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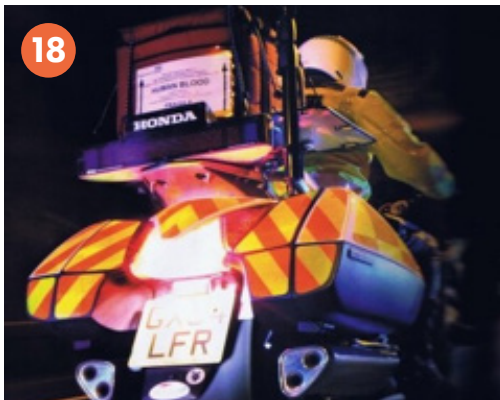
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From the Editor

A very big thank you to all the Information Officers who have submitted articles for this issue and to the people who make this publication possible.

Is there something what you would like to see in this magazine? If so then just let us know.

Bro Vince Tindale

Editor

New APGM appointed

At May's Provincial Grand Lodge the Provincial Grand Master praised the work of the outgoing APGM, W Bro Jim Boughton. The PGM was then pleased to appoint W Bro Charles Bennett PAGDC as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Initiated into De La Pre Lodge in 1996, he had been Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for the past five years and before that ProvDGDC. He said, "This is a great honour and I am very much looking forward to playing my part as a member of a very progressive Provincial Executive."



W Bro Charles Bennett
PAGDC, APM

The PGM appointed W Bro Dale Gilbert as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. A Chartered



W Bro Dale Gilbert
ProvDGDC

Accountant, he was initiated into Risdene Lodge in 1999 and had been ProvDGDC since 2014.

Message From The Provincial Grand Master

Brethren

We have once more arrived at the end of a very busy and successful season for our Province. There are many events that will remain in my memory, but the highlight must be Provincial Grand Lodge on 19th May. We were honoured by the presence of the past Pro Grand Master, the Marquess of Northampton, who, he assures me, enjoyed the event immensely. We also hosted Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham, trustees of the Friends of Fotheringhay Church, to whom we were proud to present a cheque for £150,000 in support of their appeal. I am confident that this will reflect well on Freemasonry and I thank all of those generous Lodges and individuals who contributed so freely. The promotions meeting

at Three Counties Lodge the following week was, as always, a very satisfying evening and I congratulate all brethren who received appointments or promotions.

I was also very pleased to attend a meeting of our Lodge of Prudence in Stamford on 21st May for a Quinquennial Joint Meeting. We hosted banker's lodges from London, Gloucester and South Wales and it was a most enjoyable occasion. This event only happens in our Province every twenty years so it was very special and was well supported.

Another highlight of the season was the dedication of the new Huntingdon Masonic Centre on 23rd April. This centre is a shining example of how we have recognised the potential problems with older buildings

and have taken steps to safeguard our future.

Two more very successful Initiates Evenings in Peterborough and Northampton were extremely well attended and are compelling proof that we are able to introduce quality men into our ranks. This is vital for our long term future and we all need to work hard on the recruitment of worthy men.

The other good news is that we are very close to completing the Sheaf Close project. We are fully expecting final approval for the plans for a care home to be built on the spare land next to the dining room. Once this final approval is received we will market the whole project to a care home developer. This will provide funds that will clear all outstanding debt and also leave

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a substantial sum of money in reserve. This will guarantee the future of Freemasonry in Northampton for the foreseeable future.

Brethren, as I write we still have the Provincial Grand Chapter meeting to look forward to on 23rd June and then the Mark Provincial Meeting on 25th June. Following those special days, I hope that you all have a good rest throughout the summer and return in September for the beginning of a season that will include the celebrations for 300 years of Freemasonry under the United Grand Lodge of England.



Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes

It will be a very special year for us all to enjoy and to relish our membership of this extraordinary organisation.

God bless you all.

"2017 will be a very special year for us to enjoy and to relish our membership of this extraordinary organisation."

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

Province Mourns Loss of Inaugural Password Editor

The Province has suffered the loss of its first Editor of Password with the death of WBro Richard Turpin OBE PAGDC, 80 years, on Tuesday 26 July 2016 when he lost his brave fight against cancer. After pioneering its development with great dedication he handed over the Editorship and became the Provincial Communication Officer in 2006. He was a Group Officer for the Huntingdon Group of Lodges and the current MEZ of Socrates Chapter No 373.

After attending Archbishop Tenison's Grammar School in London he joined the Royal Air Force and rose to the rank of Wing Commander. This was memorable for him, especially his service on Vulcan Bombers. He joked about the difficulty of getting out of the cockpit in a hurry if you were larger than average. When he retired he was working at the Ministry of Defence in London. In 1992 his public service was recognised when he was awarded the OBE.



He was initiated into Craft Masonry in 1979 and exalted into the Holy Royal Arch in 1981. Becoming Provincial Senior Grand Warden in this Province in 2006, he achieved Senior London Grand Rank in 2007 and was promoted to Grand Rank (PAGDC) in 2009.

In this Province he was a member of Meridian Lodge No 9542, Wilvestone Lodge No 9829, Three Counties Lodge No 9278 and the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422. He was also a member of the Royal Air Force Lodge No 7335 in London. He has performed great service in these Lodges in the progressive offices and as Secretary.

In the Holy Royal Arch he was a member (and current

MEZ) of Socrates Chapter No 373 and a member of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Chapter of First Principals No 3422.

He was also a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Mark Province and a member of other orders.

At Easter 2016 he was very pleased to be honoured by Her Majesty the Queen when he was one of those to whom she presented Maundy money in St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle.

Richard had many interests and gave voluntary service in many walks of public life. He was a Churchwarden in his local Parish Church in Great Stukeley, a Trustee of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and a Lay Member of the Huntingdon and Wisbech Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee. He was also past Chairman of his local Conservative Association and Huntingdonshire District Council.

Richard was a dedicated Freemason and a committed public servant who will be sadly missed by all.

PGM'S Fotheringhay Appeal raises £150k

As we approach our Tercentenary celebrations we are reminded that Freemasonry has been a part of the fabric of our society for well over 300 years. With masonic connections, the village of Fotheringhay has played a significant part in the local history of Northamptonshire and is of national importance. It was the birthplace in 1452 of Richard III. It features the remains of a castle that was built around 1100 by Simon de St Lis and survived until the 17th century. There are few remains of the castle but it is well known as the site of the execution in 1587 of Mary, Queen of Scots. Edward

III began the construction of the parish church of St Mary and All Saints. The original 1434 manuscript contract for the construction of the Church was copied by Sir William Dugdale in 1669 from the original document then in the hands of the Right Honourable William Pierpont of Holme Pierrepont Hall, Thorsby, Nottinghamshire, and was written in early

English. It was published in the Masonic Monthly 1882 for the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No 2076 where William Harry Rylands FSA (1847-1922), very much liked by his fellow masons, explains some of the mysterious words. After much searching it is feared that the original document is lost. It is the only known contract for the building of a church in the medieval period and has the earliest use of the word 'free-mason.' William Horwood, dwelling at Fotheringhay, is referred to as a 'free-mason' and is charged with the work in return for a payment of £300. It also stipulates that the work is to be done "by oversight of masters of the same craft." Interestingly, the contract bequeathed a bonus to William Horwood should he complete the construction work on time. However, it also contained a penalty clause in the event of the work not being completed on time - that "he shall yield his body to prison at my lords will and all his moveable goods and heritages at my said Lord's disposition and ordinance."

Recently, there have been structural problems with the church including serious roof decay. A registered

charity, The Friends of Fotheringhay Church has been formed with the aim of preserving and restoring this magnificent building and thereby preserving this important part of our national heritage for future generations.

On hearing of this fund raising effort and its links with Freemasonry of yesteryear, the Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, RW Bro Max Bayes, decided this would be a most suitable community impact project and sought the support of Masons in the Province. The response was magnificent. Lodges, as well as individual Masons, made generous donations. As a result, at the 2016 annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master was able to present the resulting £150,000 cheque to the charity. This will be used in essential restoration and maintenance work.

In return, Simon Leatham, the Honorary Treasurer of the charity, gave the Provincial Grand Master a copy of the original contract thus establishing a link between William Horwood, our 'free-mason' of 1434, and Freemasonry in the Province today.

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntindonshire was held at Sheaf Close Northampton on Thursday 18th May. After the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed, Lady Victoria, the President of The Friends of Fotheringhay Church, and her husband, Simon Leatham

, Honorary Treasurer of The Friends of Fotheringhay Church, were invited into the Lodge room. The Provincial Grand Master RWBro Max Bayes was delighted to present Lady Victoria with a cheque for £150,000 in aid of The Friends of Fotheringhay Church - a charity dedicated to restoring and preserving

the magnificent 15th century church, St Mary and All Saints, which is so much a part of the fabric of our cultural heritage.

The donation was made up from individual and lodge donations throughout the province and added to by the Provincial Grand Charity.



Pictured (left to right). VWBro Trevor Boswell, MWBro the Most Hon the Marquess of Northampton, Simon Leatham, Lady Victoria Leatham, WBro David Burton, RW Bro Max Bayes & WBro Charles Bennett

Provincial Membership Officer - Who is he and what does he do?

In March 2016, the Provincial Grand Master appointed W Bro John Fergusson as the first Provincial Membership Officer.

What is a Provincial Membership Officer?

The role came from the Membership Focus Group's work and their 2020 plan; one of the strategic objectives is "improved attraction and retention of members".

Why Is the Provincial Membership Officer Important?

Over the last 10 years, we've been successful in recruiting and retaining our members; this success reflects everyone's hard work. However, we cannot afford to become complacent. Our future depends on successful



recruitment and retention which means the Provincial Membership Officer is putting in place the right strategy for our future.

Over the last 25 years, people's expectations have changed particularly around how an organisation interacts with them and vice-versa. This means that Freemasonry needs to ensure that it presents itself in such a way to reflect this change in expectations. Again, part of the Provincial Membership Officer's remit is to communicate our message and ensure contact and communication meets their expectations.

What's the strategy for our Province?

It is still very early days and a significant amount of time is being spent understanding what we currently do, what best practices exist and where support is needed. At the appropriate moment, further details on the strategy will be communicated along with supporting materials.

How can I help?

Improving the attraction and retention of our members is a shared mission. We all need to play our part to ensure that we introduce the right men, look after them and make them feel a part of our very special fraternity. In time, there will be supporting materials for you to use. Importantly, there is no exclusivity on good ideas and I welcome any ideas that you have because I don't pretend to have all the answers.

News From Around The Province

Daventry

125 years since the birth of Freemasonry in Daventry

It was the members of Fidelity Lodge no. 445, who agreed to sponsor a new lodge to accommodate the expanding membership from the Daventry area, who until then, had had to travel by horse or foot, to lodges in Northampton or Towcester.

Hence on the 27th February 1891, Beneventa lodge no. 2380 was consecrated at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, located at the top of Sheaf St. Daventry (now a Residential Care Home), by the PGM, Bro. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Euston with Bro F Billingham as the first Worshipful Master.

The lodge name was taken from the early Roman settlement of Bannaventa, (According to the manuscript 'Roman d'Alexandre' in the Bodleian library to be the British home of St Patrick), at the North end of Borough Hill, on the outskirts of Daventry, which ultimately became the



WM, Wardens, Officers and members of Beneventa Lodge.

present day village of Norton.

125 years later, Beneventa Lodge has in turn, gone on to spawn its own daughter lodges – with, in July 1895, England Centre Lodge no. 2555, originally located in Weedon but now meeting in Northampton, as well as all of the current Lodges that meet at the Daventry Masonic Centre – which, since it moved out of the Wheatsheaf in 1972, is now located at No. 14 The High St.

In May 1966, Coritani Lodge no. 8079 – Nov 1974, Danetre Lodge no. 8594 – Sept 1980, Buckby Castle Lodge no. 8932 and most recently in Oct 1993,

the Lodge of the Oldest Ally no. 9524. All of the Brethren meeting at Daventry have got a lot to be grateful for to Beneventa Lodge.

To mark their 'Birthday' on the correct day, the WM, WBro John Henley, asked the Secretary, WBro Peter Darby to call an extra meeting, which being under Dispensation, the only labour was to Initiate a new Candidate - Mr Ian Taylor.

Not the full age of 21 years....

The Candidate at Danetre Lodge's meeting on 4th April, Mr Adam Reynolds, was born in February 1997, making him only 19 years old. Because of his age and studies, his grandfather, W Bro Alan Randall, the Lodge DC had never broached the subject of Adam becoming a Mason. Alan was therefore surprised when Adam approached him and asked him to propose him into Freemasonry.

The required Dispensation was sought and granted by the PGM, who was actually scheduled to attend the meeting on an official visit

WBro David Markham ensured Bro Adam was guided carefully and Adam was confident throughout the ceremony.

WBro Godwin did however play a small part in the ceremony, by immaculately presenting the working tools whilst the JW, WBro Rick Hill gave an impressive rendering of the Charge.

Adam's home is Craighall Castle in Blairgowrie, Scotland and he studied at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester before moving to live in London where he attends the Royal College of Music, currently in his first year of studying music in general and the tuba in particular. (Do we have a

budding Organist looming)? Although Adam's father never joined Freemasonry, his heritage is extensive, with his grandfather, both great grandfathers and his great great grandfather being members of the Craft along with several great and great great uncles, apart from his Grandfather, however they were all members of London Lodges.

The PGM welcomed Bro Adam to Freemasonry in General and the superior Province of Northants and Hunts in particular (he admitted to being somewhat biased on his) and informed Adam that he had chosen a popular and thriving Lodge to join in Danetre Lodge.



Photo shows – WBro Peter Ayton ProvAGDC, PGM, WBro Dick Godwin PAGDC, Bro Adam Reynolds & 'Grandad' (WBro Alan Randall)

News From Around The Province

Kettering

St Crispin's Swings into action

St Crispin Lodge 5627 in Kettering has provided much needed financial support to Parkinson UK and Cransley Hospice from funds raised at their Lodge Swing Band event in 2015



Above, right is current Worshipful Master, W Bro Simon Rotchell making a presentation to Patricia Lee of Parkinson UK.

Right, Worshipful Master, W Bro Simon Rotchell with Diana Patrick outside the Cransley Hospice coffee shop in Kettering



Northampton

100 Not out!

Kitty Hickman, (pictured right, one of the Widows of Pomfret Lodge 360, was pleased to receive a message from the Queen congratulating her on achieving her 100th birthday on 10th June.

Kitty's family joined her at the residential home where she lives to celebrate her birthday.

Kitty's late husband, Fred Hickman was Worshipful Master of Pomfret Lodge, 360, in 1973.

Their son Johnny was also a member of Pomfret as was her nephew Brian Hickman who became Worshipful Master in 1981 and Brian's son Clinton was Worshipful Master 2002; a true family history of membership of Pomfret Lodge.



News From Around The Province

A Worldwide Brotherhood

WBro Bruce Burrows from Pomfret Lodge recently visited Western Australia to see the records of John Newman Tooth, a member of his partner's family. John was a Child Migrant sent to Kingsley Fairbridge Farm School Western Australia at the age of 10 years. He landed at Fremantle on March 20th 1928.

Bruce saw John's records and discovered that the School had been closed in 1982 and Grand Lodge Western Australia rescued and saved it for future generations in 1984. Grand Lodge WA still manages the facility today as a School Museum and Holiday Centre for groups of children who now stay in the original buildings, updated to modern standards, and where they do



Above (left to right) WBro Kabir Ramasary, WM WBro Glenn Swift, WBro Bruce Burrows, JW Bro Chris Nicholls.

not start their days as John did with a cold shower at 6am.

Bruce visited the Grand Lodge of WA, had a guided tour, and then went on to make a visit to Fremantle Lodge No 2 WAC consecrated in 1865 as No 1033 E.C.

The main business of the lodge held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 was to Pass Bro Nathan Medford; Bruce saw the ceremony conducted in

an excellent manner and with the Brethren clearly enjoying themselves under the direction of their Master WBro Glenn Swift.

The Festive Board was a total delight with Bruce seated on the right of the W.M. The meal was excellent, prepared by the Brethren and one of the wives, and with as much beer and wine as required. Bruce gave the response on behalf of the visitors, and all linked hands for Auld Lang Syne. All too quickly the evening closed with Bruce totally convinced, that Freemasonry is indeed a worldwide brotherhood.

For more information about Kingsley Fairbridge search Wikipedia #Western Australia for specifics.

Lodge Funds Counselling for 200 Distressed Children

The Lodge of St George No 5978 has become the first lodge in the Province to receive a charitable enhancement from The Freemasons' Grand Charity. Money raised during WBro Andy Moore's year as Master has been enhanced and Andy was able to make a total donation of £2,500 to local charity The Lowdown.

The Lowdown offers a free and confidential drop in service for youngsters, six days a week, in Northampton. Youths can get the help and support they may need. These funds will provide over 200 one-to-one counselling sessions for local youths in need or distress. One hour can make a massive difference in a child or young adult's life; in any one hour session, the Lowdown's counsellors can positively change and sometimes save the life of a young person who is vulnerable or in crisis.

Speaking about the donation, Andy Moore, from The Lodge of St George, 5978, said



"We are delighted to be able to show our support for The Lowdown. Charitable giving is central to Freemasonry, and the Lodge of St George, along with all Northants and Hunts Freemasons, are especially happy to support organisations that give back to our local community. The Freemasons Grand Charity works on

behalf of all Freemasons in England and Wales, donating millions of pounds to worthy causes every year; and we are delighted they have joined with us in supporting The Lowdown." Every year The Freemasons Grand Charity donates over £7 million to charitable projects across England and Wales.

News From Around The Province

Howard's Way - Father Initiates Son..

Twenty five years ago, March, 1991, a young Barry Howard was duly initiated into Eleanor Cross Lodge. Twenty five years later on 11th March 2016, W Bro Barry had the most wonderful pleasure of marking this anniversary by personally initiating his son Luke into the same Lodge, during his third tenure as Worshipful Master of this fine old Lodge.

For father and son, this evening was very special, comprising of fine ritual, and on occasions was quite emotional as one would expect. Many personal friends of the Worshipful Master were invited, including the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Max Bayes and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Wayne Williams, who delivered the Charge to the Initiate in a most eloquent and exemplary manner.

W Bro Barry Howard (right) pictured above with his son, Bro Luke Howard.

The Festive Board which followed was indeed a very warm and celebrative occasion



W Bro Barry Howard (right) pictured above with his son, Bro Luke Howard.



Bro Luke Howard (centre) pictured below with his father, W Bro Barry Howard, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, VW Bro John Pagella, Grand Superintendent of Works & Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Wayne Williams.

which included a fine and indeed memorable rendition of the Initiates Song by Eleanor Cross Lodge member, Bro Roby Kenna. Bro Luke responded to a very heartfelt and emotional

toast by his father in a very confident and concise manner, leaving little doubt that he really is a 'chip off the old block'. What next, one may wonder, in this Howard family saga in another 25 years' time?

Towcester

Towcester Lodges Support for Youth Coffee House

The Towcester Youth Coffee House Project runs a drop in centre for children of secondary school age. It is located close to the biggest concentration of social housing in Towcester and a primary school where 20% of pupils qualify for free school meals.

The Coffee Shop exists to provide a safe environment for children and young people in which they can develop their physical, mental and social skills, reduce the instance of anti-social behaviour and underage drinking caused by lack of recreational facilities.

On Wednesday 23rd March 2016 as Freemasonry approaches its three hundred year anniversary, Towcester Freemasons presented a cheque for £1,000 to the Youth Coffee House Charity Chairman Miss Charlie Fagan and Vice Chairman Mrs Pauline Bains.

The Coffee Shop has always relied on raising its money from



L to R - Bro Richard Stokes, WBro Graham Minett, Mrs Pauline Bains, Miss Charlie Fagan, WBro Andy Lowe, WBro Chris Mullen, at the back WBro Bob Cox.

the local community and on the participation of volunteers to keep running costs to a minimum and keep its doors open. The Coffee Shop is currently raising funds for renovation and redevelopment

of the facility to increase the opening times and ensuring it will remain as a volunteer based organisation whose operational costs are funded entirely from local contributions.

News From Around The Province

Oundle

Masonic Blood Bikers

On the 10th April this year W Bro Alan Cox (of Graham Milton Lodge 9796) and his wife held a Ladies Luncheon at Wadenoe House Hotel.

The event was well attended and in every respect was a great success particularly the charitable giving of the Brethren and guests which raised £511.

As Graham Milton is the Lodge of motorcycle enthusiast the WM and his wife thought it would be appropriate to make a donation to SERV OBN (details below)..

In recent times, Graham Milton has initiated three active members of SERV all of whom show great potential in the Craft. The Lodge is very fortunate to have them as members. These guys are known as the "Boold Bikers", they voluntarily give their time and resources, getting out of their beds and jumping on motor bikes in the middle of the night if



necessary.

Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers (SERV) – Oxford, Bucks, Berks and Northants

The Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Northamptonshire (SERV OBN) - provides a free out of hours rapid transport service of blood, blood products, medication, medical equipment and

donor breast milk between NHS establishments within our region.

Their region includes the NHS establishments from the National Blood Service, Birmingham in the north to Wexham Park Hospital in the south, Royal Berkshire in the east and Stoke Mandeville west. Recent deliveries/ collections have been as far afield as Papworth, Swindon, Great Ormond Street, NBS Colindale and Heatherwood, Ascot.

Peterborough

Baker's Dozen

On Monday 16th May, a "Baker's Dozen" of brethren made their way from Peterborough to Baker's Hall in London to attend a special meeting of the Laus

Deo Lodge No. 4821. This lodge is the Masonic lodge of the Worshipful Company of Bakers.

The special occasion was the presentation of a sixty year service award to W. Bro. Lionel Springett who is also a member of Petriburg Lodge.

W. Bro. Lionel was initiated by his father into the Laus Deo Lodge in 1956.

Pictured from left to right are: W. Bro. Simon Springett (Sec), W. Bro. Colin Barrow (Met G.Ins), W. Bro. Lionel Springett.



News From The Holy Royal Arch

A Fine Day At Supreme Grand Chapter

On Thursday 28 April, a strong contingent from Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire, led by our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams descended

on the Annual Investiture at Supreme Grand Chapter. Aside from the appointment of the new 3rd Grand Principal, the occasion was particularly special as the Deputy Grand Superintendent, E Comp Mike Coleman, was promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer and the 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp George Clayton,

was appointed to Past Grand Standard Bearer. After the investiture was complete, there was an excellent lunch at the Connaught Rooms with over 700 Companions dining and it gave those from Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire a chance to celebrate E Comps Mike and George's very special day.



Above (l to r): 3rd Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp Mark Constant, Deputy Grand Superintendent, E Comp Mike Coleman, Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams & 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp George Clayton

Tony Norman's Incredible 43 year Journey from Initiation to Exaltation.

In 1973, Tony Norman of Podington was Initiated into Risdene Lodge. Two years later, an agenda item at his Lodge was to present him with his Grand Lodge Certificate. For reasons unknown, this presentation was deferred to a later date, much later in fact, for he finally received his GL Certificate thirty one years later in 2006.

E Comp Tony has enjoyed a truly 'chequered' existence throughout his daily life, battling several health problems over the years, which included a heart attack at the age of thirty three. He is currently suffering severe sight problems and was registered blind four years ago. Contrastingly, he has enjoyed a glittering career in business at the highest levels, culminating in the position of Executive Chairman of the Marriot Construction Group.

Throughout his 43 years in Freemasonry, Tony has found it to be a 'sanctuary' from the pressures of his work, a bolthole from business, somewhere to truly relax, unwind with his peers and enjoy our fraternity.



Following retirement, and on strong recommendations from his friends, he finally took the decision to complete his masonic journey, that fourth and final stage of Pure Antient Masonry, in the firm belief that

'It's never too late'. He was duly Exalted into Whytevell Chapter 8400 on 5th April 2016, thus ending a quest, 43 years in the making, to fully enjoy the wonderful Companionship that is The Holy Royal Arch.

News From The Holy Royal Arch

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent's Certificate of Meritorious Service Award to Ex Comp Stan Wilford – PGStB

On Monday 20 June 2016, on the final run-up to the annual convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter, the MEGS, E Comp Wayne Williams, together with his Executive, was delighted to travel to Wellingborough, in order to present this very special award to E Comp Stan at his home in Wellingborough. It would be extremely difficult to find a more deserving recipient of this prestigious honour.

E Comp Stan's glittering masonic career began some 65 years ago on being initiated into the John Pyel Lodge No. 5195 in 1952. He then went on to be Exalted into the Wellingborough Chapter No. 737 in 1965. Having been the recipient of a Royal Arch Jubilee Certificate in September 2015, marking his 50 years of exemplary service to the Holy Royal Arch, this award reflects his commitment, dedication, and



unfailing encouragement he has always shown to younger and less experienced Companions. He is admired, respected, and held in such high regard by his peers and indeed by all those who enjoy the privilege of knowing him. On presenting the award, the citation was formally read out by the PrGScE Designate, E Comp David Brown, in a most commendable manner. Thanks to his wife Jessie, this presentation came as a

complete surprise to E Comp Stan who clearly enjoyed his very special morning. E Comp Stan, for health reasons, will unfortunately be unable to attend Provincial Grand Chapter, but there is little doubt that he will, on Thursday, be quietly raising a glass of something rather special, in celebration of his richly deserved preferment and, of course, to the very good health of his many friends and Companions.

News From The Holy Royal Arch

Provincial Grand Chapter 2016 Convocation

The annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter on Thursday 23 June 2016 was, yet again, another special occasion. It was, as has become the norm, very well attended and the occasion was graced by the attendance of the ME 2nd Grand Principal, E Comp Russell Race, making his first visit to the Province since his installation in November 2015. There were a further 70 guests from other Provinces including no less than 13 Grand Superintendents. After the appointments and promotions had been made, the ME 2nd Grand Principal was invited to address the Convocation. During his address, he was particularly keen to stress the importance of membership numbers and that we all need to do our bit to ensure that we look after and retain Companions in our Chapters. He also noted that this Province enjoys a strong, healthy relationship with the Craft and how valuable such a relationship is for the Holy Royal Arch. During the course of his own address, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent thanked all of those Active Provincial Officers who had supported him over the course of this season. He took time



express his thanks to E Comp Barry Hadley for his superb contribution in the Provincial office over the last 10 years and wished him well as Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah. E Comp Tony Greene stood down as Provincial Grand Treasurer after 11 years and his dedication to ensuring the Province's finances were well run was acknowledged too. E Comp John Payne, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and his team were congratulated for the excellent way in which they ensured the Convocation ran smoothly. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent advised the Companions

present that he had presented his Certificate of Meritorious Service to E Comp Stan Wilford earlier in the week with his Executive team. He spoke very warmly about E Comp Stan and said that this well deserved award reflected an above and beyond contribution over a significant number of years. During the course of the Festive Board, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent made a special presentation of an engraved Crystal Decanter to the ME 2nd Grand Principal to mark his first visit to the Province. Below: ME 2nd Grand Principal, E Comp Russell Race, replying to his toast and pictured with our Provincial Executive.

What Do You Do With Your Used Home

Recycle Charity

Why not put them in the pre-paid Recycle4Charity envelope available at your local Masonic centre and post it. Its as simple as that.

Makes you can recycle include HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung, Neopost. Please don't send Epson or Kodak cartridges as they are actually ink tanks, not inkjets and unfortunately are not on the wanted

list. Laser or toner cartridges are also not accepted.

Inkjet cartridges must be in suitable condition to be recycled. Only virgin cartridges on the wanted items list raise money for charity when recycled.

All inkjet cartridges must pass a visual inspection & electrical test. "Virgin Cartridges" mean cartridges which have not been refilled before and carry only the original equipment manufacturers branding.

Do's and Don't

- ✓ No damage.
- ✓ Have been labelled for another brand like Tesco, PC World or Office Depot.
- ✓ No labels removed or extra holes.
- ✓ No laser or toner cartridges.

Cartridges don't have a donation value if they:

- ✗ HP, Dell, Lexmark, Canon, Samsung and Neopost.
- ✗ Be in suitable condition.
- ✗ Not been refilled before.
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Social Media Links



Our Province continues to develop its Social Media presence via Facebook and Twitter.

While Social Media is not something that everyone wants to use, we are trying to ensure that those who would like to keep up to date with all Provincial matters through Facebook and Twitter have all the details that they need.

The official Provincial Twitter account can be found by clicking on www.twitter.com/



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and if you want to stay updated on all Royal Arch matters then their Twitter feed can be found at www.twitter.com/nhpgchapter

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the Provincial Communications Committee, as a friend and he will then add you as a member to the group.

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