Thank you all in advance for your help, you may not be suitable for the specific patient we know, but it could help someone and save a life!



Further details can be found on the DKMS Foundation website <https://www.dkms.org.uk/en>, a German charity, or Anthony Nolan Trust <https://www.anthonynolan.org> which is UK based. The results from each are pooled internationally.

## If you canoe to the woods today.....

joined together to canoe a 19 mile stretch of the River Nene from Northampton to Rushden, concluding at the new Rushden Lakes leisure development.

Later in the day, a fun quiz evening took place at nearby Stanwick Lakes, together with the final preparations for the main event –





A Teddy Bears BBQ Picnic fun day, to be held there the next day.

Sunday duly arrived with a beautiful day and over 200 adults and children enjoying a special TLC fun day with Jazz Band, BBQ, side stalls, face painting.....and of course, `guess the name` of the giant Teddy Bear !

The Lodge received

great support from around the Province, with the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes attending, together with many other senior Brethren. In addition, it was wonderful that WBro Ian Simpson and his wife Angela, both founders of TLC were also able to be there, with WBro Ian making the awards to the prize winners at the end of the day.

This was a great team effort from the Wentworth organising committee, with special thanks to Bros. Dan Cooke, Matt Horton (pictured right) and WBro Rob Mallet for all their work.



WBro Ian Simpson



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## On your marks.....

As the Sunday morning sun shone down on Sulgrave Manor, classic cars from as far away as Yorkshire and South Wales were flagged off by WBro. Charles Bennett, Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. This marked the start of the fourth and final Midlands route of The Classic 300.

The participants, on Sunday 27th August, followed a route book taking them 78 miles from Sulgrave Manor – the ancestral home of Brother George Washington's family - to Blenheim Palace - where Brother Sir Winston Churchill was born. On the way, the



**Wbro. Charles Bennett hands the gavel to WBro. Peter Manning Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire.**

classic vehicles passed through the Cotswolds including Bourton on the Water and Burford. The destination was the Blenheim Palace Festival of Transport. This route was organised by WBro. Dermot Bambridge and WBro. John Harmer – members of Silverstone Lodge No.

9877 and who are both on the Midlands organising committee of The Classic 300.

Before the first car departed from Sulgrave, WBro. Charles Bennett handed WBro. Peter Manning Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire



**Wbro. Charles Bennett flags off WBro. Peter Manning in his Morgan.**

celebrations of the United Grand Lodge of England and will finish at Brooklands on 1st October. Routes have been run all over the country, with Route 4 being the one starting in our Province and organized by Northamptonshire Masons.

a specially made gavel to carry on the route. The gavel was made from the con rod of a Jaguar D-type, which was the legendary model that won the 24 Hours race at Le Mans for England no less than three times during the 1950s. This and four other identical gavels are being ceremonially carried by a car on each route. The Classic 300 is a series of events for classic cars and was started by the Grand Master at Windsor Castle in May. It is part of the Tercentenary



**Classic 300 group - The organising team for the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire route of the Classic 300 with WBro. Bennett (L to R – WBro. Dermot Bambridge, WBro. Peter Manning , WBro. Charles Bennett, Bro. Mike Woods, WBro. John Harmer and WBro. Peter Hughes).**



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge



## A collection of images from Provincial Tercentenary Events



# News From Around The Province

## Provincial Website FAQs

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**Did you know just how much information is on the Provincial Website? Did you know we had a Webmaster? We caught up with our very own Spiderman, WBro Simon Key, and asked the questions you wanted answers to:**

### A Little Bit of Background

It's been a while since I took over the role of Provincial Webmaster. Since then I've tried hard to build on the fantastic work of my predecessor, WBro Gerry Crawford.

Before I answer some frequently-asked questions about the website, I must thank three very hard-working Brethren who play a big part in keeping the website running –

WBro Andy Ward, who handles user registrations,  
WBro Rob Taylor and WBro Michael Genner, who assist with content publication.

### What's It All About?

The Provincial website is the natural evolution of the Password newsletter but with some important differences.

Firstly, unlike Password, which is released twice yearly and is comparatively expensive to publish, the website is cheap to maintain, fast and easy to

update, and versatile. We can distribute text, pictures, documents, sound and video clips. News articles are normally published within 24-hours. Secondly, we can control who sees what and when. This allows us to promote Freemasonry to the public whilst keeping our private stuff, well, private. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, it's interactive. You can use it to contact the Provincial office, chat with other members using the online discussion forum, search the membership-database, query the Lodge directory, download Provincial communications and much more.

### Do I Need a User Account to Access the Website?

No, but without one you won't be able to use the website's most useful functionality.

### Is the Website Difficult to Use?

That really depends on your level of experience.

To be fair, if you don't use computers very much you will find it challenging. That said, (a) you can't break anything and (b) we're always here to help. It's best to try and treat it as a learning experience and remember that many others are

experiencing the same difficulties as you. You're not alone!

### I've Tried Resetting My Website User Name and/or Password but It Doesn't Work!

User-name reminders and reset passwords are sent by email to the address associated with your website account. If you no longer have access to that account you won't receive the emails sent. Also, be sure to check your spam/junk email-folders as we find that many of the emails sent to users from the website end-up there. Don't hesitate to contact us if you're starting to pull your hair out!

### Where Can I Find-Out More?

A written user-guide is available from the following link - <http://tiny.cc/qm5ymy>

### Can I Suggest New Content for the Website?

Please do! The website is there for the benefit of its members. Our aim to give you what you need to get the most from Freemasonry.

**WBro Simon Key**  
Provincial Webmaster



## Corby

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### Corby Rocks

On Saturday 29th April Corby rocked to the beat of The Telstars and Genesis Connected, a concert organised as part of the Corby Tercentenary celebrations. Those that were able to get a ticket enjoyed songs from such greats as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Genesis and Peter Gabriel to name but few. £4,250 was raised for charity. The proceeds of the evening were split evenly between PROStaid and Lifelites, both excellent charities receiving £2,125 each. It was an even more enjoyable evening for Senior Group officer for Corby, WBro Jim Spence, as his son is the Guitarist of Genesis Connected.



### 24th June 1717 – A night to remember

On 24th June 2017 – 300 years to the day of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, The Corby Masonic Complex was transformed into the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse as we travelled back in time to replay the events of that very significant meeting. The evening was organised by WBros Brooks, Genner, Harker, Peel, Reid and Summerfield. The festivities commenced with the parade of the 4 original Lodge banners with their Masters and during the evening the “oldest Master Mason who was also the master of a lodge” was selected as the Grand Master, who on this occasion was WBro S.J. Duffy. Masons, friends and family attended with a very good number getting in to the spirit of the occasion by dressing in full Georgian costumes. What followed

was fun and laughter, sprinkled with song and dance, but the star of the night was the sumptuous five course Georgian feast put together by the Corby



catering team of Garry and Caroline Finan.

### Pantomime time? – Oh yes it is!

On Sunday 3rd December 2017 The Corby Masonic Players bring you their latest Pantomime production. There will be two shows at 1pm and 4pm. Details will be posted in due course. If you would like tickets please contact WBro Jack Summerfield – details above.

# News From Around The Province

## Huntingdon, Ramsey, St Ives, St Neots, Kimbolton, Oundle

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### Kick off to a great year of social events

Recently installed Worshipful Master WBro Steve Barrett of Euston Lodge, St Neots held the first of many planned social events for his forthcoming year. The family day proved to be a great success with many Lodge members, friends, family and guests enjoying a traditional hog roast whilst listening to a live band playing in the summer sunshine. A bouncy castle, garden games, face painting and a raffle all added to the spectacle. The event was held to help raise funds for the Antiphospholipid Organisation (APS), a charity which is very close to the Worshipful Master's heart as the illness sadly claimed the life of his son sixteen years ago who was aged only twenty four at the time. The event raised in excess of £1000. Forthcoming events will also include a golf day,

autumn social evening, Christmas Social, Valentine's evening and of course the traditional Ladies' Evening to be held at the Sharnbrook Hotel near Bedford in March 2018.

### Free Church benefit from Masons

In June, the St Ives Free Church Spire Appeal Fund received a tremendous boost. They received a very generous donation of £3,000 - a combined gift from five of the local Freemason Lodges in St Ives

and also from the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Province. The presentation took place at the Lodge Rooms on The Quay in St Ives.

In the photograph, Stewart Denham, Neville and Sally Runham of the SOS Appeal Team are presented with the cheque by WBro Mike Nixon, Charity Steward of Sothius Lodge. They are surrounded by members of each of the five contributing Lodges, who are from left to right - WBros Robin Ayres, Albert Bareham, Richard Anderson, Brian French and Joe Batten.





## Northampton

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### Beer, Rugby & Teddy Bears

On Saturday the 11th of February 2017, Anglo Scottish Lodge hosted a Beer Festival at Sheaf Close, Northampton to raise funds for Teddies for Loving Care (TLC). During the event, the Italy-Ireland and Wales-England Six Nations matches were shown to keep the drinkers entertained. At half-time, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, VWBro Wayne Williams took the opportunity to explain the origins of the Teddies for Loving Care and how the major hospitals in the Province were being supported. There were a range of fine ales on offer, some of which were brewed locally by Bro Lee Kellelt and Bro Ian Bosworth, and proved to be very popular. Bro

Lee's fine brew, Captain Jack's Brewery - Redwood Original, picked-up the "Best Beer" title. All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon of rugby, beer and fun. A donation of around £2,000 will be made to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro David Burton, for Teddies for Loving Care. With the support of Brethren from many of the

Northampton Lodges, also a number of non-Masons, it seems likely that this event will go from strength to strength and become a regular annual event in the Masonic calendar. The Lodge hopes that those who attended this year will support the event again next year.



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## What's a Masonic Dining Club

The two Masonic Dining Clubs in the Province, are not Lodges and do not operate under the governance of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. They are entirely private associations with their own constitutions. They are a place where Master Masons can meet socially over a meal in an informal setting. The Dining Clubs are a chance to learn more about Freemasonry and do some good works along the way.

The objective of the clubs can easily be summed up as charity and daily advancement all in an informal setting. The most interesting part of the evenings is education. A member volunteers or an interesting invited guest, both masonic and non-masonic, presents a lecture of their choice followed by questions. The first club to be formed was the Croughton Square &

Compass Club, linked to RAF Croughton. This began following events in 1960 when President Kennedy decided there would be no further meetings on USAF Air Bases. As a way to try to solve this, monthly dining clubs were formed allowing USAF personnel to meet off-base with other local Freemasons all over the country. They currently meet at The Boat Inn at Stoke Bruerne.

During the summer of 1999, the President of the Croughton Square and Compass Club held a summer BBQ inviting several Brethren from the Wellingborough and the Brixworth areas.

Following this event, interest was shown to see if it would be possible to organise a similar club in

the northern part of the County. As many lived in the area, a new club formed, meeting at The George Inn, Brixworth.

The Club moved to The White Horse at Old in 2004 and in 2006 moved again to The Royal Oak at Walgrave. They are still going strong and have 35 members, with meetings on the first Monday of every month.

For both clubs you have to be a Master Mason and be proposed, seconded and balloted.



If you would like to know more, you can contact either:

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The Brixworth Masonic Dining Club

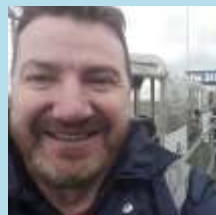
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## Kettering & Thrapston

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### Kettering Sea Cadets get vital boost

On the 15th of November 2016, just after 7pm, a fire gutted the boathouse at Wicksteed Park which was home to 800 Naval Air Squadron Kettering Sea Cadets. It represented 10 years of investment and effort by the unit, with equipment such as sails & rudders lost in the fire, but more importantly the Safety Boat which was worth over £8,000.

Wbro David Watson, Provincial Grand Treasurer, and WBro Stuart Ogilvie recognised the invaluable work and opportunities the Sea Cadets provide and started the ball rolling, having secured a contribution from the Lodge of Perseverance No. 455 and then joining with WBro Jason Brice, Charity Steward of Cytringan Lodge



No. 4048, requested support from the other Kettering Lodges, which having been happily effected, the Provincial Grand Charity added to this making a combined total of £6,000.

On Thursday the 6th April 2017, Commodore Andrew Kyte (WBro Jeff Kyte's son) as Kettering's highest ranking serving member of HM Royal Navy visited the Kettering Sea Cadets on an official visit. This seemed an ideal opportunity to make the presentation on behalf of the Freemasons of Kettering.



**Pictured left to right,  
WBro Neil Langford, Commodore Andrew Kyte (HM Royal Navy),  
Lieutenant Marc Pether (Sea Cadets Commanding Officer),  
WBro Jason Brice, WBro David Watson,  
WBro Barry Rogers, WBro Tom Stockley**

# News From Around The Province

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## Masonic Blood Bike - CECILIE arrives

The latest blood bike, funded by St Wilfrid & Graham Milton Lodges and Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Freemasons



to be added to the stable has arrived!

SERV OBN Blood Bikes (Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire & Northamptonshire) Providing a Rapid Response Medical Transport Service for blood, platelets and samples 'Out of Hours' throughout the year Free of Charge to local NHS Trusts.

Having benefactors such as St Wilfrid & Graham Milton Lodges and Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Freemasons purchasing the 'Masonic' Blood Bike for the group will make such a difference, as their fleet is getting older

and therefore repairs/maintenance costs hit the pocket of the Charity more. By replacing with new bikes they can provide an even more efficient service to the community.

All blood bikes within SERV OBN have

female names who have excelled in the field of medicine and the new Masonic Blood Bike is no different. Brigadier Dame Cecilie Monica Golding, DBE (née Johnson; born 6 August

1902, London - died 6 June 1997, Bournemouth) was a British Army Nurse, who rose to Colonel Commandant, Matron-in-Chief and Director of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC). Cecilie was honoured and became Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1958.

The idea to fund a "blood bike" was born in early 2017 by Steve Marshall and Alan Cox both members of St Wilfrid Lodge and Graham Milton Lodge, and the quest to fund a Blood Bike was born.



## Peterborough

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## Donation to Papworth Hospital

On Tuesday the 25th July 2017, Mr. Daniel Saxton, Head of Business Services at Papworth Hospital, received a cheque for £6,000 on behalf of Papworth Hospital Charity.

The cheque was presented by Mrs. Sue Hurd and RWBro Barrie Hall, PProvGM. The presentation took place at Peterborough Masonic Centre. Mrs. Hurd is the widow of WBro Steve Hurd, who was a member of Petriburg Lodge No. 8767.

The excellent work that Papworth do is never far away from Masonic thoughts as many family members and Brethren have use of their facilities.

The money raised included donations from the follow Lodges and Chapters -

St Peter's Lodge No. 442  
Peterborough & Counties  
Lodge No. 2996  
St Crispin Lodge No. 5627  
Risdene Lodge No. 6532  
Vale of Nene Lodge No.  
7006

Petriburg Lodge No.  
8767. Thomas Deacon  
Lodge No. 9126  
Dr Oliver Chapter No.  
3964

A number of members also made individual contributions.



**Pictured are Sue Hurd (widow of WBro Steve Hurd from Petriburg Lodge), Stan Jackson (Head of Business Services at Papworth Hospital) and RWBro Barrie Hall (PProvGM)**



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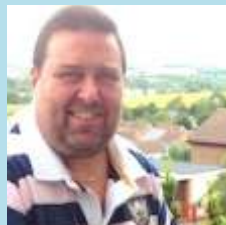
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## Support for Friends of Danetre Hospital

Every year, Masons from the several Lodges which meet in Daventry, High Street, get together to make a joint donation to a local recipient, which is chosen by the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in turn.

This year it fell to the Worshipful Master of

Coritani Lodge, WBro David Smith to select the beneficiary and he chose the "Friends of Danetre Hospital".

As WBro David's wife, Liz's Mother is one of the unfortunately growing number of people suffering from Alzheimers, they

requested the hospital direct the £3,000 donation to support those suffering from this dreadful illness.

The photo shows WBro David Smith and Liz presenting a cheque to Bro Chris Long, the Chairman of Friends of Danetre Hospital, who is himself a member of Danetre Lodge in Daventry. Also looking on is WBro Dick Godwin, the Senior Group Officer for the SW of the Province, who co-ordinates the annual donation.



## Wellingborough & Rushden

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## A Masonic Visit to The Province of Valencia

Recently WBro Steve Squires and his wife Sylvia spent some time at the Spanish home of WBro Geoff Smith and his wife Carolyn. Both WBros Steve and Geoff are members of Risdene Lodge No 6532.

Whilst there, they were invited to attend Caledonia Lodge No 68, near Torrevieja, Province of Valencia, Grand Lodge of

Spain. Shortly after arriving at the meeting, a member of the Lodge met WBro Steve and said "You are a Rushden Mason aren't you?". Quite a surprise, so far from home. It turned out that this was WBro Harry Palmer who used to be a member of Wentworth Lodge No 737 in Wellingborough, before moving to Spain to live.

Wbro Harry is Secretary of the Lodge and holds Grand Rank in Spain of PGStdB and is the Provincial Grand Chaplain for the Valencia Province.

WBro Steve said of WBro Harry: "He sends greetings and best wishes to all who remember him in this Province, Wellingborough Centre and Wentworth Lodge", he continued, "The Ceremony, Emulation workings, Festive Board and welcome were excellent. Just for interest, The Province of Valencia is over 200 miles from North to South along the coast and comprises only 27 Lodges. That can generally makes visiting other Lodges a long drive and an overnight stay. And they say Risdene Lodge meetings are long!"



**Pictured are WBro Harry Palmer, (left), WBro Michael Knight, WM, and WBro Steve Squires.**

# News From Around The Province

## Stamford

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## Freemasons On Parade in Stamford

On Sunday the 18th of June 2017, Stamford Freemasons participated in the annual mayoral procession and church service.

Braving the heat, the public turned out to line the streets and witness this ancient tradition, which is held at the inauguration of every Stamford Mayor as they enter into their year of office. Stamford Freemasons have joined the mayoral parade before, but not for many years. This year, to mark the United Grand Lodge of England Tercentenary, members of the Stamford Craft Lodges, wearing their full Masonic regalia, joined other civic bodies and local dignitaries as they walked from the Town Hall, up St Mary's Hill, through Red Lion Square, and ending at All Saints Church.

Following the service, Masons, together with their families and friends, were

able to meet at the second of two Stamford Masonic Centre open days, which were held over the weekend to give visitors the chance to learn more about Freemasonry and the work done by the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), including the recent success of the Stamford Carers Sitters Service in securing an MCF grant of at least £4,000. Visitors were able to enter the Lodge room where experienced Brethren were on hand to explain the



symbolism contained therein and answer questions. These events were the perfect opportunity to highlight that Freemasonry has been in Stamford for over 150 years and to thank our community for their support over all that time.



**Senior Group Officer WBro Philip Collins, PAGDC leading the parade's Masonic contingent**

# News From Holy Royal Arch

## Third Grand Principal Attends 2017 Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation

Traditionally, this event is much anticipated by Companions throughout our Province and this convocation, being the 11th hosted by our MEGS, E Comp Wayne Williams, was no exception. Over 250

health issues. Installed in his place was E Comp Jim Boughton, who is particularly well known for his recent five year tenure as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Third Grand Principal addressed the Convocation during which he discussed membership issues especially relating to Retention and Retrieval. Our MEGS during his address was pleased to announce a healthy increase in new Companions joining our Royal Arch Province over the past calendar year, and certainly the largest during his time in office. While he was pleased to congratulate all Chapters for their hard work in achieving this result, he advised on the avoidance of any complacency, particularly requesting that Companions ensure efforts

are maintained to strengthen and reinforce the membership.

The ceremony was followed by an excellent Festive Board at which the Third Grand Principal further addressed the Companions much to the appreciation of all present. As is customary on these occasions, he was presented with a gift to commemorate a truly memorable and very happy occasion.

Finally, the Provincial Scribe E, E Companion David Brown and his Assistant and all others involved were thanked for organising this wonderful day of Companionship at it's very best.



Companions were in attendance which included 14 Acting, and 2 Past ME Grand Superintendents and other officers from surrounding Provinces. The Province was also honoured also by the presence of the Most Excellent Third Grand Principal, E Comp Gareth Jones, OBE

A change in the Executive was effected due to E Comp George Clayton stepping down, as Second Provincial Grand Principal, due to



# News From Other Orders

## RWBro George Bonham's last meeting as Mark Provincial Grand Master

The Installation meeting of the Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire Installed Commanders Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was the last meeting that RWBro George Bonham was able to attend as the Provincial Grand Master of the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Mark Province. It was attended by 84 Brethren from the Province and beyond including Past Deputy Grand Master, RWBro Keith Emmerson and the Provincial Grand Masters of Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Warwickshire and Past Provincial Grand Masters



of Bedfordshire and East Anglia. The meeting was opened by Past Commander, WBro Richard Bedells, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and honoured guests. Having been offered the Lodge sceptre, the Provincial Grand Master accepted it, took the chair and commenced to install WBro Doug Peacock as Commander of the Lodge. At the conclusion of the meeting Mark Master Masons joined the Brethren to hear a presentation by RWBro Roger Mac, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire, on an eventful and successful career as a motor racing driver.

The Brethren retired for an enjoyable festive board during which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro Bob Stokes



presented to the Provincial Grand Master a retirement gift of a cheque for over £1100 which had been donated by Brethren of every Mark Master Mason and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in the Province. RWBro George's retirement marks the culmination of 11 successful years in office where he has proudly supported his Lodges and represented the Mark Province across the length and breadth of England and Wales. To make Friday 9th June even more special, it marked his 69th Birthday and a card was signed and "Happy Birthday" sung with gusto by all present!

# Royal and Select Install New District Grand Master

On Saturday 22 July 2017, the Annual Meeting of the East Midlands District of The Order of Royal and Select Masters was held at Sheaf Close. It was a joyous day tinged with a little sadness as, although it marked the Installation of our new District Grand Master, RtIIIComp Martin Wilson, it also marked the retirement of our Past DGM, RtIIIComp Michael Jolley.

A total of 175 Companions were in attendance to witness this special event, which included 47 Visitors from other Provinces - among whom

were 19 Right Illustrious Companions and other guests, representing 21 Districts.

Our new District Grand Master RtIIIComp Wilson was installed in fine fashion by The Grand Master. In his new office the DGM then appointed and invested IIIComp Ian Knox as his Deputy DGM and IIIComp

Andrew Woodward as his District Grand PCW.

Festive Board followed and on proposing the Grand Master's toast and again thanking him for attending, as is customary on these occasions, the DGM presented MIIIComp Kessick with several gifts to commemorate this truly memorable occasion.





# News From Other Orders

## 60 Years a Prince Rose Croix

On 11th January 1957, Illus. Bro. Stanley Wilford was perfected into the St. George of England Chapter Rose Croix in Wellingborough. On 14 September 2017, V.Illus.Bro. Rev. A. W. Avery, 33°, Inspector General of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire accompanied by the District Recorder, Illus.Bro. Chris Smith, 32°, and members of the St. George of England Chapter



visited Illus. Bro. Stan at his home to present a certificate celebrating his great achievement of 60 years in the order. Thanks to Illus. Bro. Stan's wife, Jessie, he was caught pleasantly by surprise, although any lasting

shock was quickly treated by the application of a glass of very fine old whisky. Illus.Bro. Stan was in good health and a very pleasant time was passed by all recalling events and anecdotes from his long history in both Rose Croix and many other orders of Freemasonry. Jessie was not forgotten and received a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her work enabling the presentation to take place.



**Front L to R: Tony Avery, Stan Wilford, Chris Smith**  
**Back: Michael Knight, Kevin Day, Chris Cory, Brian Rees, Jerry Higgins**

# The 2024 Masonic Charitable Foundation Festival

Plans are well under way for the launch of the Province's next Festival. It will be the 2024 MCF Festival and is to be launched by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, at dinners on Friday 2nd March 2018 at Ellindon, Peterborough and on the following evening, Saturday 3rd March at Sheaf Close, Northampton.

Before then he will make further announcements with more details about the Festival.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward, WBro Gerry Crawford commented,

"This is the first time the Province has had the opportunity to raise funds through a

Festival for the recently created Masonic Charitable Foundation. I'm sure all members will want to give it their full support by making sure they have in place a Regular Payment Promise that is current until at least the culmination of the Festival in May, 2024. If not, Lodge Charity Stewards will be able to help with the relevant form.

I personally look forward to the challenges the Festival will bring and the fun we are going to have in exceeding our target."

More information on the Festival will be circulated in due course and also feature in the next issue of Password.



## MCF 2024 Festival

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

# News from The LAMS

## A busy year for Rushden LAMS

### **Rushden LAMS invited to Royal opening 25th April**

Following a visit from Jo Hawkins of Equata in Grafton Underwood, Rushden LAMS chose this wonderful cause as their Charity of the Year in 2015. With the support of the Provincial Grand Charity a donation of £2000 was made and this was put towards an adventure playground and fort.



It was completed earlier this year and opened by The Princess Royal, Princess Anne.

During her visit the Princess took time to speak individually to the supporters of the project and discuss the diverse backgrounds of everyone involved.

Betty Newton, Caroline Rivett and Sandra Boughton, pictured, represented Rushden LAMS.



### **Cheque presentation to the two charities Rushden LAMS supported in 2016.**

David Hudson from Parkinson's UK along with Heather Saunders and Jo Peploe from Glamis Hall in Wellingborough were presented with cheques of £500 each by LAMS Almoner Kathy Moss and

Chairman Caroline Rivett. We were delighted to have our efforts endorsed by the Worshipful the

Mayor of Wellingborough Malcom Waters and his wife Veronica.



## The society of Lady Associate Masons

### May Concert and Supper in aid of Lifelites

Over 30 members of Northampton Male Voice Choir filled the dais of The Rushden Lodge Room to entertain Rushden LAMS and guests with a magical evening of song. Music Director Stephen Bell also acted as Master of Ceremonies linking the musical items with much banter and laughter.

An encore of The African Trilogy brought thunderous applause and calls for more! Rushden Masonic Hall caterers, Festive Delights, once again supported LAMS,

providing a delicious finger buffet.

The evening included a raffle and raised several hundred pounds for our Charity of the Year.



### Summer outing

A favourite of Rushden LAMS is an outing with an afternoon tea and, if whilst gently cruising along a river, all the better! This July we

enjoyed a lovely summer's day with the morning free to explore the many delights Ely had to offer followed by a trip on The Captain's Table. The proceeds of the raffle are for Lifelites.



**As we look forward to celebrating our 5th birthday Rushden LAMS goes from strength to strength in supporting Rushden Masonic Hall and enjoying the warm friendship it engenders amongst the wives, partners, widows and friends of Freemasons.**



# Roll Of Honour



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

## 50 YEARS

**Reginald Hirst**

Old Northamptonian

**Walter Hopgood Sharratt**

Fidelity

**Peter Frederick Dalton**

Socrates

**Alwyn David Murkett**

Socrates

**Norman Andrew Pinner**

Cytringan

**Roger Boraston Underhill**

Old Kimboltonians

**Frank Alfred James Munns**

Dr Field

**T F Noble**

Gates of Billing

**Brian Heshon**

Meridian



# Roll Of Honour



## 60 YEARS

**WBro Ian Graham PAGDC**

Lodge of Merit  
Vale of Welland



The Lodge of Merit No. 466 meeting in March saw WBro Ian Graham celebrate 60 years in Freemasonry. Ian was initiated on the 25th March 1957 in Avenham Lodge No. 5489, Preston, in the Province of West Lancashire. This was a joint (double) ceremony with his brother Michael and with his father, Donald, in the chair.

Wbro Ian eventually moved into this area and joined the Lodge of Merit on the 19th February 1968. He was their Worshipful Master in 1982 and held the office of Director of Ceremonies from 1990 to 1994. He has also been a member of side degrees including Knights Templar where he holds Great Priory rank. WBro Ian has been an active Freemason in Stamford and was a Founder Member of the Vale of Welland Lodge No. 8845 and Lodge of Heritage No. 9344 and was to serve both as Treasurer. In 1987 he was appointed Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, which entailed many visits to Lodges across our Province with the Executive.

In 1993 his service to Freemasonry was recognised when he was appointed PAGDC in Grand Lodge. He soon became the Stamford Group Officer, a role he successfully carried out alone until joined by a colleague in 1997.

Most notably, WBro Ian joined the committee of the Stamford Masonic Centre when the building was purchased in 1975 and was Treasurer for many years. He was instrumental in laying the foundation for the centre and its facilities that we still enjoy today.

The Jubilee Certificate was presented by WBro Phil Collins. The Brethren joined with him to thank WBro Ian for his enormous contribution to Freemasonry and to wish him many more happy years as member of the Lodge.







Grand Lodge visit and 2nd Degree Ceremony 25th March 2017