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Winter 2007/08

NEW BANNERS IN OUR LODGES

Since the end of November last three of our Lodges, Wilavestone, St James & Nantahala, have had Banners dedicated. It thus seemed an opportune moment to accept an offer from VV Bro Derek Young, the DPGM, who provided the following information the history of Banners; Masonic and otherwise.

Banners, or more correctly, strips of material have long been associated with acts, methods and means of attracting attention. In pre-historic times they notified the tribe of returning warriors, stated their tribe to enemies and attracted or disturbed the wild animals being hunted for food.

Different shapes or even colours helped to distinguish one tribe from another and in times of conflict serves as a rallying point. Nothing changes, the banner today is still a source of identity and can serve as a powerful rallying point for the Society, Association, Trade Union, Regiment, Squadron, Company Protest Group, Masonic

Order or Lodge displaying the same.

It is also, in a different form, the armorial bearings of Heraldry and the flags of all Nation, both of which, in their time, have served the simple use of being a rallying point - mainly in times of conflict but now more related to ceremonial events and occasions of state.



Wilavestone Lodge Banner Dedication

Certain banners, flags and insignia within the armed forces have specific uses both in peacetime and times of war, not the least to signify an "action", or hopefully to deflect

"friendly fire" and to provide that all important "rallying point" to meet, re-group and proceed again. Ceremonial banners in the armed forces have long been prized as the Regiment's "Colours", having been presented to them in most cases, by the Sovereign and proudly paraded at least annually - many have the added battle honours of famous engagements appended to them from the inception of the Regiment.

PROVINCIAL VIEWS FROM THE PGM

Masonry through the looking glass

January again - it hardly seems possible that we are already half way through our Masonic season. The old adage that time flies when enjoying life is surely as true as ever. Half-time however gives us the opportunity to recall events past and to reflect - through our looking glass - on future aspirations.

But first, Joy and I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful, relaxing, and happy Christmas and extend our best wishes for a happy and above all a healthy year ahead. We certainly began the Festive season in splendid fashion with a quite wonderful Service of Lessons and Carols in Peterborough Cathedral in early December. A congregation of well over a thousand brethren, their families and friends together with many distinguished guests - all warmly welcomed by the new Dean, Very Rev'd. Charles Taylor - enjoyed a truly memorable occasion. Our thanks to APGM W. Bro. Max Bayes and his team for their simply perfect organisation of every aspect of the evening.

Very significant progress has also been made in recent months on many aspects of Provincial life and most especially in our Charity work. I was delighted to see a number of key grants to local charities all made possible by matching donations from several Lodges with funds from Provincial Grand Charity. These included donations for Portable ECG equipment, a School Mini-bus, Audio Books for the Blind and the Home Start Charity - all made possible by multi-Lodge donations from the Corby, Peterborough, Rushden/Wellingborough and Stamford Centres respectively. Major donations from the Northampton LAMs towards MacMillan Nurses, St. Johns Residential Home and the Gordon Robinson Trust were also matched by the Provincial Grand Charity.

Again I strongly commend this approach of networking across several Lodges to generate significant donations to local good causes and charities. This makes for a better and more cost effective use of hard earned Lodge funds for charitable purposes.

On the wider Charity front I must congratulate Lodges on the already tremendous response to the 2013 RMBI Festival Appeal. Since our March 2007 launch, and reported elsewhere in Password by Provincial Charity Steward, Iain Lauder, we have been able to identify nearly £500k of funds heading for the Festival Relief Chest - nearly 30% of our final target already. Indeed many Lodges, by virtue of superb stewardship by Charity Stewards and Brethren alike, have already reached their target whilst many more have made substantial progress towards their own targets.

I congratulate all who have made this fine start possible and again urge everyone, but everyone, to find the means, however modestly, to contribute to this so important Appeal.

The Festival sub-Committee under W. Bro. Max Bayes' chairmanship is preparing a splendid range of events and special occasions for the years ahead, not just to raise Festival funds but to raise them, with family and friends, in truly enjoyable and happy fashion. Perhaps we can even have another sponsored walk from Stamford to Brackley or between any other points on that delightful journey!!

PROVINCIAL VIEWS (Contd)

On Masonic communication matters, the Internet also provides an ideal "looking glass" through which to reflect on past and future Provincial affairs. With quite exceptional skill and innovation, W. Bro. Gerry Crawford and Bro. Paul Bass have re-designed our Web site which, as from January 1st this year, is up and running on <http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk/>. It provides a comprehensive and easily accessible directory of our organisation, its aims, objectives and activities and is a must for regular visits by us all. Our congratulations to W. Bro. Gerry and all his team on their splendid achievement.

Still looking to the future, perhaps the greatest change taking place in the Province - but not yet formally unveiled - has been the work of our very hard working cross-Province Education and Training (E and T) Committee led by Deputy PGM, V.W. Bro. Derek Young and E. and T officer, W. Bro. Reg Hirst.

I have on several occasions, both during Lodge visits and at Provincial Grand Lodge, reflected that we are guardians of a rich and exciting heritage of Masonic history, tradition and understanding. To explore the many facets of this heritage is, I believe, an important key not only to increasing everyone's enjoyment of their freemasonry but an important element in retaining the membership of our younger masons.

There are many dimensions in "making a daily (and enjoyable) advancement in Masonic knowledge" all of which could and should be considered for inclusion in a Lodge's annual programme plans. They range from short talks/lecturettes of 10 to 15 minutes duration to formal lectures/presentations of say 30 to 40 minutes and to demonstrations/re-enactments of historical ceremonies of yesteryear and the classical Lectures of the Three Degree Ceremonies. Indeed Grand Lodge has recently added a further category of presentation - Orations. These are a series of seven ten minute presentations which take us through a fascinating journey in Pure Antient Masonry and reflect on the understanding and teachings of each stage of that journey. It is truly a journey of personal enlightenment.

The E and T Committee are working hard to "data base" a wide range of available "heritage" material from which Lodges may soon be able to select appropriate topics for inclusion in their Lodge programmes either to supplement a Degree Ceremony or indeed to replace a traditional meeting agenda.

I have seen a significant increase in this approach to programme planning in many Lodges and have been delighted to see its obvious success and appreciation by the brethren. It is a view of Masonry "through the looking glass" which I thoroughly commend.

Once again my best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2008 and for an enjoyable year of freemasonry in which our three guiding principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are constantly in our thoughts and in our every action.

R. W. Bro. W. Barrie Hall
Provincial Grand Master

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There is no doubt that from the simple piece of material of pre-history, man has found the need to distinguish and attract recognition by evermore elaborate and sophisticated 'regalia'.



"Civil" banners are those which do not have an heraldic base, would be unlikely to obtain one from the College of Arms and in the main are sample statements of the organisation and probable origin of the Society or Association etc, displayed.

Masonic Lodge banners, with notable exceptions, fall in the above category and together with all other Friendly and Fraternal Societies (of which there were many) evolved their 'banners' from the 18th Century onwards and were often proudly paraded in

public, on Civic occasions and Church parades through to the time of the First World War.

Each Masonic Lodge has it's own special banner, mostly depicting its origins, motto and date of consecration, The symbolism and devices used are a simple parallel with heraldry and form part of the historic "furniture" of the Lodge.

Lodge banners are prominently displayed, behind the Master in most cases, on each occasion that the Lodge meets to indicate that the Lodge is in session

It is well known that Grand Lodge and all Provincial Grand Lodges, together with other Orders parade their banners and standards. Perhaps the Craft should consider parading in the banner in the Master's procession to an ordinary Lodge meeting. If that means that each Lodge should appoint a "banner bearer" then so be it - just a part of our heritage!



Northampton LAMs

We have enjoyed another well-supported, busy and exciting year, marred only by the death of our President Joan Winn. Pictured accepting a cheque for £1,500 are Diana Beasley



(left) and Rosalind Gibson (right) representing the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the charity chosen for the year by our Chairman Paddy Coles (centre right). Also pictured are Jackie Stanton (centre left) and Rachael Beasley, the Chairman's daughter, (seated).

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary, Gill Bott, on 01604 792758 or email gill.bott@tiscali.co.uk

Dean of Peterborough Pays Tribute to Freemasonry

Record numbers again attended the Provincial Carol Service and the occasion was honoured by the attendance of Deputy Lord Lieutenants of Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire, in addition to ten Mayors or their Deputies from many of the Cities and Towns where we have our Masonic Halls.

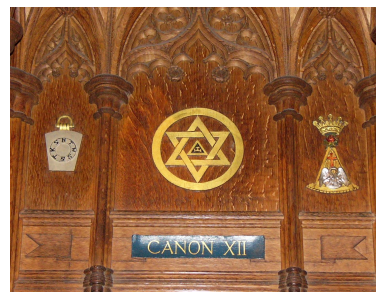


The Carol Service was led by the new Dean of Peterborough, The Very Rev'd Charles Taylor, who welcomed everyone heartily and paid tribute to the support that Freemasonry had given to the Cathedral, and many other charitable organisations, over the years. The traditional refreshments of wine and mince pies, supplied this time by Lodges from Northampton, followed the service.

Those Brethren who took the time to look around before heading for the refreshments may well have spotted a long established link between the Cathedral and Freemasonry as shown by the pictures below of two of the Residentiary Canons stalls



Beautifully carved and decorated specific links to the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark and Rose Croix are evident on Stalls eleven and twelve. (See page 14 for more details)



PROVINCIAL CARAVANNING ASSOCIATION

The Provincial Caravanning Association met and spent a delightful weekend at Bladon Chains in Oxfordshire during the latter part of September. During the stay W Bro. Ron Hayes celebrated his 83rd Birthday and members of the Association, including his wife, arranged a party for him which we are told ran over two days, and by the look of the cakes added a few pounds to the Caravans weight. Those interested in joining the Association should contact the Secretary W Bro. Brian Muir, full details in the Yearbook.



Re-Launch of Provincial Web Site

As part of ongoing efforts to continually improve communications within the Province and to more critically assess its impact, the Provincial web site (<http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk>) has had a major overhaul; the new, much improved version was launched at the New Year. The site provides a comprehensive source of Masonic information, including a dynamically updated list of the Lodges meeting each day, in the Province. If computers are not your cup of tea, you need not miss out; read on to find out how.

W Bro Chris Smith set up the original site when he was the Provincial Information Officer. However, the unrelenting march of technology and electronic communication meant that the website has become an ever more important part of our Masonic communication medium and our visual public face. The Provincial site has already been directly responsible for a number of non-Masons becoming members.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall said, "WBro Chris did a wonderful job in establishing and maintaining the site, but having relinquished the roles of both Information Officer and Webmaster he has moved on to concentrate on other important Masonic work. It was therefore an opportune time for his successor as Webmaster to update the site to ensure it continues to play the fullest part in the process of communication within the Province."

With the help of Bro Paul Bass of Digital Flair, the new Webmaster, WBro Gerry Crawford has overhauled and updated the site. He said, "We intend that, for those with internet access, this site should be a primary source of information about Freemasonry in general and this Province in particular. It is aimed at Masons and non-Masons alike."

I believe that the site is now an even more important tool in our information armoury and is one of the foremost of its type; I commend it to you. It is well placed to play its part in your daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. If you do not have a computer or internet access, ask one of your children or grandchildren to help! One or other of them is sure to amaze you with what they can call up about our Province on their computer."

An easy way to take full advantage of the site is by making it the homepage in your web browser (eg Internet Explorer).

If you feel that some aspect of Masonic life in the Province is not covered as well as you would like, or is not up to date, contact the Webmaster, WBro Gerry Crawford (gerry.crawford@831672.com).

W Bro Richard Turpin, Provincial Information Officer

As time goes by it is anticipated that the website will become an ever more important means of communication between the Province and the membership but it will require your constant input and feedback to make it work. **Editor**

Provincial Website Address is www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk

Northampton and Huntingdon Golf Association

Founded 1934

The 2007 Masonic golf day was held at Orton Meadows and despite a low turn out the day was enjoyed by everyone. Dinner was at Ellindon Masonic centre followed and many thanks were offered to Jim, the chef, and all his staff for the good food and excellent service.

The Association would like to encourage all golfers in the Province to come along to this year's event at Kingsthorpe Golf Club to keep this fine Golf Association going from strength to strength. The winners on the day at Orton Meadows were:

The Humphries-Jones Trophy was won by Petriburg 'A' with 96pts
Bro Geoff Dyson "2" Bro Tom Webster "9" and W Bro Leo McCormick "13"

Gerry Harding Trophy - Bro Tom Webster 37pts
Eric Samler Trophy - W Bro Russell Laxton 36pts
Keith Smith Trophy - W Bro Terry Matthews 42pts
Harris-Jones - W Bro Terry Matthews 42pts
Secretaries Shield - W Bro Terry Matthews
Palmer Salver

Petriburg.
Fitzwilliam.
Gates of Billing.
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The 2008 Masonic golf day will be held a Kingsthorpe Golf Club Northampton on 20 August. Further details can be obtained by contacting Wayne Stocks
On 01733 266507or at stockswl@aol.com.

If you are interested in the summer Knockout please contact Wayne Stocks with you and your partner's names and telephone numbers.

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Croyland Mark Lodge Centenary Meeting.



On 27th September 2007 at the Masonic Hall in Wellingborough, Croyland MMM Lodge No 594 held its Centenary Meeting. The meeting was a particularly happy occasion and the members were supported by the presence of the Provincial Team together with the PGM, RW Bro George Bonham, and the Deputy PGM, W Bro Richard Turpin.

The meeting began with the installation of the Master-elect, W Bro Robin Cutsforth by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Richard Cowley. The PGM, RW Bro George Bonham then took the opportunity to conduct some Provincial Mark Business by investing W Bro Tony Greene as Provincial Grand Treasurer. Following presentation of the Centenary Warrant and reading of the minutes of 26th September 1907 an oration was given by W Bro Vivian Thomas, Provincial Grand Assitant Chaplain.

A brief History of the lodge was given by W Bro Richard Cowley and the PGM. RW Bro George Bonham then presented Centenary Jewels to members of the Lodge. At the Festive Board members and guests received copies of the Lodge History and special commemorative Mark tokens.

50 Years in Royal Arch Masonry

On 24th September 2007 Excellent Companion Stanley Simms celebrated the 50th anniversary of his Exaltation into Royal Arch Masonry. The occasion was marked the following day at a Convocation of the Socrates Chapter No 373 when the Third Provincial Grand Principal, Excellent Companion Trevor Cooke, presented him with the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent's Jubilee Certificate.



Before making the presentation the Third Provincial Grand Principal said, "Excellent Companion Stanley's contribution and commitment to Royal Arch Masonry alone is outstanding let alone his involvement in the

Craft and numerous side degrees. In Socrates Chapter he was MEZ in 1972 & 1977 and Scribe E for ten years.

As a member of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Chapter of First Principals Chapter he served as Scribe E, Treasurer and held the offices of Third, Second and First Principal. Excellent Companion Stanley held Acting Provincial ranks of Assistant Scribe E, Scribe Nehemiah and was Second Provincial Grand Principal for 2 years. He was honoured with appointment to Grand Rank in 1990 as Companions, that is a record to be proud of and I congratulate Excellent Companion Stanley on his achievement."

Lodge of Harmony 9048 25th Anniversary

It may seem a bit odd to feature a Lodge that has only recently celebrated its 25th anniversary but had it not been for a quirk of fate they could have really had a claim to fame in our Province.

Lodge Brethren, their guests and W Bro Norman Manser (the Provincial Grand Master's representative) met at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton on Wednesday 12th September 2007 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lodge of Harmony which was consecrated on the 30th September 1982. Not normally a huge milestone in masonry you might think but it could have been so much more as our predecessors were practicing their Freemasonry in Northampton way back in 1789 when the



first Lodge of Harmony was consecrated on 20th August of that year. Brethren of the Lodge have never identified the reason why the Warrant was allowed to lapse sometime around 1800 but it saw the light of day again some six years later when it formed the basis of a new Lodge of the same name in the Lincolnshire town of Boston.

A celebratory programme and place mats commemorating the evening were prepared by W Bro David Tempest. A splendid installation was followed by a most enjoyable festive board. Special guests included founding members Brian and Desmond Jones, sons of the founding Master of the Lodge W Bro Clifford Jones.

Piscator Lodge No 7557 becomes the 90th in this Province



The Province is honoured and pleased that Piscator Lodge No. 7557 has decided to re-locate from their London base to Northampton. The Piscator Lodge was originally formed in the mid 1950s when a number of Anglers were on a trip to Dieppe when in the bar, following a days fishing, many of them realised that they had a lot in common and the discussion moved to a decision to form a Lodge. The Lodge is predominantly an Anglers Lodge but also has members with other interests.

On Wednesday 29th January 1958 Piscator Lodge was Consecrated at Great Queen Street and today it still has two of its founders as Honorary members. The decision to re-locate has been made because of falling membership in London and a number of the members now reside in and around Northampton. The Lodge is hoping to attract new members, and anyone interested should contact the Provincial Office, who will re-direct all enquiries. The Lodge plans to meet four times a year and the first meeting to be held in Northampton takes place on Thursday 20th March 2008. If any Brother wishes to attend this first meeting, please contact the Provincial Office; you could always try logging on to the revamped Provincial website where you will find a link to W Bro Bill Ridoutt, the new Secretary, in the "News" section.

MASONS NEAR & FAR

Changes at the Top

Most should hopefully be aware of the changes in the Executive which the Provincial Grand Master will institute at the May meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge when VW Bro Derek Young retires as Deputy Provincial Grand Master to be succeeded by W Bro Max Bayes. The new Assistant Provincial Grand Master is to be W Bro Viv Thomas PJGD (pictured



below) from Stamford who is already well known to many in the Province for his work with the Grand Charity, for the lectures he has delivered on a variety of topics and his involvement in various other



Orders. W Bros Wayne Williams continues as the Senior Assistant Provincial Grand Master. VW Bro Derek Young will continue to be very active throughout the Province in his new role as Provincial Orator; more details in the Summer issue.

Jubilee Certificate Presentation W Bro Frank Brierley PGStdBr

Back in 1957, a young bank executive was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry while working in the then Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. So began a long, hard-working and distinguished Masonic career.

In the years since, W Bro Frank was installed WM of two lodges in Zimbabwe, King David Lodge No 7471 and Founder Lodge No 2479, held the active rank of District SGW, then was District Grand Treasurer (Craft and Chapter) for over twenty years, and was deservedly appointed to Grand Rank in 1995. In November 2000, he was awarded the District Grand Master's Certificate of Service to Freemasonry in Zimbabwe. Having returned to the UK after his retirement, Frank and his wife Valerie settled in Rushden to be near their daughter, and Frank joined Pemberton Lodge No 3039, and subsequently Pemberton Chapter and the Ferrers Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

on 6th December last, the Provincial Grand Master sprang a surprise on Frank during the proceedings by presenting him with a Jubilee Certificate. The PGM paid tribute to Frank's hard work over the years which continues unabated, as he will be inducted MEZ of Pemberton Chapter in May, and is now Secretary of the Ferrers MMM Lodge. There also to witness the presentation was Frank's old friend, RW Bro Leon G ("Joe") Rivers, PDistGM of Zimbabwe.



The photo shows the PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall, W Bro Frank Brierley, PGStdBr, and RW Bro L G Rivers, PDistGM (Zimbabwe)

At Pemberton Lodge's Installation meeting

Another Milestone in Masonry

W Bro Arthur Piggins was Initiated into the Gateway Lodge No. 6513 on 15th November 1957, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. After which he moved through all of the offices to be installed as Worshipful Master in September 1970. He was appointed PrAGDC in 1975 and PPrJGD in 1982.

During this time he was advanced into the Howe Mark Lodge No. 21 on 21st March 1961 in Loughborough and was Installed as Worshipful Master in 1977. In 1964 it was decided to establish a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Loughborough. In order to do this 12 founders were elevated into The William Kelly Lodge No. 19 and were permitted to retire that same evening. However, Bro. Arthur stayed on and was installed as Worshipful Commander in the new Howe Lodge No. 21 in 1974 and Worshipful Commander of The William Kelly Lodge No. 1976. He also joined Secret Monitor Amity Conclave No. 51 in 1972, Beacon Chapter No. 52 in 1974, Sir John Babbington No. 410, Preceptory and Priory in 1977 taking office in each Lodge.



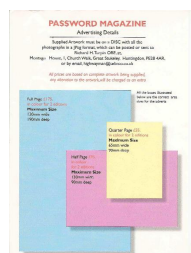
Unfortunately Arthur could not continue his Masonry in Leicestershire because business made it necessary to move to Northampton. After a short time he joined Spelhoe Lodge No. 8576. He was looking for a job and was given Senior Steward for two years. From this time he took Secretary, which he held for nine years and was appointed to PrPSGD in this Province then, PPrGReg and finally last year to PPrSGW with the Provincial Grand Master's Certificate of Merit.

He is also a member of the Earl of Leicester Lodge in the Province of Norfolk held in Wells next the Sea, having joined in 1988. Finally, he joined Croyland Lodge MMM and Admiral Beatty Lodge of RAM taking the Chair in both Lodges and was appointed to the office of Provincial Almoner which he held for nine years. For this he was appointed to Grand Rank and received a Certificate of Commendation from the Mark PGM.

Advertising in Password

Readers will be aware that to keep costs down we have changed to the A5 format which seems to have been received favourably but since that time we have been less successful in attracting advertising. In each of the Masonic Centres there should be a poster showing costs for each sized advert.

The costs are: Full Page £175, Half Page £95 and Quarter Page £55 which in each case is for full colour in 2 editions with artwork supplied by the advertiser. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let your local Information Officer or me know. It is in all our interests to keep the costs down. **Richard Turpin Editor**



NEW INFORMATION OFFICER AND AN ORATOR ELECT

W Bro Frank Palmer PPrSGW.

W Bro Frank Palmer has served for many years as the Publications Advisor for the Provincial Password committee. He has now been appointed as the Information Officer for the Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives, Ramsey and Oundle.

Frank was initiated into the Goodwill Lodge No 7904 in 1966 and took the chair in 1975. He moved to St Ives and became a member of the Sothius Lodge No 8774,



and was Master 1998, and Secretary for many years; he has also served on the Preceptor's Team. He was the Secretary of the Installed Masters Lodge No 3422 and Master in 2003. A Royal Arch Companion and a past MWS of Rose Croix. He was appointed as the acting Senior Warden for the Province in 2004.

Born in 1934 Frank lived and was educated in Edmonton and became a Sign writers apprentice. Following 2 years of National Service he became a Graphic Artist, a profession he followed for many years. He became an Executive Director of the Great Universal Stores Group, after which he set up his own Graphics Company which he ran until he retired. He retrained as a Remedial Therapists offering pain control treatments which he still practices today.

Married to Jean for nearly 50 years, they have one son Andrew and a daughter Linda, and 2 grandchildren Aaron and Laura.

Frank is the Chairman of the Trustees for the St Ives Masonic Hall. His hobbies are Photography Carpentry and Singing.

W Bro Jim Boughton PPrJGW.

W Bro Jim Boughton was born and raised in Northampton from where he went to Birmingham to train to become a teacher of Mathematics and Computing, a career he followed for the next 38 years ending up an Assistant Headteacher. In 1969 he married Sandra and after raising their own two sons, they have just become the proud Grandparents of twins.

He was initiated into Heigham Lodge in 1985 becoming its Master in 1992. Subsequently he has been through the Chairs of Whytewell and Pemberton Chapters, Croyland Mark Lodge, Admiral Beatty Royal Ark Mariner, Wendlynburgh Knights Templar, Peveral Rose Croix and Rushden Conclave.

Those who know him are aware that his path in Masonry has to date made him a bit of a "D.C. animal" although he is also at present Charity Steward for Heigham Lodge, Provincial Grand Senior Warden in the Mark Degree and Provincial 1st Constable in the Knight Templar Degree. He is also a Director of Rushden Masonic Hall and has recently joined the Education and Training Committee for the Province.

Apart from Masonry his other interests include Scouting, Rugby (both active in former years now more armchair), Golf, Walking, Travel, and his extended family.



Jim is all set to become one of the Team of Provincial Orators supporting VW Bro Derek Young in his new role.

MASONIC DINING CLUBS

Brixworth Masonic Dining Club

In 1999 a group of Northamptonshire masons set up an informal Masonic group to further their understanding of Freemasonry and enjoy the fellowship of like minded people outside the more formal setting of the Lodge meeting. Thus the Brixworth Masonic Dining Club was born meeting at a public house. It now meets at the Royal Oak, Walgrave, Northamptonshire.



A Daily Advancement in Masonic Knowledge is one of the main aims of its 28 members. Their Education Officer, W Bro Bill Purcell

said, "Members come to meetings with all manner of questions on Masonic issues. If it is possible to answer the question there and then the enquirer is guaranteed an answer by the next meeting."

Another aim of the Club is charity. They have given to Masonic charities such as the 2013 Charity Appeal and the Provincial Grand Charity as well as to a variety of local charities and good causes. Funds are raised through raffles and two social events each year. Because of its informal status, the Club has minimal overheads and is therefore able to use much of its income for charity.

The Club meets the year round on the first Monday in the month, except when it falls on a Bank Holiday. Evenings take the form of minuted meeting, usually followed by a presentation and then a meal. Membership is open to all Master Masons at only £5 a year; contact W Bro Bill Purcell (01933 675083) for details.

Croughton Square and Compass Club

A chance meeting whilst visiting a Lodge in Winslow led ultimately to the formation of the Croughton Square and Compass Club. At that meeting was W Bro Roy Humphrey and three US airmen from RAF Croughton, Bros Bloomer, Waterfield and Mackinny.

The four continued to meet informally and then one Sunday held an afternoon tea for wives and families following which Bro. Waterfield suggested they form a local Square and Compass Club, a number of which were already established around the world, to foster friendship between local and US Masons. Members must be a Master Mason or above and a member of a recognised Lodge.

The Club was formed in 1960 with Bro. Bloomer as the first President but it was not

until 1974 that it got its first English President, W Bro Roy Humphrey. Meetings were held on the Croughton airbase until the mid 1970's when it moved to the Crown at Brackley, a number of other venues have been used but since 2000 it has met at the Boat Inn in Stoke Bruerne.



Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 8pm and start off with a "dinner" following which a member gives a short "Masonic Education". These talks are given by a different speaker each month drawn from the clubs' current 54 members, and they cover a very wide range of Masonic topics.

Annual dues are now just £5, and more information is available by contacting andrew@boatinn.co.uk

Extracts from A Masonic tour of Peterborough Cathedral

written by RW Bro R S E Sandbach

The area of the Choir was rebuilt in 1889, and subscriptions were sought for the cost and on 3rd May Dean Perowne wrote in a letter to two former choristers whom he knew to be freemasons', E Vergette and H C Clarabut: "Several persons have kindly promised to give us one or more Stalls, and I shall gladly hail the suggestion made by you, two old Chorister boys, that you should endeavour to raise amongst your Masonic brethren a sufficient sum to provide a Stall or Stalls." He concluded " I can assure you that we should be much gratified to have the Masons in this way directly and permanently connected with the Cathedral of Peterborough".

The Dean's appeal did not pass unheard and enough was raised to provide three stalls, each costing about £300,. As there can only have been about 50 active Freemasons' in the City at that time, this was a noteworthy achievement when £200 was looked on as a fair annual wage. The stalls are numbered XI and XII; each bears Masonic symbols. Though no definitive record of when and by whom these were put in place has been found, there are some pointers.

Stall XI (see picture on page 5)

On stall XI there is the well known device of a square and compasses but within the arms of the compasses there is an irradiated letter "G"- this is a Scottish Masonic emblem; square, level, plumb rule and maul, grouped together in a not untypical Scottish manner are also depicted. There is also a pentalpha with the point upright, sometimes known as the shield or star of David or (as with the interlaced triangles) the seal of Solomon; as a Christian symbol it has been claimed as representing the five wounds of Christ.

Stall XII (see picture on page 5)

On stall XII there are three devices. In the centre is a circle with interlaced triangles, as found today in the Royal Arch Chapter. On the left as you look at it is the representation of a keystone, the well known emblem of Mark Masonry. On the right a pair of compasses are extended within which is a pelican in its piety, the distinctive badge of the 18th, Rose Croix, degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. This shows a pelican with its beak thrust into its breast to obtain the blood with which it was said to feed its young, symbolically an emblem of Christ the Redeemer.

The above has been reproduced with the kind permission of RW Bro Richard Sandbach OSM

Don't Miss the Annual Richard Sandbach Lecture

The Annual Richard Sandbach Lecture "From Scout to Freemason" will be delivered at a meeting hosted by the Lodge of Research No 9600 on Friday 22nd February 2008 at Freemasons' Hall, St Georges Avenue, Northampton and, space permitting, is open to any member of the Craft. Full details can be obtained from the Provincial Office or directly from W Bro Malcolm Pegg on (01733) 265171

Provincial Grand Master's Diary

Date	Lodge Number	Lodge Name
Wednesday 13th February	2380 (Ins)	Beneventa
Thursday 21st February	3535	Ailwyn
Friday 22nd February	Richard Sandbach	Lecture St Georges Avenue
Thursday 28th February	Metropolitan	Grand Lodge, London
Saturday 8th March	Provincial Grand Charity	AGM, N'pton
Wednesday 12th March	Grand Lodge Quarterly Communications	
	7006 (Ins)	Vale of Nene
Thursday 27th March	Essex Provincial Grand Lodge,	London
Monday 31st March	Initiates Supper,	Peterborough
Saturday 5th April	8489	Ferraria
Tuesday 8th April	6516	St. Paul
Saturday 12th April	Derbyshire Provincial Grand Lodge,	Derby
	Brass Band Concert,	Peterborough
Monday 14th April	737	Wentworth
Wednesday 16th April	Rulers Forum,	Leicester
	2283 (Ins)	Euston
Friday 18th April	9740 (Ins)	Webb Ellis
Saturday 19th April	Provincial Priory,	Knights Templar
Wednesday 23rd April	Grand Officers Forum,	Northampton
Wednesday 30th April	Grand Lodge Investiture,	London
Friday 2nd May	Nottinghamshire Provincial Grand Lodge	
Thursday 8th May	9814 (Ins)	Scout
Thursday 15th May	Provincial Grand Lodge,	Northampton
Saturday 17th May	Lincolnshire Provincial Grand Lodge	
Monday 19th May	Acting Provincial Officers,	Northampton
Wednesday 21st May	9278	Three Counties
Friday 23rd May	7557	Piscator
Friday 6th June	Suffolk Provincial Grand Lodge	
Wednesday 11th June	Grand Lodge Quarterly Communications	
Tuesday 17th June	3422	Installed Masters

Masonic Orations

By now you will all be aware that a series of Masonic Orations is to be delivered over the coming months to various Lodges, or groups of Lodges, around the Province. The aim of these 'orations' is to get away from meeting on meeting ceremonies and return to an earlier Masonic tradition whereby our meetings can inform and stimulate a wider interest in Masonic Ritual and issues at large.

The orations have a set content, so everyone hears the same words, and those involved in the early stages will be invited to provide honest feedback, whether positive or negative, to the deliverer, or through the Provincial Office, directly to VW Bro Derek Young, the Deputy PGM, in his capacity as Provincial Orator Designate.

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PROMINENT MASONS

W Bro W C Rutherford PAGDC

At the October meeting of Thistle & Rose Lodge No 6644 W Bro W C (Bill) Rutherford celebrated 50 years in Masonry when the PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall, was present to present him with his Jubilee Certificate. In a moving account of his contribution to Masonry in Corby, the PGM referred to Bill's outstanding contribution including his part in the construction of the Corby Centre, his leadership of the L of I. and, more recently, service as senior Group Officer for Corby, fully justifying his promotion to Grand Rank in 1994.



He was further honoured by the brethren of the Lodge with the presentation of a wall clock and commemorative plaque which, at his request has been mounted in the Lodge ante-room.

60 Years in Masonry

The picture below shows W Bro Wayne Williams, our Asst PGM, presenting a



Diamond Jubilee Certificate at Towcester to W Bro Herbert Coulter MBE of The Lodge of Fidelity No 445 to celebrate his achieving 60 years as a Freemason. Herbert started his Freemasonry in Ireland and

became a joining member of The Lodge of Fidelity in 1992. He is still an active Freemason at the grand age of 91 young.

W Bro Alex Maxwell

Alex Maxwell was initiated into Willowbrook Lodge No 7439 on 5th March 1980 and made rapid progress being passed in May, raised in November and appointed as a Steward in February 1981. Alex attained the chair of the Lodge in 1989 becoming its 35th Master. At the regular meeting on 3rd October last, to celebrate his 90th birthday, a presentation was made to mark the service to Willowbrook Lodge of this dedicated Freemason.

Very early in his Masonic career he joined the Lodge of Instruction and has supported it ever since as a regular attendee culminating in him being made President of the LOI festival last year.

He held various offices before being appointed Chaplain in 1993, an office he has continued in for the last 15 years and from which he shows no sign of stepping down, making him one of the longest serving chaplains in the Province. The only year W Bro Alex has been out of office was 1991, but even that year he acted as Junior Deacon 4 times and regularly did work from the chair.



In 1995 Alex was appointed Acting Provincial Junior Deacon, and was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in 2001. Alex has only missed seven meetings in the

past 28 years; which, however you consider it, is quite a remarkable achievement!

TLC Scheme Extends to Fire & Rescue

72 Teddies Start New Service

In the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, the 'Teddies for Loving Care' scheme has been extended to the Fire and Rescue Service. This is a first for this Province, following our successes with A & E units, walk-in centres and paramedic ambulances. The addition of this Service promises to be a huge success and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to 'Freemasonry in the Community'.

All 28 of Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Services frontline fire engines, covering 22 stations from Brackley at one end of the county to Oundle at the other, now carry a stock of bears for fire crews to give to children they encounter in distress. From house fires to road



traffic accidents, the fire crews will now have an extra string to their bows when helping young children deal with the trauma an incident brings.

Bro. Mark Douglas (of St John's Lodge, 3972 in Northampton) is a serving Firefighter of 15 years for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service says "We often encounter young children in distress of varying levels in our daily work. Sometimes children are not injured themselves so do not attend A&E but could have lost family members or loved ones or even all their possessions due to a fire or an accident. These bears will provide us with a great help in the early stages of an

incident to give children something to focus on other than what is happening around them." The scheme has received full support from the County's Chief Fire Officer and a space has been created at the Service's Headquarters for a stock of bears to ensure engines are replenished quickly.

The TLC scheme is a great example of Freemasonry really making a difference to the lives of communities through its fundraising and hard work. Since the TLC scheme started in the Province in 2004, some 26,000 teddies have been distributed by the five Co-ordinators in the Province of Northants and Hunts. The funds come from Freemasons in the Province and from the Douglas Compton James Charitable Trust for which we are extremely grateful.



With the support we already gratefully receive from local Freemasons' and from the Charitable Trust, we already deliver teddies to A&E units and ambulances. Following the presentation of the first batch of 72 teddies to Bro. Mark Douglas of Northants Fire & Rescue Services on 19th January, W Bro John Payne (the TLC Co-ordinator for Northampton) thinks that we now only need to involve the police in this natural progression and we will have a 'full house'!

The pictures above are provided by courtesy of Northampton Chronicle & Echo

RYA Sailability Multiclass Regatta

This event was held at Rutland Sailing Club and organised, on behalf of RYA Sailability, by Richard Johnson. For the crew of Skud 18, GBR 2, 'The Craft' it was an extremely important event, providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate that the endless practice and modifications to the steering and other systems within the boat had been worthwhile.

'The Craft' crewed by Simon Harle and Val Millward won the Skud class with a score of 2, 1, 1, 1 leading their nearest rivals by 3 points. This was a



crucial result for them being the first time they had beaten their Paralympics rivals, Alan Smith and Jackie Gay. Simon and Val will now go to the Disabled Worlds at Rochester USA knowing that they can be the first British Team. Psychologically this is a great boost to their confidence and proves they have the skills and ability to win.

Thanks to the generosity of Freemasons' and the Provincial Grand Charity, you have given Simon and Val the opportunity to participate at the highest level of their sport and perhaps qualify Great Britain to sail in the Skud Class in the Paralympics in 2008 and even represent Great Britain at that event!

Memorial to Joan Winn

At the turn of the year, the Northampton LAMs lost their much loved President who had been a member of the Association for many years. How, then do we remember her? Joan was a forthright, generous, hard working person but, above all, great fun. A jolly larger-than life woman who had worked all her life in various businesses, latterly as the proprietress of "Pins and Needles" in Wellingborough Road in Northampton - many will remember that bright, inviting shop.

Joan bore her increasing ill-health of the last couple of years with fortitude and humour. It must have been hard for her gradually to lose her independence so that she could no longer dash about in "the custard pot" - her bright yellow car. She had so many irons in the fire and whichever organisation she associated with, gained a stalwart member, one who was never a mere cypher but pulled her weight. Indeed, one had only to mention

the name, Joan Winn, in whatever company one was in and faces perked up and there was a general chorus of "Oh yes, we know Joan!".

Those who worshipped regularly with her at St Peter's, Weston Favell, privately wondered how the myriad friends would fit in when the inevitable time came. And that indeed was the case. On January 11th a day when the wind howled and rain threatened, the Church was packed and it was standing room only (even the PGM could not find a seat), and we said our sad farewells. Her granddaughter spoke lovingly of their holidays together and demonstrated the great bond between the generations.

All managed to bear up well until there stole from the organ! "The Angel's Farewell" from The Dream of Gerontius, then all realised what the LAMs had lost and they still cannot believe that "our" Joan is no longer with us and that they will never hear that great laugh again, in this life. ~~May angels bear thee to thy rest!~~

Good Samaritans Fund Lourdes Pilgrimage

A group of twelve 2006/7 Masters of lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton - led by W Bro Barrie Goulding, Worshipful Master of Kingsley Lodge No 2431- have raised the funds necessary to cover a Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Lloyda Henton, a barmaid at Freemasons' Hall wished to take part as a volunteer in the Welsh National Youth Pilgrimage Challenge 2007. This involved accompanying the

disabled to Lourdes. She was having trouble raising the necessary funds when the twelve 2006/7 Masters came to the rescue and raised the £405 she needed for her trip.



The Pilgrimage, from 24 to 31 July 2007 was a great success and Lloyda said, "I'd like to express my deep thanks to you all for your support and funding towards my pilgrimage. Without you all it would not have been possible."

A Reserved Forces Lodge?

(A letter from W Bro Tony Elsey)

It was with great interest that I read the article entitled "Masons Near and Far" in the summer 2006 Password and, of course, the news on the website from "Our man in Basra". This led me to think of the many Brethren I have met during my travels throughout the Province who, like myself, are or have served in the Reserve Forces in varying capacities and it made me wonder if in fact there might be interest within the Province to have contact with each other and, indeed, consider the forming of a Reserve Forces Lodge.

Before voicing my thoughts to Password I did make contact with the Provincial Grand Secretary who said that Province was happy for me to "test the water" which I would now very much like to do through the medium of your columns. What I have in mind is a special interest lodge for those Brethren who are or have served in the Reserve Forces whether, like myself, the TA or in the RAFVR, RNVR, RMVR, or have been on the reserve after regular or national service.

Hopefully, we could even attract initiates from that background whose time for attending meetings was limited and therefore whilst not being able to attend Lodges which met more frequently, would be attracted to one which met two or three times a year and had the added interest of there being the service connection. If there was sufficient interest then I would be more than happy to undertake the work that would be necessary to achieve this and therefore at this stage what I would really like to do is establish what potential support there is for such a project. Anyone who is interested in this should please either write to me or email me at the addresses given below after which I will keep them posted through "CO's Orders"! Address to write to is: A E Elsey Esq TD, 1 Westmoreland Close, Nassington, Peterborough PE8 6QR or email tony.elsey@elseyhodson.co.uk

I suspect many will fit the criteria outlined above and it will be interesting to see how many respond to Tony's trawl **Ed**

Support Added From Provincial Grand Charity

Books for the Blind, courtesy of Wellingborough and Rushden Masons

In his spare time, following retirement, W Bro Bob Dennis of Pemberton Lodge is a volunteer worker for the Royal National Institution of the Blind, which provides support in many ways to help blind and partially sighted people cope with difficulties in their everyday lives. One of those ways is the Talking Book Service, which records books, often read by well-known actors for little or no fee, on to a special type of CD. Even with this Service, Braille and large-print books, only 4% of books can so far be "read" by blind people.



Bro Bob wrote to all the Lodges in his group asking for funds to help record a book and the result was a magnificent £975, to which the Provincial Grand Charity added £1025, enabling not one but two book recordings to be sponsored, each carrying an acknowledgment of the sponsorship.

The Provincial Grand Master, R W Bro Barrie Hall, himself a member of the Group, gave his enthusiastic backing to the project, and on January 29th was presented with both paper and recorded copies of the two books, "The Thunderbolt Kid" by Bill Bryson and "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova, by Sue Villiers, the RNIB's Community Fundraising Manager, East Midlands. In thanking Sue, the PGM said that this was exactly how he would like to see Lodges or Groups working in partnership with the Provincial Grand Charity, by applying for a "top-up" when they raise funds for a charitable project.

Stamford Supports Anna's Hope and Homestart

Stamford Masonic Centre Committee collected £1,000 for children's charities from Craft Lodges and other Orders who meet at the Centre, for which many thanks are due. The amount raised was matched by Province, in accordance with it's policy of supporting Masonic Centre efforts. They were thus able to present cheques to the value of £1,000 each to Anna's Hope and to Homestart on Friday 7th December 2007 at the Stamford Masonic Centre.

Carole Hughes, mother of Anna, who died of a brain tumour aged 3, received the cheque for £1000 on behalf of Anna's Hope. On accepting the cheque she explained that brain tumours account for 25% of all cancers in children and has been described as the 'forgotten cancer'. Unfortunately it attracts virtually no public funding and this donation will assist greatly in research and rehabilitation support for both suffers and families.

Homestart for Southwest Lincolnshire is based at Stamford College. Pauline Evans, a Trustee of the charity, received the cheque on behalf of Homestart. She explained that up to 30 volunteers support over 60 local families with friendship and practical assistance, ensuring that children in difficult circumstances receive a better start in life. A relaxed coffee morning at the Centre provided the ideal setting for the presentation.



Dr. Field Lodge. No. 8158

During his year as Worshipful Master of Dr Field Lodge 8158, W Bro Paul Sparks arranged several fund raising events for a local charity Home-Start Northampton. W Bro Paul Sparks has been the treasurer of the charity for some years. These events culminated in the presentation of a cheque for £2,000 to the scheme manager. He was also able to present at the same time a cheque he had received from the Provincial Grand Charity for £1,000 towards the same cause.

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation committed to promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families under stress, in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown. Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play a key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them to achieve their full potential.



The money has been raised with a view to the charity putting on a special trip for these children, a trip which they would not normally experience due to the circumstances of some of the families. It is hoped that the children can enjoy a special day out, such as going to Woburn Safari Park or Legoland. Recently, there was a trip to Great Yarmouth, which included one child who had never seen a beach, played in the sand or the sea. So the hope of enabling them to enjoy the treat of Woburn Safari Park or Legoland, will be greatly appreciated by them. Therefore, on behalf of the charity, we thank all of those who contributed and enabled these children to have an enjoyable day out."



ECG Machine presentation at Corby

A £1,200 donation from the combined Corby Lodges matched by a similar grant from the Province has facilitated the purchase of an electrocardiograph machine for the Corby Diagnostic Centre. The need was highlighted when it was realised that the town, which has been recognised as having a high level of heart-related health problems, had only one machine at the Diagnostic Centre to cater for the demand.

The picture above features Corby Group Officer W Bro Bill Rutherford, who masterminded the project, with Bro Glenn Harman (W M Thistle & Rose Lodge) and Asst PGM W Bro Wayne Williams officially handing over the machine to Staff Nurse Yvonne Harman.

Contact Your Local Information Officer

If you have any items you think might be of Province wide interest then please contact your local Information Officer whose details appear on the back page.

H a v e y o u a n a r t i c l e f o r t h i s p a g e ?

The Editor
Password Magazine

Dear Editor,

I wanted to express my gratitude for the wonderful work the RMBI does by telling the story of my mother-in-law. It was over a decade ago that she found her health failing and she agreed to sell her house and move into sheltered accommodation. This served her very well for the next few years and although her health was deteriorating during that time and she was calling on the staff for more assistance with her daily needs, nonetheless they were able to help her maintain for her, a form of independence, for all those years.

Despite this, at the very end of last year she suffered a much more serious setback which necessitated the family nursing her for 24 hours a day for some weeks, at the end of which the doctors decided that she needed to be hospitalised. She remained in hospital for some six weeks and it was at the end of this that the family heard the news we all dreaded; that she would be unable to return to her sheltered accommodation and indeed it would be almost impossible to care for her ourselves.

We were therefore faced with finding a suitable placement, which was proving extremely difficult, and emotionally demanding. I was encouraged to approach the Provincial Almoner who was wonderfully helpful and within what now seems to be no time at all, I was in contact with Devonshire Court in Oadby and my mother-in-law had been assessed and accepted. Shortly thereafter she was moved into the Home and from that moment on her family all knew that she was receiving the finest of care, which was a great comfort.

Her condition was purely an irresolvable medical one and is absolutely no reflection on the Home itself where all the staff were kindness itself, allied to real professionalism. Their support of the family was also a great comfort to all concerned. Her closing days were ones where she was surrounded by love, laughter and dignity. What more could we possibly hope for?

My family and I will forever be grateful to the RMBI and all of the staff for the wonderful work they do. Especially at this time when our Festival Appeal has recently begun, I felt it important to record our eternal gratitude.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Geoff Wheatley
Lodge of Perseverance No. 455



The letter above is extremely timely as, from the press and media, we continually hear much these days of the ever increasing pressure on the care services provided (or all too often not provided) by Central and Local Government so there should be no doubt in anyone's mind of the valuable contributions made to many people's lives by the work of the RMBI.

If there was ever an incentive to support the 2013 Festival this letter provides it since it reminds us all that one day we too may require their services for one of our own relatives, or even perhaps for ourselves; please give generously in support of the Festival. **Editor**

If you have a topic of wide interest let us hear from you

Provincial Honours 2008 - 2009

The Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments as Acting Provincial Officers for the period 2008 - 2009:

PrSGW	J M Harvey	Wentworth Lodge No 737
PrJGW	J S F Bull	O Northamptonian Lodge No 5694
PrGChap	Rev'd Canon F E Pickard	Grand Junction Lodge No 9775
PrGSwdB	C R Beck	Kingsley Lodge No 2431
PrGSuptWks	A J Bailey	Grey Friars Lodge No 4990
PrDGDC	C A Bennett	De La Pre Lodge No 1911
PrGORator	D G Young	Euston Lodge No 2283
PrSGD	P W Clarke	Euston Lodge No 2283
PrSGD	W Young	Pemberton Lodge No 3039
PrSGD	C A Brett	St George Lodge No 5978
PrSGD	G E Frosdick	St James Lodge No 6838
PrJGD	P Wood	Waynflete Lodge No 4452
PrJGD	W M Hill	Thistle & Rose Lodge No 6644
PrJGD	J E Gowler	Ceres Lodge No 6977
PrJGD	R Haynes	Samuel P Lodge No 8330
PrAGDC	D C Nail	Socrates Lodge No 373
PrAGDC	R T Smith	Wentworth Lodge No 737
PrAGDC	A E W Bloxsome	Kingsley Lodge No 2431
PrAGDC	D G L Mander	Gates of Billing Lodge No 9309
PrGStdB	J P Allen	Euston Lodge No 2283
PrGStdB	P B Duff	St Giles Lodge No 8736
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PrGStwd	S Pinning	P'boro' & Counties Lodge No 2996
PrGStwd	S J Knight	John Pyel Lodge No 5195
PrGStwd	G W Harman	Thistle & Rose Lodge No 6644
PrGStwd	M A Gorrod	Willowbrook Lodge No 7439
PrGStwd	R I Cox	Lactodorum Lodge No 8526
PrGStwd	A T Thomson	Anglo Scottish Lodge No 8844
PrGStwd	T W Hemsley	Corbie Lodge No 9155
PrGStwd	T L Cook	Gates of Billing Lodge No 9309

In addition the PGM has also been pleased to reappoint the following Officers:

W Bros S W Eales as PrGReg, N E Pope as PrGSec, N O Young as PrGDC, J F Clarke as PrDGDC, J E Partridge as PrGAlm, I S Lauder as PrGChStwd, T F Boswell as PrAsstGSec, W Bro W B Wright as PrGOrg and J W Tarry as PrGTyler, whilst W Bro R N Bedells is PrGTreas elect. The investiture of the above will take place at the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Freemasons' Hall, St Georges Avenue, Northampton on Thursay 15th May to which it is hoped as many Masters of Lodges and Wardens will attend in support.

Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting Thursday 15th May

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The Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire
present a Spring Musicale Concert

Top Brass in concert

David Read conducts
a unique massed brass band perform a programme
of the most popular classics ending with a
contemporary finale including Land of hope
& glory, Rule Britannia and Jerusalem

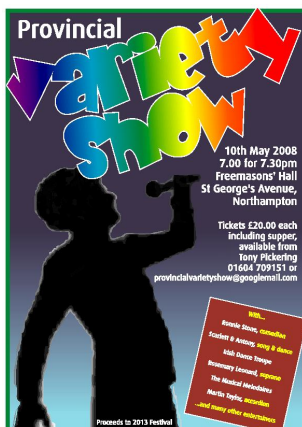
Caroline Trufz soprano
Benjamin Harder organ

Saturday 12th April 2008, 7pm
Peterborough Cathedral

Tickets £12.50
available from the Provincial Office, Freemasons' Hall, St George's
Avenue, Northampton NN2 6JA
Telephone 01604 721126. Early booking essential as many tickets
books open at 6pm and all seating is unreserved.
All proceeds benefit Masonic Charities.

Two important dates for your diaries relate to the posters shown here which you should find in your Masonic Rooms; if not ask why.

The first is the Top Brass Concert in Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 12th of April and the second is the Variety Show which will be at St Georges Avenue on Saturday 10th May - Find the posters and act now - don't miss this great opportunity to support the 2013 Festival whilst, at the same time, enjoying yourself.



Provincial Variety Show

10th May 2008
7.00 for 7.30pm
Freemasons' Hall
St George's Avenue,
Northampton

Tickets £20.00 each
including supper,
available from
Tony Siskling
01604 709151 or
provincialvarietyshow@gmail.com

With...
Barbara Stowe, comedienne
Student at school, only 8 days
old, doing things
Provenance (comedy), soprano
The Musical Menagerie
Martin Taylor, comedian
...and many other entertainers

Proceeds to 2013 Festival

Payments to the 2013 Festival

The Provincial Grand Charity Steward has made the point that with the momentum of the Appeal now gathering pace, he felt it is worth making sure that Lodges and Brethren were aware of the various methods for transferring funds to the Festival Appeal. Accordingly he has written to Charity Stewards, Treasurers and Secretaries with full details of how payments should be made.

Above all please do not make any contribution in any form directly to the RMBI. The payment may not end up in the correct account and will not attract any interest so, before taking any further action, check with the above mentioned Lodge Officers.

