



Password

Summer 2010

Online Version of Password Launched

Written communication in Freemasonry, as in other organisations, has evolved over the years. A main conduit of written communication in this Province is *Password* but a prime means of future communication will undoubtedly be electronic. This Province, already a leader in the field, reaches another milestone in electronic communication with the publication of this edition of *Password*. As we move further into the electronic age this edition, as well as appearing in this traditional printed format, is published online. To access it online, just go to the *Password* download page on the Provincial website http://www.northants-hunts-masons.org.uk/news_password.php and click on the relevant link.

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Because we increasingly rely on email communication it is important to keep your Secretary and the Provincial Office informed of your current email address.

Summer Reflections of the Provincial Grand Master

At last the BBQ summer we've all been promised! I do hope you and your families have enjoyed a relaxing summer break notwithstanding our dashed hopes of World Cup and Wimbledon success!

Our May meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Three Counties concluded a most enjoyable and successful year's Masonry. Enjoyable it most certainly was as evidenced by the many Lodge visit reports I received which reflected on the quite tangible atmosphere of happiness and enjoyment in which our Lodge meetings continue to be held throughout the Province.

Successful I also believe the year has been both in terms of membership statistics, which continue to remain very stable even in these difficult economic times, and in our tremendous fund raising work for the [2013 Festival Appeal](#) on behalf of the [Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution](#) and for so very many local charities and good causes. We have now well exceeded £1.4m towards our £1.6m Festival target with nearly 50% of Lodges having already exceeded 75% of their individual targets. With every Lodge striving to maximise Regular Payment Promises (RPPs) as well as organising many enjoyable fund raising events, I am confident that we shall not only meet our Festival target but achieve a final total of which we can all be very proud.

May I also congratulate all the Lodges and Brethren who contributed to the Provincial Haiti Disaster Appeal. We forwarded no less than £15k to the Grand Charity's national Relief Chest for the disaster – a simply amazing effort – and we now await Grand Charity's views on how best to use a total funding of nearly £100k to help the families and children of that devastated island.

During the latter part of our Masonic year we also enjoyed a number of memorable occasions. Centenary celebrations by the Installed Masters Lodge included a superb presentation by VV Bro John Hamill, UGLE Special Projects Director, reflecting on the history and development of Freemasonry over the last century. Included in John's reflections was his encouragement to be mindful, in this modern age, of the needs and constraints of today's busy family and working lives and to adjust Lodge practices to ensure – without ever losing sight of our traditional landmarks – that our Masonry fits easily with those modern lifestyles. It could have been a brief for our [Salcey Forest Lodge which we consecrated on another memorable occasion in March](#) and whose progress we shall follow with great interest and pride.

A little earlier in the year – indeed on a cold and snowy January evening – the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research staged the Annual Richard Sandbach Lecture. Our distinguished speaker was none other than the [Grand Secretary, VV Bro Nigel Brown](#). In a totally absorbing presentation Nigel reflected on his personal and very optimistic view of the future of Freemasonry. Ever since I have found it invaluable to “benchmark” that view and its component factors against our own situation in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

First among these factors is the importance of effective recruitment of new members – “no Lodge can thrive without its Initiates, they are the lifeblood and basis of Masonry” – and to ensure that potential members are able to clearly demonstrate that their reasons are serious, properly based and of a likely long term nature.

The issues of what a prospective new member expects of Freemasonry and what we expect of him are of paramount importance and must be clearly and fully understood by both parties. I believe our recruitment procedures, both traditional and our new “White Table” approach, are increasingly orientated towards this strategy and I commend their adoption to every Lodge.

A second key factor in ensuring a thriving Masonic Order is to maintain and develop a strong involvement in the work of our local communities. [Teddis for Loving Care \(TLC\)](#) and our [Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing \(MTSF\)](#) work for disabled youngsters are wonderful examples of Freemasonry in the community and charities in which this Province is playing a very active and successful role. Freemasonry continues to be a tremendous force for good in the community as evidenced by all our charity work. It is so important to build on this work with more community projects, Provincial and local, embodying that caring time and effort which is such an integral part of our Freemasonry.



Allied to our work within the community, let us always maintain a great pride in our Masonic membership. Always be happy to discuss Freemasonry with family, friends and colleagues, always reflect that we are an organisation seeking to make “good men better men” in this increasingly turbulent world and always be proud of our efforts to attain the highest standards in all our endeavours.

And finally, but so importantly, our future is certainly assured if we continue to enjoy our Masonry whether through the challenges of self improvement or through our work in helping others in distress or through the life long friendships we all forge in this very special fraternity.

I too am very optimistic about the future of Freemasonry and especially about the future of this happy and exceptional Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire which I have the privilege to serve.

RW Bro W Barrie Hall
Provincial Grand Master
July 2010

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W Bro Gerry Crawford, the new Editor of *Password* said, "This is an exciting new development. More and more people are relying on all manner of electronic devices as their main means of communication. *ePassword* will therefore become immediately available to them.

It is important we also recognise that many Masons will prefer to stick with traditional paper communication. Their preference will always be respected and paper copies of what we produce will be available. We would welcome comments on *Password* - in either of its forms - and particularly how it can be improved. Bear in mind the speed at which you can download *ePassword* will be affected by such factors as the speed of your internet connection and the specification of your computer."

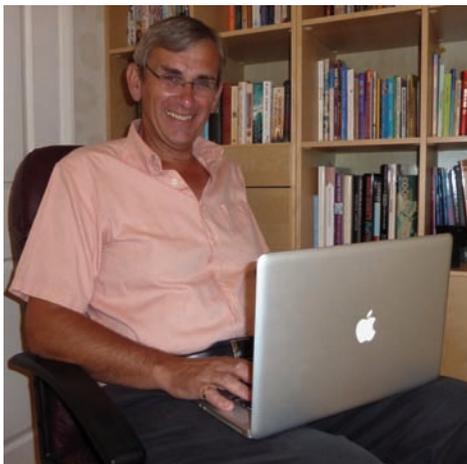
The Provincial Communications Officer, W Bro Richard Turpin, said, "If the introduction of *ePassword* is successful this and the Winter 2010/11 edition of *Password* will be the last to be sent individually to everyone in the traditional paper format.

From the Summer 2011 edition it will be principally in the new electronic *ePassword* format with hard copies being made available at all Masonic Centres and being sent by to Lodge widows."

New Password Editor

W Bro Richard Turpin took over as Editor of *Password* in 2004 but with increasing time commitments that have occurred since he became Provincial Information Officer and Chairman of the Provincial Communications Committee in 2007 he felt that the time had come to relinquish his editorial role. In June of this year the PGM appointed W Bro Gerry Crawford as our new *Password* Editor.

In announcing the change, the PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall said, "Bro Richard has done a tremendous job as *Password* Editor during which our magazine has been constantly improved in scope, quality and economic viability. Publication is always eagerly awaited by its many readers and article subscribers. I am certain that W Bro Gerry will continue to maintain and further develop the standards of this excellent publication."



W Bro Gerry Crawford, new *Password* Editor

Having retired first as a Police Superintendent and then as a director of an online learning company, Bro Gerry is Secretary of Grey Friars Lodge No 4990 and has been a member of the [Provincial Communications Committee](#) since 2006.

He is also a member of the Holy Royal Arch, Mark and Rose Croix. In 2002 he set up his [Lodge website](#) of which he is still the webmaster. He is also the webmaster of both the [Provincial Grand Lodge](#) and [Provincial Grand Chapter](#) websites.

He is an enthusiastic caravanner and likes walking and golf. He is married to Jan and lives in Kissingbury near Northampton.

Première of Holy Royal Arch Demonstration

The Provincial Demonstration Group presented their première of *How and Why the Royal Arch* to a packed house of members and guests at the Installed First Principals Chapter No 3422 on St Georges Day, Friday 23 April 2010. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams attended with his equivalent from Leicestershire & Rutland, E Comp Peter Kinder and the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall.



Demo Group actors enter in to the spirit of the occasion

Through the eyes of a cheeky potman (played by Steve Squires) working in the Inn where a number of Lodges meet, the audience is introduced to a scene around 1740 when a rift was opening between the so called Traditioners and Modernisers. They have opposing views on the ritual and workings of the degrees.

We find a newly installed Worshipful (played by Simon Harker) frustrated at not discovering the genuine secrets and being cautioned by a Past Master (played by Trevor Cooke) to accept

things as they are. Enter Lawrence Dermott from Ireland (played by Owen Davison) to introduce the 'Fourth Degree' as a solution for our frustrated Worshipful and berate the Modernisers for tampering with the ceremonies. Dermott confides that whereas the Craft deals with our worldly existence, the fourth degree, or Royal Arch, is the re-awakening of our spiritual existence.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall, said, "This presentation proved a most enjoyable and enlightening insight into the origins and development of the Royal Arch within Pure Ancient Masonry. My congratulations to E Comps Bill Purcell and Barrie Weigleb on a well researched and expertly written playlet, and to the members of the Provincial Demonstration Team who presented with considerable panache and effect."

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams said, "The performance was greeted with much acclaim and appreciation and is a great credit to those concerned for all their hard work in researching, scripting and directing, to those who performed so magnificently with such good humour whilst at the same time delivering the message, and to the Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire for leading the way again with so much support so generously given by the Provincial Grand Master and his Executive. I thank them all."

For more details see the 2010 News section of the Provincial Chapter website.

Masonic Visit to Texas and the Alamo

On 5 December 2009, Bro Andy Adamson, Merit Lodge No 466, W Bro Jeff Chambers, Old Kimboltonians' Lodge No 7204, W Bro Sid Prowse and Bro Mick Warren, both of Chicheley Lodge No 607 went on a Masonic pilgrimage to Texas. They met up with fellow Chicheley Lodge Brother, Ron Ploederl (a serving US military officer now living in Texas) who hosted them.



At its 11 December 2009 meeting, the visitors present an engraved Mason's maul and block set and Provincial cufflinks and ties to the WM of the Alamo Lodge

The visit included visits to a number of Texas Lodges (including the [Alamo Lodge No 44](#) - pictured), a conducted tour of the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco and a special visit to the Masonic Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

For more details see the [2009 News section of Provincial website](#).

Your Invitation to a Meeting at the Alamo

W Bro Scott J Mikos is a US Air Force officer and a member of [Grand Junction Lodge No 9775](#). At its October 2009 meeting he extended a very special invitation to the Brethren and their ladies. (Coincidentally, just after this the above visit took place.)



W Bro Scott J Mikos

On Friday, 10 December 2010 the Alamo Lodge No 44 of the Grand Lodge of Texas will hold its annual called communication within the historic Alamo Mission Chapel and Shrine of Texas.

As Worshipful Master, Scott will welcome the newly elected Grand Master for his first official visit and pay tribute to those Brothers who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.



The Alamo in 1850

Plans are well under way for this auspicious event. There is communication between the [Grand Lodge of Texas](#) and the [United Grand Lodge of England](#) to enable the grant of a dispensation for a UGLE degree demonstration on the following morning.

All Brethren of this Province and their ladies are invited to attend this once in a lifetime event. More information will be published on the [Provincial website](#) or is available through W Bro Andrew Woodward.

For more details see the [2009 News section of Provincial website](#).

Rushden Meeting for Mark Motorcyclists

On Saturday 12th June 2010 motorcyclists of Joey Dunlop Lodge of Mark Master Masons met by dispensation at Rushden. The WM, VW Bro Michael Robinson (who is also the Deputy Intendent General of the East Midlands Division of the Red Cross of Constantine) and members travelled on their motorbikes to the Masonic Hall in Rushden where they had a regular meeting.



WM, VW Bro Michael Robinson (third from left) and some of the members

Afterwards, diners including the WM and members of the host Lodge - Ferrers Lodge of Mark Master Masons - enjoyed the Festive Board (which conveniently finished in good time for them to travel home before the first England World Cup Football game began).

Joey Dunlop Mark Lodge members travel to meetings from as far afield as the north of England. Some of them are raising funds by riding to all of the RMBI care homes in the UK in August 2010.

Daytime Lodge Serves an Ace

The annual garden party of Northampton's daytime Lodge, Hamtune No 9601, proved to be a bigger draw than the Women's Final at Wimbledon on 24 June.

Members, family and friends made the most of a beautiful Saturday afternoon for the very successful party in W Bro David Smith's garden. The WM, W Bro Cedric Gregory organised the event which raised over £500 for the Lodge funds.

Being a daytime Lodge, Hamtune, is particularly suitable for those Masons who find it difficult to attend evening meetings. It meets three times a year (on the second Wednesday in September, December and March) and gives a warm welcome to new members.

Association of Friends of Devonshire Court

Caring for older Freemasons
and their dependants
for over 160 years



One of our four superb national Masonic Charities is the [Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution \(RMBI\)](#) which has 17 Care Homes throughout England and Wales, predominantly for Masons and their relatives. Our closest is [Devonshire Court](#), which is just across the border in Oadby, Leicestershire.

All Brethren are always welcome to visit Devonshire Court and may be sure that their visits are greatly welcomed by residents and staff alike. We are of course currently holding a Festival Appeal until 2013 in support of the RMBI. To establish even closer links with Devonshire Court and to continue to highlight the importance of the Festival it is the wish of our Provincial Grand Master that we should also support the tremendous work of the [Association of Friends of Devonshire Court](#). Lodges can do this by becoming members of the Association at a subscription of £2 per member. Further details are available from Lodge Secretaries. On becoming a Friend of Devonshire Court the PGM also encourages regular visits not only to see good friends and to better understand the work of this remarkable Charity but, on occasions, to organise small social occasions (eg coffee mornings, cheese and wine evenings).

You may be sure that these visits and social events will be greatly appreciated by everyone. Recent visits by the Old Wellingburian and Fitzwilliam Lodges certainly were very successful and proved to be thoroughly enjoyable occasions.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Here are dates for events which our Provincial Grand Master and members of his Executive hope you will support:

Sunday 12th December 2010	Provincial Carol Service - Peterborough Cathedral
Monday 31st January 2011	Initiates' evening – St. George's Hall, Northampton
Saturday 19th March 2011	2013 RMBI Festival Concert – Spinney Hill Theatre, Northampton
Monday 21st March 2011	The Richard Sandbach Annual Lecture - St. George's Hall, Northampton
Wednesday 30th March 2011	Initiates' evening – Peterborough Masonic Centre

Editor's Note

You will notice some of the text in this edition of *Password* appears in a blue font. These are hyperlinks. For example, the words [Provincial website](#) form a hyperlink. In the electronic version of *Password* clicking on these hyperlinks will automatically take the reader to the relevant web page- in this case the Provincial website.

Masonic Help on Olympic Hopeful's Road to Rio

A pupil of Jack Hunt School in Peterborough who is studying for his A levels has received Masonic help on his road to the Olympics.

Masons came to hear of James Fox's rowing exploits through his mother, Claire, who has worked at the Ellindon (Peterborough) Masonic Centre as a waitress for the last two years.



James Fox with Coupe de la Jeunesse Trophy medals

James, is a junior rower and Captain of the Quadruple Scull team and part of the Great Britain Rowing team that, in August 2009, won the overall Coupe de la Jeunesse Trophy (Junior Rowing Championship) in Vichy, France. Claire is proud of the fact that James was selected as Captain as other team members were from Eton and Westminster Schools.

Initially, James had been short of funds. For example, a boat costs £6,000 and oars or blades cost £350 a Association of Friends of Devonshire Courtheard that James was, so to speak, up the creek without a paddle and raised £400 which was presented to Claire. This enabled James to compete at Munich where he won the doubles by five lengths, making him the Junior Champion in that event.

He hopes to go to Brunell University, which will enable him to continue rowing and is shortlisted for the 2016 Olympic team as a senior (he is too young to be selected for the 2012 Olympic Games).

The 2016 Olympic Games are to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The journey for James will be hard and expensive. James (and his mother) would welcome any other Masonic assistance on his long **road to Rio**.

Great Daffodil Race



Bro Scott Norville with father, Deryck Norville

Attracted by a host of golden daffodils, Lodge of St James No 6838 member, Bro Scott Norville, entered the Great Daffodil Race with his father.



This 10k race was run up (a very steep) hill and down dale on 27 April – one of this year's hottest days - in the grounds of Kelmarsh Hall and surrounding areas. They achieved a time of 66 minutes and raised £1,665 for [Marie Curie Cancer Care](#).

Survey Results Help in Compiling Book on 300 Years of Masonry

In 2017 Freemasonry in England and Wales will be 300 years old. As a part of the celebrations surrounding this historic event the UGLE is to publish a history of this 300 years. This will particularly demonstrate the important role Freemasons have played in the civil, cultural and social development of our nation. This led to Phase One of the UGLE inspired Historical Resources Survey in which Lodges and Chapters were asked to send to UGLE information about the records they hold. The MW The Pro Grand Master Peter Lowndes joined the representatives of more than 35 Provinces to celebrate the success of the first phase of the Survey at a reception at Freemasons' Hall in London in May. Over 6,000 Lodges and Chapters completed the survey which recorded more than 117,000 documents and shows the depth of material available within Lodges and Chapters.



(l to r) W Bro Gerry Crawford, MW The Pro Grand Master Peter Lowndes, PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall - during a break at the meeting

He noted, "Lodges and Chapters reflect the variety of local influences, personalities and local circumstances on Freemasonry over time. Local diversity one of the strengths of English Freemasonry that enables us to look forward to celebrating a three hundredth birthday in 2017. It is important that when we look at the history of freemasonry we look at the local history as well as the history of "Head Office."

In this Province, 31% of Lodges and Chapters have so far completed the survey and returned it to UGLE. The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall said, "I would like to thanks all those in the Province who have been involved in the planning and organisation of this important Project and especially those Lodges who have now completed the Survey. It is not too late to add further information from our Province. I urge all Lodges yet to make an input, particularly the older Lodges who have a wealth of history behind them, to complete the survey. W Bro Gerry Crawford is acting as overall Project Coordinator and would be pleased to offer support and advice to Lodge Secretaries or representatives on any aspect of the survey."

A reward for Lodges and Chapters that have completed the Survey is the opportunity to apply for a UGLE grant towards the preservation and conservation of their historic records. Applications should be made on forms available through the Provincial Office and must be received at UGLE by 30 October 2010.

An incidental part of this project has been to highlight the way in which Lodges and Chapters archive and preserve their records. The UGLE has taken [advice on this from specialists of the British Library](#) and provided [information to help Secretaries](#) in this process.

Mark Benevolent Fund 142nd Anniversary Festival

Seldom can there have been a better attended Masonic event in the Province than when the Mark Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire hosted the Annual Festival on Saturday 17 July 2010. Over 700 Mark Master Masons and partners, with [Right Worshipful Brother George Edward Bonham Provincial Grand Master](#) presiding, attended the Festival at the [East of England Showground, Peterborough](#).

The Mark Benevolent fund was established in 1868 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Reverend George R Portal, with his own Latin tag “Bis dat qui cito dat” – he gives twice who gives promptly, which became the principal guideline of the Fund.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was represented by the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro John Hale, the Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Benjamin Addy, Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro Michael E Herbert, President of the General Board, RW Bro Peter H Rollin who is also President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Grand Secretary, RW Bro John Brackley.



Some of the dinners at the 2010 Mark Festival diner

This was the culmination of 7 years of raising funds for the Charity launched by RWBro Roy K Bradley and continued by the present Provincial Grand Master, RWBro George Bonham.

After dinner, The Grand Secretary announced the result, a total of £561,127. This magnificent sum was raised from Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and other Orders within and outside the Province and from other Mark Provinces; full details can be viewed on the Provincial Website, where the “Festival result” booklet is reproduced www.northants-huntsmark.org.uk

RW Bro George Bonham offered thanks to all who had so generously supported the Benevolent Fund, to achieve a result well in excess of twice the original target.

W Bro Viv Thomas PSGD APMG Discusses Masonic Education

Disraeli once said “Upon the education of the people of this country, the fate of this country depends”. When the Editor asked me to write a few words on “Education”, I thought that here is one article that will be skipped over very rapidly! John Dryden, the poet, said “by education, most have been misled”.

There one can see quite opposing views on the importance placed upon education, which is defined as the act or process of educating or being educated; systematic instruction. Upon that definition, the average member of our wonderful institution may well say that it doesn't apply to us. We have all that we need in our ritual, we go out for the evening, Fred was raised brilliantly, we had an excellent meal and the raffle produced £150.

It has been said that there are two levels of education in Masonry. At the most superficial level is the scenario outlined above; with which none of us has any qualms. It allows for an evening of comradeship, fraternity and charity, enviable sources of enjoyment in any society.

Then there is a considerably deeper level. I recently read a paper entitled “An esoteric retrospective of the Exaltation Ceremony”, which very clearly attempts to relate the Holy Royal Arch to the Kabbalah. This, certainly, would not be everyone's cup of tea! However, between these two levels of activity, there remains a large number of Masons who would welcome more knowledge of the wonderfully rich tapestry that is our Craft. This can be achieved in a number of ways.

Traditionally, if a Lodge has no Candidate and a Lecture has been organised, a large percentage of the members will say “Oh, it's only a Lecture” and not bother to attend. Sadly, that would be an opportunity lost for a daily advancement but also it would present something of a discourtesy to the lecturer, who would have spent much time in his preparation. Of course, it is incumbent on any lecturer to ensure his presentation is not only of interest, but also to engage those present in some form of discussion, so that views other than his own can be aired.



We can also educate by means of a display and that is what our excellent Demonstration Team do, displaying the history and development of how what we have now came into being. And I hope we all support our Lodges of Instruction. These are meant not for simply rehearsing the next Ceremony, but should be the means whereby we can learn more of why we do what sometimes may seem strange to us. EA's and Past Masters alike can all find something they didn't know before. If we simply take for granted our ancient ritual, it may become stale and uninteresting, but if we explore the background, the meanings and interpretations, then what we have becomes alive, stimulating and always new.

All this can be achieved through “Education”. I do hope you will face the challenge to learn a little more of the amazing and fascinating history that has been passed to us, so that we may hand that gift on, enthusiastically, to those who follow us.

Scout Lodge Sunday Lunch

On 18 April over 100 members of the Scout Lodge No 9814 and guests travelled to the County Scout Centre, Kettering and enjoyed a very successful roast beef Sunday Lunch.



Bro Chris Winfield and members of the Kettering Gang Show supplied some enjoyable entertainment.

Proceeds from the event are being split between TLC and Lodge funds.

Kettering Hospice Benefits from Masonic Charity

A total of £600 raised by Thrapston's Chicheley Lodge's Christmas raffle and a slide show



Pictured (l to r) Diana Patrick with W Bros David Redden, Trevor Franklin and Bro Mick Warren

about Kettering and Thrapston organised by Bro Mick Warren has benefitted Cransley Hospice of Kettering. The slide show was held at the Woodford Working Men's Club in Kettering and presented by local historian, Bill Warren.

On Thursday 17 June 2010 the cheque for £600 was presented by the Worshipful Master, W Bro David Redden, to Diana Patrick of Cransley Hospice.

Presentation by Corby Lodge of Instruction

On the 18 May 2010 fourteen members of the Corby United lodge of Instruction presented a demonstration of the Second Degree Lecture at Ferraria Lodge No 8489.

The team consisted of W Bro P Konarczak, Preceptor, W Bro R Blackwood, Deputy Preceptor W Bro A Byles, Assistant Preceptor and eleven members of the Lodge of Instruction.

The demonstration was presented in a professional manner with each member of the team rising to the challenge and executing nearly faultless Lectures. Those who attended this demonstration were suitably impressed and praise for the team was to be heard from every side. The Worshipful Master's thanks were sincere and warm.



Back Row (l to r) R King, S King, A Brooks, M Hewitt, S Burton (WM),
T Strickland (ADC), R Stone (DC), J Summerfield, A Byles (Assistant Preceptor)
Front Row (l to r) P Konarczak (Preceptor), J Docherty, D Docherty,
D Genner, J Cummins, W Summerfield, J Russell, R Blackwood (Deputy Preceptor)

Every Corby Lodge except one was represented in the Demonstration Team. The Corby United Lodge of Instruction has members from every Corby Lodge as well as one or two from Lodges outside Corby and meets on the second Monday of the month from September to May. Membership is restricted to Master Masons.

Further information on the Lodge of Instruction may be obtained from W Bro Tom Hemsley, Honorary Secretary on 01536 393501

Queens' Birthday Honour for Mrs Janice Childs

Mrs Janice Childs, wife of W Bro Peter Childs, Lodge Chaplain of Risden Lodge No 6532, has been awarded the MBE in the recent Queens' Birthday Honours List.



Janice Childs MBE with husband, Peter

This was for services to elderly and disabled people in Irthlingborough.

For over 32 years Janice has worked with the College Street Centre in Irthlingborough, which provides a centre for people to meet and serves 30 meals a day to its members. Janice also co-ordinates the work of 20 volunteers and drivers.

We all join me in congratulating Janice on this well-deserved and highly prestigious honour.

Janice says there is only one down side to being an MBE - Peter now has to be known as a SOMBE - Spouse of M B E!

Northampton LAMS Charitable Donations

At their monthly coffee morning on 7 April, Caroline Rivett, Chairman, on behalf of Northampton Lady Associate Members presented a cheque for £500 to [Marie Curie Cancer Care](#). This was gratefully received by their representative, Lorraine Tester.



Back (l to r) Dennis Baker, Caroline Rivett
Front (l to r) Sonia Brown, Lorraine Tester, Rosemary Peck

They presented £700 to the Masonic Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Caroline Rivett also presented a cheque for £1,000 to [Wood Green Animal Shelters](#). This was gratefully received by their CEO, Dennis Baker.

He also received gifts from LAMS member, Jean Rawlins, who had knitted 24 coats for sheep, goats and dogs. Let us hope the recipient animal does not recognise the source of their new found warmth as a relative!



Compère, Bro Geoff Allen

Sportsmen's Lunch a Winner

On 30 April 183 diners enjoyed a lunch at St George's Hall, Northampton, followed by an auction and after dinner speakers – all with a sporting theme and in aid of the [2013 RMBI Festival](#).

The Voice of Franklin's Gardens, Bro Geoff Allen, compèred the event and introduced the speakers.

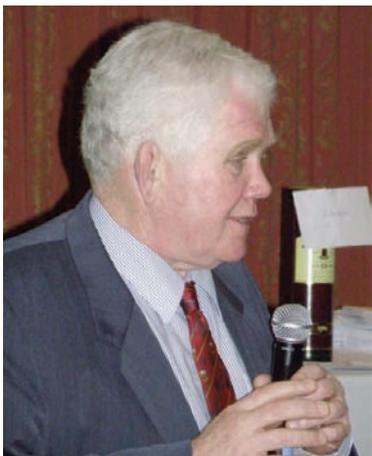
First, Derek Redmond, Olympic 400m runner, and winner of gold medals at European, Commonwealth and World Championships, entertained all present with his recollections of colleagues, rivals and events, in particular the World Championships of 1991 in Tokyo, when he was one of the 4x400m relay team that beat the

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Derek Redmond with Olympic medals

Derek was followed by David “Piggy” Powell, over the years Northampton, England and Lions prop forward, Head Groundsman at [Franklin's Gardens](#) and, now, Club President.



David “Piggy” Powell

He reminisced about former team-mates and some of the different opponents he had faced, how he had summarily dealt with a biter and had been once admonished by the referee for tickling an opposition hooker!

The third entertainer was “British Comedian of the Year,” Russ Williams. His stories, wit and repartee thoroughly delighted his audience.

Finally, Geoff Allen conducted a raffle and auction of sporting memorabilia and promises.

All present agreed it was a splendid event and over £6000 was raised for the Festival.



Russ Williams

Sabrage Ceremonial at Annual Red Cross of Constantine Dinner

Most Illustrious Knight, Richard Victor Wallis, The Grand Sovereign of The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of The Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist about to Sabrage a bottle of Champagne at The Annual Sepulchre Guard Mess Dinner at The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne on the 26th February 2010.

Worthy Knight Andrew Woodward is shown in another guise as an Officer (now recently promoted to Commander) of the Confrerie du Sabre D'Or - an organisation set up to dispense the cork from the Champagne bottle by use of a sabre purely for the enjoyment of the fizzy liquid.



MIII Kt Richard Wallis (centre left) with W Kt Andrew Woodward (centre right) ceremonially open a champagne bottle with a sabre

encouraged the practice and is known to have said "Champagne! In victory one deserves it; in defeat one needs it."

This, the 4th Mess Dinner, was attended by 30 Guards (from this and other divisions) and included, in addition to The Grand Sovereign, Right Illustrious Knight Max Bayes, Intendant General of the East Midlands, and two other Intendant Generals. The guards and their guests enjoyed a Champagne reception followed by a five-course dinner with wines and port.

£8,000 Masonic Donation to Air Ambulance



RW Bro Barrie Hall with Air Ambulance crew members

In May of this year our PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall, representing both this Province and the Grand Charity presented a cheque for £4,000 to the [Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance](#). RW Bro Michael Price, Warwickshire PGM, presented a cheque for £4,000.

The cheques were part of a national grant of £180,000 donated by the [Grand Charity](#) to the Air Ambulance organisation.

Drenching for Masonic Motorcyclists All in a Good Cause

On Sunday 18 July twenty nine intrepid motorcyclists from Graham Milton, Mike Hailwood and Joey Dunlop Lodges, with Masons from The Widows Sons Masonic Motorcycling



Association braved inclement weather and, for a second year, took part in a ride out from Towcester to The National Codes Centre at Bletchley Park.

The intrepid enthusiasts set off for their drenching

The 40 miles circuitous route

claimed 4 victims due to mechanical breakdown, and the need to return home due to drenched under-garments! 25 machines, some with hardy pillion passengers, reached the finish to be greeted by the IPM of the Bletchley Park Lodge. A quiz, and raffle raised £220 which was donated to the TT Riders Association.

Coritani Charity Golf Days – April 2010

The 2009/10 Worshipful Master of Coritani Lodge No 8079, W Bro David Smith, held two fundraising golf days during his year.

The first was at Cold Ashby Golf Club in the Autumn of 2009 and raised £600 for the Maxiofacial Unit at the Sir John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.



W Bro Brian Butt, W Bro David Smith and Jason Sheppard (photo courtesy of 'Daventry Express')

The second was on 17 April 2010 at Collingtree Golf Club and raised £350 for the Helping Hands Charity in Daventry. W Bro Mike Sheppard drove a golf buggy with refreshments on board, assisted by his 10 years old son Jason who accompanied him.

Because of this the WM asked Jason to present the cheque for £350 to Ian Spencer the son of the late Pete Spencer who founded the Charity.

After the cheque presentation, Jason raised a further £127!

Fishermen's Friends

The Masonic Trout and Salmon Flyfishing Club (MTSFC) is a Registered Charity and aims to bring an interactive fishing and countryside experience to people with Special Needs including disabled and disadvantage children, young people and adults.



A delighted winner shows off his prize

On 13 May they organised a Fishing Day for 15 special needs children at Ringsted where the bailiff of Ringsted Fishing Facilities made the day free for the children. St John Ambulance personnel were also on hand.

Bros John Mackenzie (local Branch Chairman), Keith Barrow (event chef), John Kemp (events coordinator and chef) and a band of volunteer helpers made the day very special for the participants.

A wonderfully warm, sunny day (both actually and metaphorically) was enjoyed by everyone. Much was eaten. There was much laughter.

There was much shouting. Some caught big fish. Some caught small fish. Some caught no fish at all. It didn't matter. Children and helpers alike shared in the enjoyment. After this success, the Club will be organising another of these much appreciated events later in the year. Volunterers are always welcome.

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Diamond Jubilee Certificate Presentation to W Bro Bill Thompson

At the Provincial meeting of the Royal Order of Scotland, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, held in March at the Corby Masonic Centre, our Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall, with kind permission from the Royal Order PGM, RW Bro Gordon Gentry, presented a Diamond Jubilee Certificate to W Bro Bill Thompson to mark sixty years of faithful and dedicated service to the Craft.



PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall
with W Bro Bill Thompson

W Bro Bill was initiated under the Scottish Constitution in Glenifer Lodge No 1219 in December 1948 before moving south in the early 60s to enjoy his Masonry in Queen Alexandra Lodge No 2932, now part of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London, and more recently in the Cambridge Meridian Lodge No 9687. During all his Craft work W Bro Bill remained dedicated to his beloved Royal Order of Scotland and pioneered the formation of the Royal Order Province of Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire which was “erected and consecrated” in 1992. W Bro Bill was Installed as the first PGM, serving until 2004.

W Bro Bill was a joining member of Three Counties Lodge No 9278 in 1992 and was Installed as Master in 1999. A year later, he received the PGMs Certificate of Merit from RW Bro Nicolas Hart. A very active and respected member of the Royal Arch, W Bro Bill was appointed as PGStdB in Supreme Grand Chapter and later promoted to

PAGSoj. He is also a senior member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and holds Great Priory rank in the Knights Templar Order.

Throughout his sixty years in the Craft and long service in many other Orders, W Bro Bill served with great distinction and commitment. Following the Jubilee Certificate presentation the Brethren gave a standing ovation in tribute to W Bro Bill’s Masonic service.

Jubilee Certificate Presentations

We also congratulate to the following who have received Jubilee Certificates.

W Bro Brian Stanley Picton PSGD of Petriburg Lodge No 8767 was initiated on 24 April 1959. A former member of the Diplomatic Service he has received Provincial rank in the Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey. His many Masonic interests have been curtailed of late because of his ill health.



VV Bro Derek Young
& W Bro Brian Picton



PGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall
with W Bro Norman Manser

W Bro Norman Manser PJGD was initiated into The Vale of Nene Lodge in 1960 and was Master in 1975. He was appointed to Grand Rank in 1983 and was promoted to PJGD in 1993. He has been a Master of various Lodges in the Province including the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards and Francis Burgess Lodge (Worcestershire). He was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Mark degree in 1995 and remained in office until 2000. He is very active in most side degrees and is still taking office in some of them.

W Bro Roy Clark PDGSwdB was initiated into the Fitzwilliam Lodge No 2533 on 5 May 1960. From 1990 to 1997 he was the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of the Holy Royal Arch in this Province. It was appropriate therefore that the current Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, presented to him his Jubilee Certificate.

In addition we offer our hearty congratulations to the following who have also received Jubilee Certificates - W Bros George Short, St Johns Lodge No 3972; Guy Hudson, Pomfret Lodge No 360; and Vince Osborn (England's Centre Lodge No 2555).

Life Saving Fund Raising by Ailwyn Lodge

Ailwyn Lodge of Ramsey has raised £1,000 for [Magpas](#), the East of England charity for emergency medical care. This was matched by the [Provincial Grand Charity](#).

On 9 July, at the offices of Magpas in St. Ives, W Bro Jason Hinch, Lodge IPM and W Bro Geoffrey Barnes, Charity Steward, presented the cheque for £2000 to Debbie Florence, PR and Fundraising Coordinator.

She said, "We are very grateful to Ailwyn Lodge and the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire for choosing to support Magpas in such a generous way.

We rely solely on donations from the public and organisations like the Freemasons to help save lives."

Anyone wishing to become a Magpas first responder (no medical experience required) should contact W Bro Geoffrey Barnes.



(l to r) W Bros Geoffrey Barnes & Jason Hinch, Mrs Frances Hinch, David Philpot, Magpas CEO, Kelly Huntingdon, First Responder from Sawtry and Debbie Florence

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Double Cerebrations for St Ivo Mark Lodge

Because of the high numbers attending the 29 April meeting of the St Ivo Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 607, it was transferred from its usual venue at the Quayside in St Ives to the Ellindon Masonic Centre, Peterborough.



(l to r) W Bro John Clark, Deputy PGM, RW Bro Benjamin Addy, WM, W Bro Mike Nixon, PGM, RW Bro George Bonham

This Centenary meeting was another aspect of a busy year for our Mark Province. It was attended by the Deputy (then Assistant) Grand Master, RW Bro Benjamin Addy.

Due to the principal officer holder being delayed by the effects of the Icelandic volcanic ash, W Bro John Clark acted as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro George Bonham, dedicated the new Lodge banner.

Stamford Rotary Meets Freemasonry

On Monday 23rd November 2009 W Bro Cedric Cadman invited fifty members of [The Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley](#), with partners and guests to Stamford Masonic Centre. After a superb supper of sausage & mash everyone was entertained by a most informative and entertaining talk about English Freemasonry given by our Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Dr Vivian Thomas, then invited everyone into the Lodge Room where he answered the many questions.

Also in attendance were the Rotary Club President, Chris Harrison-Smith and the Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Nicolas Hart. W Bro Cadman was most grateful for everyone's support, not forgetting Bro Andy Binder and his hard working stewarding staff.



(l to r) W Bro Cadman, Chris Harrison-Smith, RW Bro Barrie Hall, W Bro Dr Vivian Thomas

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the policy or views of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. For editorial reasons, letters may be edited but, where this is necessary, it will be done in such a way as to preserve the original sense.

In the [Summer 2008](#) edition of *Password* we invited you views on Masonic matters in the form of Letters to the Editor. They are still most welcome. Here is the latest.

The Usage and Abusage of the Masonic Gavel

Dear Editor

As a firm supporter of many years standing of the formality and etiquette traditionally associated with Masonic protocol, I have become increasingly concerned at the methods of conducting our proceedings, especially in the management of the Festive Board, and I would like to express my opinions through the pages of *Password*.

There are many who believe that our after-proceedings are quite separate from our meetings. Unfortunately those brethren appear unaware of our history. Before Freemason's Lodges became owners of property, meetings were usually held in rooms above or within licensed premises, in rooms would hired for the evening. Meetings lasted many hours. At suitable intervals the Lodge would be "called off" and refreshments would be served. The Lodge would then be "called on" again and business resumed.

The Master was in charge of proceedings. It was only after the acquisition or construction of purpose-built premises that the meeting was separated from the festive

board. However, our festive boards should still be conducted with attention being paid to the etiquette which obtains within the Lodge. This is especially so with reference to the dignity and respect which should be accorded to the Worshipful Master. Bad manners have no place at our table, and care should be taken not to overstep the mark between an acceptable level of light-heartedness and rudeness.

In some Lodges the Director of Ceremonies controls the Festive Board but also usurps the authority of the Master, both in how, when and with whom wine is taken, and also in the random use of the Master's gavel. Gavels are given for use only by the Master and his Wardens. A gavel is not given to the DC, ADC or Tyler.

The power of the Brethren to elect the Worshipful Master does not allow them to withdraw the power. The Master should retain possession of the gavel and never let it go beyond his reach, whether in Lodge or at refreshment.

The Master should not use his gavel unnecessarily, nor too loudly, but rather gently or sparingly. The dignity of his high office is not well served by over-zealous use of the gavel.

The gavel is the Master's emblem of power and authority. It should, therefore, remain with him throughout the entire proceedings. The attention which the Master receives after sounding the gavel should not depend on the level of noise he makes. The Brethren should immediately be silent out of respect for the Master. The Master who uses his gavel too forcibly is likely to lose the respect of both members and visiting Brethren.

There is an increasing trend for DC's to take over both the gavel and the control of

proceedings. It seems to be a practice for some DCs not just to have a gavel but to have the Master's gavel which is quite wrong. The DC should ascertain from the Master the names of those with whom he would like to take wine and not dictate to him who those persons should be. The DC should sit close enough to the Master to be able to see when it is appropriate for the Master to take wines. It is bad manners for the DC to bang a gavel, especially if the Master is in conversation at the time. When there is an appropriate lull in proceedings, he should politely request the Master to gavel. The DC should then rise and announce the wine taking(s).

With respect to the toast list, it is pointless for the DC to gavel, then ask the Brethren to pay attention to the W.M. The sound of the Master's gavel should be sufficient to silence the Brethren.

Masters are not always well-enough informed about these matters. Perhaps those approaching the Chair should take more time to learn the true nature and limit of their responsibilities and what is expected of them and not take as gospel the well-meaning but sometimes ill-directed ideas of Directors of Ceremonies.

Yours fraternally,

Geoff Smith PPGReg
Risdene Lodge No 6532

Note from Editor

If you have any comment on this topic or wish to raise or comment on any others, please [email](mailto:) or write to the Editor at the Provincial Office.

PGM's 2010/11 Season Visits

Date	Lodge	Number
17 Sep 10	O Kimbolton	7204 (Inst)
22 Sep 10	Thistle & Rose	6644 (Inst)
23 Sep 10	Samuel Pepys	8330
01 Oct 10	St James	6838 (Inst)
04 Oct 10	Cytringan	4048 (Inst)
06 Oct 10	Fidelity	445 (Inst)
11 Oct 10	Toseland	8837 (Inst)
16 Oct 10	Abington	8041 (Inst)
21 Oct 10	Lactodorum	8526 (Inst)
28 Oct 10	Ins Masters	3422 (Inst)
24 Nov 10	Trinity	9165 (Inst)
01 Dec 10	St George	5978
10 Jan 11	Wentworth	737 (Inst)
11 Jan 11	St Paul	6516
12 Jan 11	Ceres	6977
17 Jan 11	St John's	3972
18 Jan 11	Ferraria	8489
27 Jan 11	Salcey Forest	9854
02 Feb 11	St Ivo	2684 (Inst)
09 Feb 11	Beneventa	2380 (Inst)
14 Feb 11	Dr Field	8158
17 Feb 11	Ailwyn	3535
21 Feb 11	Merit	466
25 Feb 11	Whytevell	8400 (Inst)
04 Mar 11	Pro Musica	9547
18 Mar 11	Schola Regia	9105 (Inst)
04 Apr 11	Danetre	8594
07 Apr 11	Pemberton	3039
15 Apr 11	Webb Ellis	9740 (Inst)

Lewis Becomes Youngest Mason in Province



Bro Braden Dimmock with proud father W Bro Martin Dimmock

As he was only 19 years old, the Provincial Grand Master gave dispensation for Braden Dimmock to be initiated into Trinity Lodge, No 9165 in Kettering on 28 April 2010.

The WM, W Bro Robert Denton, was happy to vacate the Chair in favour of W Bro Martin - Dimmock, who initiated his son, Braden Dimmock, with great dignity and affection.

It was a very proud father who handed over the Book of Constitutions and Bylaws and welcomed his son into the Lodge. Both father and son were visibly moved by the evening's proceedings.

Bro Braden Dimmock now becomes the youngest Mason in the Province and the first Lewis to be initiated in Trinity Lodge's history.

Saddle Sore Provincial Stewards

The 2009/10 team of Provincial Grand Stewards marked the end of their year in office with a sponsored cycle ride in support of the [Provincial Grand Charity](#).

W Bros Steve Barley, Alistair MacDonald, Bob Watts and Jeff Chambers (all Provincial Grand Stewards) accompanied by W Bro John Scotney (Dr Oliver Lodge) and W Bro Mike Markham (Lodge of St Paul) cycled across the Province, setting off from Brackley on 5 May. Calling at all the main Masonic Centres, they finally reached Ramsey and Huntingdon, after three days and 146 miles of cycling. Apart from one puncture and a buckled wheel, the journey was completed in good weather without major problems. It raised £3,527.05 (the 5p was found on the road) which the Stewards presented to VW Bro Max Bayes, Chairman of the Provincial Grand Charity, at the meeting of Three Counties Lodge in Northampton on 26 May.

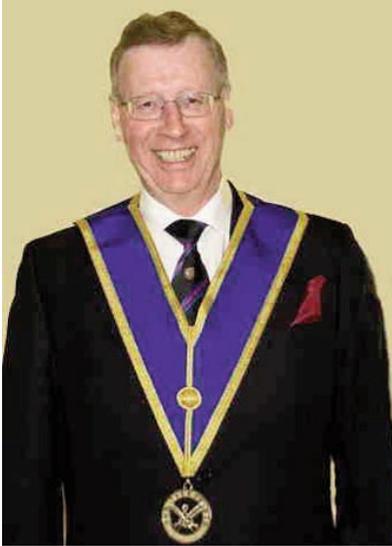


(l to r) Steve Barley, Alistair MacDonald, Jeff Chambers, John Scotney, Bob Watts, Mike Markham

The team's sincere thanks go to those Brethren throughout the Province who generously helped and supported them in their efforts.

Provincial Office Changes

Following the retirement of W Bro Norman Pope as Provincial Grand Secretary, his successor, W Bro Trevor Boswell, who has been the Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary for five years, was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary at the Annual Investiture meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in May.



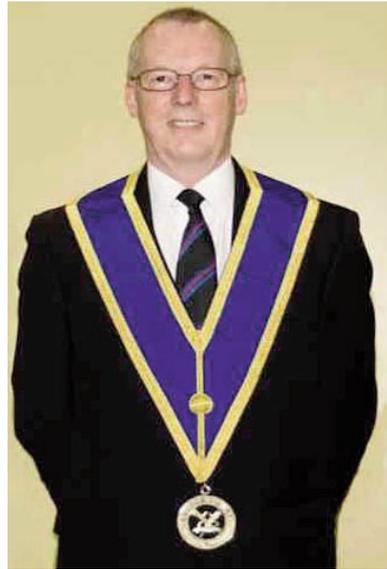
W Bro Trevor Boswell

Trevor is a member of the Old Northamptonians Lodge No 5694, Grand Junction Lodge No 9775, Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No 8995, Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422 and is a Founder of the new Salcey Forest Lodge No 9854.

He is the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Holy Royal Arch and a member of Kingsley Chapter No 2431 and the Chapter of Installed Principals No 3422. He is also a member of the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees, Rose Croix and the Red Cross of Constantine.

Prior to taking early retirement, Trevor had a career in Sales with two American multi-nationals, Warner Lambert and Pfizer, where he started as a sales representative and progressed to General Sales Manager. He is married to Daphne who assists in the Provincial Office. They have two children.

Taking over as Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary is W Bro Eric Ellison, a member of Abington Lodge No 8041 and Abington Chapter No 8041.



W Bro Eric Ellison

Prior to retiring on New Year's Eve 2007 he was employed by British Gas for 33 years. He reached the dizzy heights of Business Development Manager responsible for the national printing and mailing centres. He is married to Elizabeth and has one daughter.

The Provincial Office is usually open weekday mornings between 9 am and 1 pm. Contact details can be found in the Year Book.

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New Corby Information Officer

Born in Ohio, Tom Hemsley moved to Texas in his early teens and enlisted in the US Air Force in 1958. He served for 21 years seeing service in Europe and the Far East. Whilst stationed at RAF Alconbury he met Margaret and they married in 1969. They have a daughter and are now the proud grandparents of three grandchildren. After retirement from the Air Force in 1979 he worked as an aircraft electrician, quality control manager and finally as an inspector and team operative at the British Steel Corporation, retiring in 2003.



Initiated in Corbie Lodge No 9155 in 1993, he was WM in 2006. He is the First Principal of Thistle & Rose Chapter, Most Wise Sovereign of Good Intent Chapter Rose Croix, Senior Warden of Forest Lodge of RAM, a member of Corby Council of Royal and Select Masters, secretary of Rockingham Lodge of MMM, Registrar of the Heritage Preceptory Knights Templar and secretary/treasurer of the Corbie United Lodge of Instruction. He is also a member of Palmer Lodge, Lodge of Installed Masters and Chapter of First Principals.

In what spare time he has, Tom enjoys researching his family history, reading and watching old John Wayne movies. He is a keen fan of that excellent Scottish Bard, Robert Burns, and a member of the Stewart & Lloyds Burns Club.