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Summer 2014

Charity Really Is Beginning at Home

You will recall that in a personal letter to each of us at the beginning of the last Masonic season, and on many occasions since, the Provincial Grand Master has asked us to remember that, first and foremost, we are a fraternal organisation. This means that we should seriously consider our internal needs and our obligation to satisfy these needs with appropriate donations. Such causes include the Provincial Building Fund, the Provincial Grand Charity and Teddies for Loving Care. Once we are satisfied we have fulfilled our obligation to these internal needs we can turn our charitable efforts to making donations to worthy and deserving causes outside Freemasonry.

The Province in general, and the Provincial Grand Master in particular, have been especially pleased with the reaction to this appeal. During the last Masonic year generous donations have been made to the Provincial Building Fund, the Provincial Grand Charity, Teddies for Loving Care and the Friends of Devonshire Court.

This generosity of individuals and Lodges throughout the Province will go a long way towards ensuring we can all continue to enjoy our Freemasonry in Masonic buildings that have a secure future, the Provincial Grand Charity can continue to support worthy causes, children traumatised by accident or illness can be reassured by a cuddly friend in the form of a teddy bear and life can be more fulfilling for the elderly residents of Devonshire Court.

Numerous causes outside Freemasonry have also been supported. The Provincial Grand Master has been particularly keen that the Province should give generously to the children's charity, Lifelites. The response to his appeal has been nothing short of magnificent. Lodges and individuals from the length and breadth of the Province have walked, run, jumped or generally fund raised for this worthy cause. This tremendous cumulative effort meant that during the Masonic year just ended the Province raised over £20,000 for Lifelites.

If you have not yet been part of this effort there is still time. These Provincial charity objectives will carry over to the forthcoming Masonic season during which we can ensure charity continues to begin at home and build on this great success.



Message from the Provincial Grand Master

Having arrived at the end of another busy Masonic season, I believe that we can look back on a very successful and enjoyable period. We have all worked extremely hard at Recruitment, Retention and latterly, Retrieval and I am delighted that our numbers are gradually increasing. This reflects the success of our Lodge Information Evenings and our Initiates Evenings. I think it so important to increase our membership numbers as the more we are, the easier it is to maintain our buildings and support the charities that need our help. Those of us who enjoy Freemasonry and derive so much satisfaction from our membership, should quite naturally wish other worthy men to experience this pleasure. As long as we ensure that new members are joining for the correct reasons and are genuinely worthy of membership, then let us push on. Other parts of the country are finding great difficulty in maintaining membership numbers so let us be an example of what can be achieved with a lot of hard work.



Provincial Grand Master;
RW Bro Max Bayes

We have recently enjoyed two very special events with Provincial Grand Lodge on 15th May and then the Three Counties promotions meeting the following week. It was good for me to be present this year! I am sure that all who attended enjoyed the events and I again congratulate all brethren who received their appointments and promotions. I received numerous letters of thanks and congratulations from our many distinguished guests. Provincial Grand Lodge is the occasion on which we declare ourselves to our neighbouring Provinces and I was well satisfied with our performance. My sincere appreciation goes to the Provincial Office for the superb organisation and my thanks to the many brethren who gave so much time and effort to make the day a success.

Having now been resident in our Sheaf Close premises for over a year I believe that things have settled down well. There have been, naturally, some hiccups but I believe that these have all been resolved satisfactorily. Our failure to sell the land was a setback but we are comfortable with our financial situation and there will further developments with the land over the coming months.

Brethren, enjoy the summer break and the various social occasions that occur during our close season. Then come back refreshed for what I am sure will be another successful and rewarding season. I wish you all well.

RW Bro W Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master

Provincial Grand Master's Diary

No	Lodge	Meeting Type	Date
8844	Anglo Scottish	Installation Meeting	09/09/2014
9048	Harmony	Installation Meeting	10/09/2014
3964	Dr Oliver	Installation Meeting	26/09/2014
9367	Burghley	Installation Meeting	08/10/2014
9740	Webb Ellis	Regular Meeting	14/10/2014
8526	Lactodorum	Installation Meeting	16/10/2014
8041	Abington	Installation Meeting	18/10/2014
9278	Three Counties	Regular Meeting	27/10/2014
2996	Peterborough & Counties	Installation Meeting	18/11/2014
8774	Sothius	Regular Meeting	19/11/2014

2014 Grand Lodge Appointments & Promotions

At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Charity on Saturday 8 March 2014 the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, was delighted to announce the following appointments, promotions and reappointments to Grand Lodge which took place on Wednesday 30 April 2014.

Receiving First Appointments to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

- W Bro John Rivett, Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden, Heigham Lodge No 8486
- W Bro Bill Wright, Provincial Grand Almoner, Abington Lodge No 8481

Receiving Promotions

- W Bro Richard Davis, Three Counties Lodge No 9278, to Past Grand Sword Bearer
- W Bro Samuel Manby, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422, to Past Junior Grand Deacon

Reappointments

- W Bro James Newman, Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570, being reappointed as President of the RMBI
- W Bro Rev Tony Avery, Lodge of St George No 5978, being reappointed Deputy Grand Chaplain

Sulgrave Lodge Celebrates in New York

On Friday 13 June nine UK members of Sulgrave Lodge No 9462 were in New York to help Britannia Lodge No 1166 (Grand Lodge of State of New York) celebrate its 50th Anniversary after its consecration on 12 June 1964.

It was from the outstanding success of an early informal visit to Britannia Lodge in 1990 that RW Bro Brian Smith PPGM promoted the idea of consecrating a Lodge in this Province to promote Anglo/American relationships. As a consequence, Sulgrave Lodge – named after the south-west Northamptonshire village of the same name and the ancestral home of the Washington family – was consecrated in April 1992.



St James' Bible upon which George Washington took his oath

Fifty year celebrations in New York at the Installation Meeting of Britannia Lodge were graced with the presence of MW Bro William J Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and members of his Grand Line. The Ceremony took place in the magnificent surroundings of the Renaissance Room in the Grand Lodge building at 71 West 23rd Street. On display during the entire meeting was the St John's Bible owned by St John's Lodge No 1 and upon which George Washington took his oath of office on 30 April 1789 and launched the Presidency of the United States. It has since been used by many later Presidents on other State occasions and remains under the very strict stewardship of St John's Lodge. At Washington's inauguration, a Bible had been overlooked. W Bro Jacob Morton, WM of St John's Lodge and a member of the presidential party, quickly retrieved the Lodge Bible. It has been put to similar use ever since.

The UK party were joined in New York by W Bro Denis Nail of Socrates and Sulgrave Lodges. He has returned to his native Pennsylvania but retains

his memberships under UGLE until, hopefully, his return to the UK in due course.



Renaissance Room, Grand Lodge New York

During the celebrations and at the Ladies' Evening held on the Saturday, members of Sulgrave Lodge were called to participate in a number of formal toasts and responses and to good effect! Before dispersing on Tuesday 17 June and travelling on to their various destinations, a trip to Philadelphia had been arranged to visit the Grand Lodge building for the State of Pennsylvania – a second visit for a few of the UK party but still nonetheless a quite amazing experience as they enjoyed a private tour conducted by the Aide to the Grand Master and Superintendent of the Masonic Temple.



(l to r) W Bro Dick Voller, W Bro Tony Greene, VW Bro Wayne Williams, W Bro David Tempest, Mrs Carol Voller, and W Bro Denis Nail

Local Brethren taking part in the visit were RW Bro Brian Smith, VW Bro Wayne Williams, W Bro Michael Richards, W Bro Tony Greene, W Bro John Cox, W Bro David Tempest, W Bro Denis Nail, W Bro Dick Voller and W Bro Jimmy Pigden.

Larger Legacy to Charity Means Your Heirs Get More Too!

A change to the law in 2012 has largely passed unnoticed despite, in certain circumstances, being unusually generous to charity supporters. Carolyn Bagley of Hewitsons LLP solicitors explains:

This is the relief from Inheritance Tax ("IHT" - the tax payable on death), whereby people who leave a certain amount in their Will to charity, obtain a benefit for their heirs: the rest of their estate is taxed at only 36%, instead of the usual 40%. In itself this is a help for those whose family would pay IHT on their death. Two little known quirks make it even better news! HMRC can end up paying your family....



The amount that needs to be left is not the headline "10%" of your estate, but instead is only 10% of a considerably lower "baseline" figure. For a married couple with an estate of £750,000, the benefit can be obtained through a legacy of £10,000 on the second death: most of that legacy would effectively be paid by HMRC through the IHT relief and so would cost the heirs a relatively small sum. The couple could give £10,000 to charity, but only £2,400 of it would come from their children's inheritance.

Even better news: if you are already leaving a certain amount to charity and you increase it to the 10% of "baseline", then your heirs will actually inherit MORE than if you hadn't increased the legacy! The magic number is where the legacy is increased from 4% (or more) of baseline up to 10% of baseline; your charity gets more and so do your heirs. Win-win! (For everyone except HMRC).

Surely there's a catch? Well, the wording needed in the Will is complicated, and in some cases so is the calculation, but your solicitor's fees are likely to be far less than the extra your heirs will receive – see below.

Net estate	850,000
Nil Rate Band of Couple	(650,000)
"Baseline" amount	200,000

LEGACY as % OF BASELINE	4%	6%	10%
Charity gets	8,000	12,000	20,000
HMRC gets	76,800	75,200	64,800
Heirs get	765,200	762,800	765,200

This is an outline guide only and any action should not be based solely on the information given here. Appropriate professional advice should always be taken in specific instances.

First Meeting of Almoners' Association

Attended by more than sixty Almoners from across the Province the first meeting of the newly formed Almoners' Association was held at Sheaf Close on Saturday 14 June 2014. It was opened by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes who said the Almoners position was assuming an ever increasing importance and was a vital part of Freemasonry.



Almoners attending the meeting

The meeting was addressed by Judy Morrow of the RMBI on the subject of counselling bereavement. There was also a presentation by W Bro Gerry McLaughlin with an overview of work being carried out that will result in Lodge Almoners being able to access contacts and information to help them with their duties. For further details of the Almoners Association, please contact W Bro David Tempest, 24 Ellesmere Avenue, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5NW, 01604 756065, 07712 536777, dtempest@talktalk.net

Masonic Donation to Woodlands Cancer Centre



Representatives of Huntingdon and St Ives Lodges present the £6,100

Bros John Long, Mick Jolly and Buster Evans and the Provincial Grand Charity.

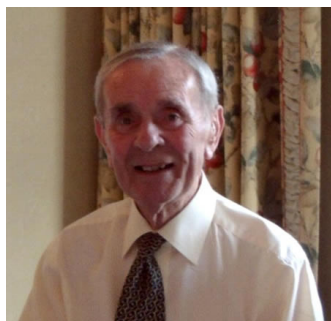
Huntingdon and St Ives Lodges recently joined together in a fund raising initiative for the Woodlands Cancer Centre at Hinchbrook Hospital. Socrates Lodge, Sothius Lodge, St Ivo Lodge, Samuel Peyps Lodge and Meridian Lodge took part.

They were also supported by Huntingdon Council of Royal and Select Masters and by personal donations from W

In Memoriam - Edward Roy CLARK -1927 to 2014

It was with great sadness that the passing to the Grand Lodge above of E Comp Roy Clark on 16 February 2014 was announced.

He was 86 years old, born in Lincoln and educated at the City School, Lincoln. He then attended Lincoln School of Art and Leicester School of Art. After moving to Peterborough from Lincoln, he was a teacher of art at Deacons School, became head of Art and finally Head of the Lower School. He exhibited his works both locally and in Norfolk.



The late E Comp Roy Clark

He was a family man, married to Joan and had two sons.

He was initiated into Fitzwilliam Lodge No 2533 on 5 May 1960 becoming its Worshipful Master in 1975. He gained Grand Rank in the Craft in 1986 eventually becoming Deputy Grand Sword Bearer. He was a founder member of Thomas Deacon Lodge No 9126 in 1984, a member of the Three Counties Lodge No 9278, Northants and Hunts Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422 and St Peter's Chapter No 442.

His Masonic career progressed in the Holy Royal Arch and he was appointed Grand Superintendent in 1990, a post he held until 1997. It was appropriate therefore that his Jubilee Certificate was presented by the present Most Excellent Grand Superintendent E Comp Wayne Williams at Fitzwilliam Lodge on 6 May 2010.

Ill Health No Barrier to E Comp Alan Walder Receiving Past Z's Jewel



E Comps Alan Walder
& Neville Whitehead

When he was MEZ of Buckby Castle Chapter, E Comp Alan Walder was unable to attend the Installation of his successor because of ill health. In fact he had been undergoing treatment as he progressed through the Principals' Chairs.

Due to his continuing ill health he is unable to attend the Chapter. However, the Past Zs of the Chapter felt it essential that he presented with his Past Z's jewel. The present MEZ, E Comp Neville Whitehead and E Comp Ken Rapkin, the present Second Principal, with E Comp Robin Hitchcock recently went to the home of E Comp Walder where the MEZ was pleased to present him with his jewel, for which he was most grateful.

Souper Donation by Vale of Nene

The Brethren of the Vale of Nene Lodge No 7006, were recently pleased to be able to donate £1000 to the Peterborough Soup Kitchen.



(l to r) Ian Davies, John Mills, Rowena & W Bro Ian Nicholls

The donation, which included support from The Provincial Grand Charity, will help in supporting this charity, which is run entirely by volunteers. They aim to provide the homeless and destitute people in Peterborough with a hot meal once a day, six days a week throughout the year. Demand on their services is increasing and they currently provide around 50 meals a day – or about 15,000 a year.

Chairman Ian Davies commented, “In the face of dwindling support from the local authority this donation will go some way to help overcome our shortfall in funding to provide some relief to the needy in the City.”

Celebration for Trio of Blood Brothers

Earlier this year, members of the Rockingham Forest Lodge in Kettering witnessed W Bro Ian Langford, install his brother Neil as Worshipful Master, supported by their brother, Bro Chris Langford, visiting from De Carteret Lodge in Jersey.



(l to r) Bro Chris Langford, W Bro Neil Langford & W Bro Ian Langford

W Bro Neil required a special dispensation before he was permitted to occupy this chair as he was already occupying the chair of Metropolitan Lodge, Iris.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master and a very special evening was enjoyed by all.

Jubilee Certificate Congratulations

On Mon 17 March 2014 at the meeting of St John's Lodge in Northampton the Lodge helped W Bro Alan Stewart celebrate his 60 years as a Freemason. Among the many visitors was Bro Alan's son, W Bro Christopher Stewart.

W Bro Bob Allison was pleased to present Bro Alan with his Golden Jubilee Certificate and gave a resume of Bro Alan's Masonic career as an accountant before moving to the Isle of Man. Proposed by his father, W Bro LE Stewart, he was initiated in St John's Lodge (then meeting at the Princess Street Masonic Hall) on 15 February 1954, aged 24 years. He progressed through the offices and in 1966 reached the WM Chair. In 1973 he became a founder member of Lactodorum Lodge No 8526 in Towcester and remained a member until 1991. In 1974 he became a founder member of Danetre Lodge No 8594 in Daventry. By 1978 he had joined St Maughold Lodge No 1075 on the Isle of Man and remained a member until 1991. He was a Founder member of the Isle of Man Lodge of Installed Masters No 9598 in 1995 and its WM in 1998. Bro Alan is also a member of various other orders and has completed over 50 years as a member of the Holy Royal Arch.



W Bros Bob Allison & Alan Stewart



RW Bro Max Bayes & W Bro Desmond Jones

At the meeting of Pomfret Lodge No 360 on 1 May W Bro Desmond Jones celebrated his 60 years in Freemasonry. To commemorate the occasion, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes presented him with his Jubilee Certificate and offered him many congratulations.

He was initiated in Pomfret Lodge on 6 May 1954, became its Worshipful Master in 1967 and an Honorary Member on 6 April 2006. For many years he was the Lodge's Secretary. On 30 September 1982 he was a founder member of the Lodge of Harmony No 9048 and is also a member of Northampton Chapter No 360. He joined the

Earl Bathurst Lodge No 6313 In Province of Gloucestershire on 5 March 1984.

Since the presentation, W Bro Desmond has received his second Diamond Jubilee certificate, this time in the Province of Gloucestershire when a similar evening was held on Tuesday 6 May in Cirencester. The Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire, RW Bro Adrian Davies JP presented W Bro Jones with his certificate and a promotion to PPSGW (Gloucestershire).

W Bro Michael John Amps of St Wilfrid Lodge No 4453 has also completed 60 years of loyal and dedicated to Freemasonry in the Province and we heartily congratulate him.

Several Brethren have completed 50 years in Freemasonry and we sincerely congratulate them too. They are

- W Bro Samuel Robert Howell of Vale of Welland Lodge No 8845
- W Bro Roger William Cheney of Old Kimboltonians' Lodge No 7204
- W Bro Leonard Douglas Hinderer of Old Northamptonian Lodge No 5694
- W Bro Denis Rideout of Sulgrave Lodge No 9462
- W Bro David Herbert Bosworth of Lodge of Perseverance No 455
- W Bro Gerald Mitchley Hughes of Peterborough



W Bro David Bosworth receives
his Jubilee Certificate
from RW Bro Max Bayes PGM



W Bro Peter Jones receives
his Jubilee Certificate
from W Bro Gerry Crawford ProvGChStwd

Commemorative Plaque Dedicated at Euston Chapter



E Comps Wayne Williams,
Del Pearson & Derek Young

At the convocation of Euston Chapter No 2283 on 4 February 2014 a special plaque in commemoration of the Holy Royal Arch Bicentennial Celebrations was dedicated by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams.

The production of the plaque was the idea of the Chapter's Scribe E, E Comp Del Pearson. He enlisted the assistance of E Comp Derek Young who designed the plaque and E Comp John Pinkney Chapter IPZ who made it.

Later in the Convocation E Comp Derek Young was presented with his Chapter Jubilee Certificate.

Reach for Health by Daventry Lodges

Each year the Daventry Lodges agree on a worthy charity for their joint donation. This year it was the Reach for Health Gym in Daventry. For 16 years it has been working with local doctors and health professionals to provide monitored remedial exercise and



(l to r) W Bro Rick Hill (WM Danetre lodge), W Bro Paul Justice (WM Buckby Castle Lodge), Gym founder Wadge Grzelak, W Bro Paul Phillips (WM Coritani Lodge) and W Bro Dick Godwin (Group Officer and coordinator of the annual appeal) - a regular user of the Gym (& shadow of his former self)

physiotherapy for victims recovering from heart attacks, strokes, joint replacement or brain injury. It also helps those coping with diabetes, arthritis, asthma or COPD, or with pain or weight management. The Provincial Grand Charity generously matched the donation, enabling them to present a cheque for £3,000 to the Gym's founder, Wadge Grzelak.

PPGM, RW Bro Peter Palmer's 102nd Birthday



Tuesday 11 March 2014 was the 102nd birthday of our Past Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Peter Palmer.

W Bro David Tempest, with members of RW Bro Peter's family, helped him celebrate at his flat at the Brampton View Care Home in Northampton.

George & Dragon Players Do It Again!

The Demonstration Team of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Province have surpassed their previous achievements by writing and producing a new play. 'In The Beginning...' portrays how the RMBI struggled into existence and depicts the twenty years wrangling between the Grand Master, The Duke of Sussex (who had decided on an annuity) and Dr Robert Crucifix (whose conviction was to provide an asylum for worthy, aged and distressed freemasons).



Members of the George & Dragon Players

This informative play lasts about fifty minutes, is ideal for non-Masonic organisations and is a wonderful way to spread the word about our fraternal activities and how we care for our Masonic family. One reviewer said, "... an entertaining, instructive and amusing play of just the right length! I was interested all the way through!"

The George & Dragon Players also present

- 'Lodge Night 1759' - an interesting historical re-enactment of our forefather's efforts and behaviour!
- 'How and Why The Royal Arch' - an enactment of what may have taken place in the creation of Holy Royal Arch Masonry. The barman's observations are absolutely wonderful!
- 'The Working Tools of a Mason', - a demonstration by an Operative Brother Mason with narrative by a Free and Accepted Brother (watch out for the chips!).

To book a performance please contact W Bro Simon Harker, sbharker2000@yahoo.co.uk, 01933 357 431

Masonic Boost for Gymnastics in Huntingdon



(l to r) W Bro Richard Koronowski, W Bro Norman Papworth (Sothius Lodge ChStwd), Paul Hall & W Bro Michael Carrington (WM St Ivo Lodge)

Members of St Ives and Sothius Lodges have raised £1,450 to give a boost to gymnastics in Huntingdon.

Huntingdon Gymnastics Club has nurtured talent such as Olympic gymnasts Dan Keating and Louis Smith MBE. It has been fund raising for a new hall. In his year in the chair of Sothius Lodge W Bro Richard Koronowski said he wanted to support this valuable local facility and presented the cheque to Head Coach, Paul Hall.

Saints' Trophies on Show at Fund Raising Walk



Perseverance members & supporters for the walk with Saints mascot & Premiership & Amlin trophies

Lodge of Perseverance member Bro John Newman suffered a stroke a year ago. He and his wife Shirley organised a charity walk around Pitsford Reservoir on Sunday 6 July for local Kettering charities. They raised over £3,000 some of which will be donated to Kettering General Hospital Stroke Unit.

John's brother Dave Lennie Newman, a former Saints player and fellow Perseverance member, was able to arrange for the Saints mascot, Bernie, & both the Premiership & Amlin trophies to be on show.

Thought About an Oration Team Presentation for Your Lodge?



W Bro Mike Gorrod
Provincial Grand Orator

Are you planning your Lodge's work programme for the new season? If so, have you given thought to having a lecture or presentation from the Provincial Orations team?

They have an extensive range of presentations which cover the three degrees as well as more general aspects of Freemasonry. These lectures are well delivered by one or more of an experienced team and allow Masons of all levels of experience to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

For more information on what is available contact W Bro Mike Gorrod, Provincial Grand Orator; 01536 51370, m.gorrod@btinternet.com, or Administrator, W Bro Duncan Childs, 07771816655, duncan.childs@meadows-co.co.uk

Mason's Efforts Add Up to Lodge Treasurer's Guide

When he became a Mason, W Bro Paul Sparks was asked about his profession. As an accountant, everyone seemed to know what his job would be within the Lodge. Lo and behold he became the Treasurer of his Lodge – Dr Field No 8158 - after his first year as Worshipful Master. As an accountant the thought of becoming Lodge Treasurer did not faze him. After a number of years in the role and seeing many sets of Lodge accounts he found there was no set format. He concluded that, although they often do not have a very full understanding of what is required or how a set of accounts are created, Brethren are motivated to become Treasurer through a desire to help their Lodge. There is usually a very short list of volunteers.



W Bro Paul Sparks

After a Tweet by Lewis Masonic publishers asking for someone to write a book for the guidance of the Lodge Treasurer, Paul offered to help and has produced a guide to make the Treasurer's work less daunting. Featuring a dedication by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, the book, "A Guide for the Masonic Treasurer", expands on the guidance given in Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions issued by the United Grand Lodge of England with the aid of worked examples and checklists. Paul hopes his guide will be a useful tool for new Treasurers and, once read, will take some of the dread out of the thought of becoming the Lodge Treasurer.

Coritani Lodges £1,000 Food Bank Deposit

The Vineyard Centre on Daventry's High March Estate is one of only two food banks in Northamptonshire. It fulfils the very real needs for individuals and family people in the Daventry area who have fallen on hard times and are struggling to afford sufficient food.

Anyone visiting them cannot fail to be impressed by the scale of the work they do as well as their professionalism.

Referrals from such bodies such as then Citizens' Advice Bureau, Social Services and Bromford support, has steadily increased over the years rising to over 500 in 2013. With the support of the Provincial Grand Charity, Coritani Lodge was able to donate £1,000 to the Vineyard Centre. The cheque was handed over to the Food Bank's Manager, Barry Preece, by Coritani Lodge's IPM, W Bro Paul McGregor. This donation will go a long way to reducing the hardship suffered by many local people.



(l to r) Coritani Lodge's IPM, W Bro Paul McGregor, with Vineyard Centre Manager, Barry Preece

The Joy of Fishing

This Province is fortunate in having a thriving branch of the Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity. Masons and non Masons alike combine to give needy children a special day out doing what they all enjoy - fishing.



The photograph shows the joy on the face of the recipient of a fishing day certificate when the certificates was presented to them by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W Bro Gerry Crawford, at the first outing for our local branch this year in May at Ringstead Grange. The branch is always looking for those who might be

willing to help out on their fishing days throughout the Spring and Summer months.

Heigham Lodge Support for Headway

Headway East Northants is a small independent charity providing support and services to individuals, family members and carers affected by brain injury. It has an Activity Centre in Irthlingborough, in the heart of East Northants, helping people with problems involving cognition, memory, communication and behaviour.

Because of support received during 2013, Headway East Northants has been able to transform the Activity Centre from a tired and worn environment to a clean and fresh one. The charity can now help people in their own homes as well as in the Centre. With plans in place for further improvements in 2014, the Charity was delighted to be contacted by W Bro Neil Arrowsmith of Heigham Lodge 8486 which meets at nearby Rushden. During Neil's year as Worshipful Master he and his wife Catherine decided to raise funds for Headway East Northants because of their connections with people with brain injuries.

W Bro Neil said, "We wanted to support a deserving local charity whose aims are close to our hearts. We raised £3,000 to which our Provincial Grand Charity very generously added £2,000, bringing the total to £5,000."

Neil and Catherine presented the charity with the £5,000 cheque.



Pictured are Catherine and Neil Arrowsmith with Dawn and one of her assistants

Dawn, Services Manager at Headway East Northants said, "It is only with the kindness of our supporters that we are able to continue to provide a quality service for our clients as well as make enhancements to that service. We cannot thank Neil and the members of the Heigham Lodge enough for this kind and very generous donation. We can now start planning for 2014."

Official Opening of New Extension to Palmer Court



(l to r) RW Bro Max Bayes, Provincial Grand Master; Martin Clarke, Chairman of the Masonic Housing Association & Councillor Graham Lawman, Mayor of Wellingborough

Tuesday 27 May 2014 saw the official opening of the new extension adjacent to the existing Palmer Court scheme at Hatton Avenue in Wellingborough. Martin Clarke, Chairman of the Masonic Housing Association unveiled a commemorative plaque in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Max Bayes and Councillor Graham Lawman, the Mayor of the Borough of Wellingborough.

The Masonic Housing Association has completed its £1.2 million project to construct the new flats. The project has been financed entirely by the association without any grant or public subsidy

The flats are all self-contained, with a living room, kitchen and shower room and with built-in storage.

Accommodation is under one roof, with a protected main entrance door for security, but each couple has a front door to their own flat.

Occupants can make use of the existing Palmer Court Residents' Lounge and other facilities. In addition, the new flats have integral laundry facilities and the new Guest Room enables relatives to stay overnight for a very nominal charge.

Some of the flats are already let and the remainder will be offered to nominees of the Local Authority and the Masonic Housing Association's waiting list.

For further information, please contact the Scheme Manager, Mrs Jill Lett, 01933 27314, palmercourt@btinternet.com



The new extension

2014 Inter-Lodge Golf Day

Northants & Hunts Masonic Golf Society (NHMGS) held its annual Inter-Lodge Golf Day at St Neots Golf Club on Monday 16 June 2014.

Despite the blustery weather, the course was in fine condition and the golfers in good heart. The Lodge of Perseverance (Kettering) represented by Bro Chris Sparrow

and W Bro Robin Cutsforth, was the winning Lodge and the RW Bro RA Palmer silver was their prize.



Bro Richard Skillen



(l to r) W Bro Neil Sheppard, W Bro Robin Cutsforth, Bro Chris Sparrow (winners of the Palmer silver, representing the Lodge of Perseverance) & W Bro Barrie Goulding

The individual prizes were won by Richard Skillen and Mark Dutton in the low and high handicap categories respectively. During the evening meal £100 was raised for the benefit of Teddies for Loving Care. Such is the interest across the Province that preliminary plans have already been made to take this Inter-Lodge competition to Burghley Park Golf Club in 2015. More information is available from either W Bro Neil Sheppard or W Bro Barrie Goulding.

Third Generation in the Chair

At the recent meeting of Wilavestone Lodge, Bro Stephen Griggs became the 8th Master. He was the first Initiate after the Lodge's Consecration in 2007 and the first member other than a Founder to take the Chair. The outgoing Master, W Bro Chris Billington Hughes, handed over to W Bro Max Griggs to install his son. Stephen is the third generation of the family to be a Master of a Lodge in the Province. His grandfather, W Bro Bill Griggs was Master of Pemberton Lodge in 1971 and his father Max, of Heigham Lodge in 1979.



(l to r) W Bros Stephen Griggs, Max Griggs and Chris Billington Hughes

With a number of candidates awaiting Initiation, Wilavestone Lodge is looking forward to a bumper year. As to the future, Stephen has two sons

First Response Leads to Rushden LAMs Donation

Following their first year of fundraising and with the assistance of the Provincial Grand Charity, Rushden LAMs were delighted to present a cheque for £2,000 to Matt Folkes of Wollaston Community First Responders. APGM, W Bro Jim Boughton, assisted with the presentation on behalf of the Province.

The charity was chosen following a 999 call made on behalf of a LAMs member, Sonia Brown, to which Matt responded. The money will enable the First Responders to purchase two sets of equipment as they are planning to expand their activities to cover the Rushden and Irthlingborough areas. This year Rushden LAMs are supporting The Stroke Association and Northamptonshire Young Carers in addition to their fund raising for Rushden Masonic Hall.



(l to r) Matt Folkes (First Responders), Caroline Rivett (LAMs Chairman), Kathy Moss (LAMs Almoner) & W Bro Jim Boughton (APGM) with a First Response kit

Masons Reach Out



Back row l to r: E Comp Barry Cole; E Comp Billy Glover, (1st Principal); E Comp Jack Summerfield (3rd Principal); E Comp Martin Baker, (2nd Principal) and E Comp David Jackson, Deputy Grand Superintendent
Front: Linda McMeekin and daughter Carys

A cheque was presented to the local branch of REACH for £500 on behalf of the members of the Chapter of St Giles at the Corby Masonic Centre by the Principal officers of the Chapter as well as the Deputy Grand Superintendent, E Comp David Jackson and E Comp Barry Cole. Linda McMeekin area coordinator for the East Midlands Branch of REACH and daughter Carys were present to receive the cheque. Linda thanked the Masons for their kind donation.

REACH is a charity tending to the needs of children with upper limb disorders and has been supported in the past by other lodges from Corby as well as the Corby Masters charity fund.

Wheelchair Will Change Life

Members of Beneventa Lodge of Mark Master Masons, in Daventry have helped nine years old Charlie Moule who suffers from achondroplasia - a form of dwarfism - by providing a wheelchair which will greatly assist with her mobility. Anne Moule, Charlie's mother, explained that this remarkable little girl has endured 29 operations but, despite her constant pain and frustration, does things that make you think 'how did she manage to do that?'



(l to r) Brian Bell, Anne Moule, Charlie & Charles Reeve
(photo courtesy of Daventry Express - www.daventryexpress.co.uk)

The wheelchair, which arrived complete with a teddy bear sitting in it, is designed to last Charlie for the rest of her life. Immediately it will allow her to get around with her family and give a measure of independence in later life. The donation was made on behalf of the Lodge by VV Bros Brian Bell and Charles Reeve. Charlie lost no time in customising her wheelchair - decorating it with pipe cleaners - and has already taken a trip to the local library which before was only achievable with a considerable struggle.

New Senior Chapter Officers



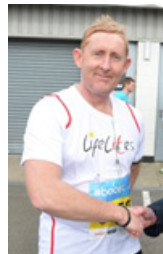
At Provincial Grand Chapter on Thursday 26 June 2014, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, appointed a new Third Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp George Clayton (left).

He also appointed a new Provincial Grand Almoner, E Comp Del Pearson (right).



Province Raises Over £20,000 for Lifelites

During the 2013/14 Masonic season fund raising for the children's charity, Lifelites has been a Provincial fund raising priority. During the season there have been various fund raising initiatives and donations from Lodges and individuals including Brethren taking part in the Silverstone Half Marathon and others walking the length of Hadrian's Wall.



(l to r) Silverstone Half Marathon runners - W Bros Jack Summerfield (Corbie Lodge No 9155), Jason Hill (Lodge of Heritage No 9344), Stephen Burton (Ferraria Lodge No 8489), Bro Mark Hunt (Grey Friars Lodge 4990) & W Bro Kevin Eastwood & Bro Graeme Soderberg - (both of Towcestrian Lodge No 9510)



(l to r) walking Hadrian's Wall - Bro Oliver Diggins, W Bro William Diggins, Bro Danny Hunt & W Bro Andy Moore

Northampton, Peterborough and Rushden LAMs raised funds through 'Ladies who Lunch for Lifelites.' Consequently, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, was delighted to attend the offices of Lifelites in Great Queen Street, London, on 11 June 2014, with the Provincial Grand Almoner, W Bro Bill Wright, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer, W Bro David Watson, and present a cheque for £15,000 on

behalf of the Province. This brought the Province's total donations to Lifelites during the 2013/14 Masonic season to over £20,000.

In making the presentation, the Provincial Grand Master said,

"Many are aware of the good work that Lifelites does in bringing fun and help to children in Hospices throughout the country and I am most proud of the way this Province has adopted Lifelites as one of its main charity aims. I congratulate all in the Province who have played a part in this magnificent effort and I am very hopeful we will continue with this initiative into the future. "



(l to r) Simone Enefer-Doy, RW Bro Max Bayes & W Bro Bill Wright

Danetre's £1,200 for Different Strokes

Different Strokes, a charity established in 1996, supports younger stroke victims. After he had recently suffered a minor stroke the Worshipful Master of Danetre Lodge, W Bro Rick Hill, became aware the charity and the excellent work they do helping stroke survivors of working age to optimise their recovery, take control of their own lives and regain as much independence as possible by offering rehabilitative services, information and advice.



Different Strokes have a nationwide network of counselling groups and exercise groups that help in the recovery process.

Rick and his family very much appreciated this support network, as do many other young stroke victims, whether it be for support, practical advice or just a reassuring chat.

As Master of Danetre Lodge, Rick was very proud of the efforts of the Lodge in raising over £600. With additional support from the Provincial Charity's beneficence Rick was able to present a cheque to Different Strokes for £1,200.

Sue Ryder Appeal



The Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice at Peterborough has been providing specialist palliative and respite care for people living with incurable illnesses for over 20 years. The wife of W Bro Ian Knox of Schola Regia Lodge spent the last days of her life there in September 2012 and the Knox family received incredible support and care. A state-of-the-art hospice is to be built in the grounds of Thorpe Hall. Ian Knox is on the fund raising Committee whose aim is to raise funds towards the £6.4m needed to accomplish this. He is undertaking various fund raising initiatives including a garden party at his home, a village quiz night and has already raised over £15,000 for the Appeal. On Sunday 6 July the Schola Regia Lodge was challenged to a cricket match by the London based Waterloo Lodge. This was duly held at the Stamford School Cricket Ground, Schola Regia Lodge emerging victorious. Over £2,500 was raised for a combination of the Sue Ryder Appeal and Masonic charities.

The Provincial Grand Charity will in due course consider supporting the Sue Ryder Appeal and, in the meantime, cheques for the benefit of the Appeal should be drawn in favour of the Provincial Grand Charity.

New Northampton Information Officer

W Bro Andy Moore has become one of the two Local Information Officers for Northampton Lodges. He is the 2013/14 Master of the Lodge of St George No 5978, having been initiated in February 2006. He is an active Mason, a member of Kingsley Chapter and progressing towards the Principals' chairs.

Andy runs his own commercial photo lab company in Northampton and his work takes him around the UK, Ireland and Europe. He enjoys travelling and music and plays the guitar - badly according to him.

A self-confessed "nerd" he enjoys all things computing and has designed websites for clients and friends, as well as the Lodge of St George. He is married to Sarah and they have three boys, Jason 12, Spencer 10, and Charlie 5 years.



He is looking forward to making a contribution towards Masonic communication in the Province.

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