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Summer 2013

Charity Begins at Home

Following the success of our Festival, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, is requesting all brethren and lodges to embark on a new initiative.



In a recent statement and via a personal letter to all brethren, he has highlighted the need to form a Provincial Building Fund, to raise funds that can be loaned to the management of the lodge buildings for urgent repairs or renovations to bring them up to a satisfactory standard.

In his statement, he recognised that the brethren of this Province have more than done their duty to the RMBI and all should be proud of this achievement. Likewise we should also be proud of our charitable giving to non-

Masonic charities. However a time has come when we must consider "charity begins at home". We also have a duty to keep our Lodge buildings in good order; firstly for our own wellbeing, secondly because impressions on those who are considering or have recently joined are most important, and thirdly we must ensure the buildings are maintained to a standard for those who will follow us in Masonry.

We should remember that we all contribute and are members of the Grand Charity, which makes donations on our behalf. In 2014 each donation will be £17 so even if we re-direct some of our giving, it will not detract from our charitable aims.

The time to pay attention to our buildings is now and we need to accrue funds to achieve this. Some of our buildings are at present in good shape but this will not always be the case as the past has proved and it is hoped that all Lodges will join in this venture.

Message from the Provincial Grand Master

This year has, to date, been a momentous period in the history of our Province. We have completed the RMBI Festival 2013 in grand style, reaching a total of £2,187,169 against our target of £1,603,613. I am absolutely delighted at this success, as indeed are the President, Chief Executive and Trustees of the Charity. We have celebrated with a series of dinners around the Province that have all been extremely successful and most attendees have expressed their enjoyment.

We have also taken occupation of our new premises at Sheaf Close in Northampton. Everyone worked so hard to achieve completion and those involved can look back on a job well done. At Provincial Grand Lodge our many visitors from surrounding Provinces expressed their admiration at what we had achieved and I was very proud. Several of our members contributed greatly to the success and their efforts will be recognised in due course.

Before we held Provincial Grand Lodge we had the first seriously attended meeting at the centre when we congregated on Saturday 11th May 2013 to consecrate another new Lodge – Silverstone. The founder members of this Lodge are, clearly, associated with motor racing and the intention is to hold lodge meetings in the village of Silverstone. We have enjoyed much success with our special interest lodges in the past and I have every confidence that this new lodge will thrive and prosper. The

first meeting is to be held on 26th July and there will be an Initiation Ceremony. There are also many joining members to be dealt with and all is looking well. I wish the first Worshipful Master, W Bro Dermot Bainbridge and his team, every success in the coming years. This latest consecration brings the total number of lodges in this Province to 93.

We are looking forward to the Grand Opening of the Sheaf Close building on Sunday 18th August 2013 and I hope that as many as possible will be present to help us celebrate. Then on Saturday 31st August 2013 we will be conducting the dedication of the centre. This is a moving Masonic ceremony and one that many of us are unlikely to witness again. I trust that many will take this opportunity to experience something really special.



Provincial Grand Master,
RW Bro W Max Bayes

This is, of course, the close season for much of our Freemasonry and I trust that we shall all have a good rest, hopefully enjoy some sunshine and then return to our duties in September with renewed vigour. We have much to look forward to and I hope that my idea of a Provincial Building Fund will be embraced by the brethren. This subject has been dealt with elsewhere in this magazine and further details can be obtained from the Provincial Office. A concerted effort by all of us over the next couple of years or so will provide us with a safety fund to ensure the future of our buildings.

Enjoy the break brethren and I look forward to being with you in the new season.

RW Bro W Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master

Provincial Grand Master's Diary

No	Lodge	Meeting Type	Date
9155	Corbie	Installation Meeting	12/09/2013
5195	John Pyel	Installation Meeting	17/09/2013
5978	St George	Installation Meeting	02/10/2013
6838	St James	Installation Meeting	04/10/2013
9516	Chetene	Installation Meeting	05/10/2013
6977	Ceres	Installation Meeting	09/10/2013
8158	Dr Field	Installation Meeting	14/10/2013
9126	Thomas Deacon	Installation Meeting	01/11/2013
5627	St Crispin	Installation Meeting	08/11/2013
9165	Trinity	Installation Meeting	27/11/2013
2283	Euston	Regular Meeting	18/12/2013

New Northampton Masonic Hall Fully Operational

In 21 short weeks from the time work started, just before Christmas 2012, to the building handover in May 2013, the new Northampton Hall was miraculously created in Sheaf Close, Northampton.

In arctic conditions the foundation stone that has graced two former Northampton Masonic Halls was relaid at the new Hall on 23 March 2013. First laid at the building of the Masonic Hall in Princes Street in 1889, it was relaid in St George's Avenue in 1971.

In relaying the stone, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, said it maintained a link with the Masonic history of the Province and the new building represented the future.



(l to r) W Bros Luigi Orsi ProvGSuptWks, Ray Hemingray ProvGChaplain, Jim Boughton APM, Jim Parker Chairman of Board of Directors of Freemasons' Hall Northampton Ltd, RW Bro Max Bayes PGM, VW Bro Wayne Williams MEGS of the Holy Royal Arch, W Bros Norman Pope APM & Trevor Boswell ProvGSec (with the time capsule)

Provincial Grand Secretary, W Bro Trevor Boswell, buried a time capsule below the stone. The capsule contained a copy of the day's Times newspaper, coins and stamps of the realm, a book of Emulation Craft Ritual, the current edition of the Provincial magazine (Password) and details of the Province's 2013 RMBI Festival Appeal.

Brethren from across the Province attended to celebrate the occasion. After the ceremony they toured the building and welcomed warm refreshments provided by the LAMS.

By happy coincidence the honour of hosting the first Masonic meeting at the new premises fell to the Province's oldest Lodge. Pomfret Lodge No 360 was the first to meet there on Friday 10 May. This was quickly followed on Saturday 11 May by the consecration of Silverstone Lodge and on 16 May by Provincial Grand Lodge. On 23 May the oldest Chapter in the Province, Northampton Chapter No 360 was the first Chapter to meet in the new building.

Burns Night Comes to Towcester

By visiting the Lodge of Fidelity No 445 in Towcester on 6 March, Brethren from Corby brought some of the Corby Scottish tradition to the opposite end of the Province. The visiting party of ten included W Bro Tom Hemsley of Corbie Lodge No 9155, who gave a fascinating lecture on the life, works and Masonic activities of Robbie Burns.

There followed a traditional Burns Night Supper at which W Bro Tarbottom of Thistle and Rose Lodge No 6644 piped in the haggis. This was then addressed with the immortal words of the Bard by Bro Merton, also of Thistle and Rose Lodge. The Brethren then enjoyed an excellent traditional meal accompanied by a wide variety of superb Scottish 'gravies' and during the evening, W Bro Henderson of Corbie Lodge sang two songs written by Robbie Burns.

Further plans for fellowship activities are planned involving members of the Lodge of Fidelity, whose Worshipful Master W Bro Danny Wilson lives in Corby, and Corby Masons, including a visit to Ferrara Lodge No 8489 in April.



WM of Lodge of Fidelity, W Bro Daniel Wilson (centre), with his officers and visitors from Corby Lodges

Lactodorum Lodge Support for Towcester Community Response

The Stewards of Lactodorum Lodge No 8526 under the guiding hand of W Bro Richard Brice arranged a race night in support of Towcester Community Response team. They raised £1,500 to which the Provincial Grand Charity added £500. The presentation was made on the Lodge night of Thursday 9 May after we had been called the Lodge off.



W Bro Terry Oldfield making presentation

Rockingham Lodge of MMMs Banner Dedication



(l to r) W Bro John Clark, VW Bro Geoff Bollard, W Bros Brian Ennever, Marty Lambert, RW Bro George Bonham & W Bros Tom Hemsley & Ronnie Stone

Eighty Mark Masons gathered at the Corby Masonic Centre on Thursday 21 February to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Rockingham Lodge of Mark Master Masons and to dedicate its banner.

RW Bro George Bonham, Provincial Grand Master, and his team dedicated the Banner in an outstanding manner, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Provincial Grand Master was assisted by his Wardens, W Bro Roland Edwards and W Bro Keith Baines, Chaplain W Bro Revd Tony Avery, Secretary W Bro Brian Elliott and Director of Ceremonies W Bro John Clark. The Banner Bearer was W Bro Marty Lambert and the Worshipful Master W Bro Tom Hemsley.

VW Bro Geoff Bollard was responsible for having the Banner made and he very generously donated it to the Lodge.

***Password* Contributions Gratefully Received**

We thank all who have contributed articles, photographs or ideas for this edition of *Password*. All are gratefully received and (we trust) faithfully applied. Keep your stories and photographs coming through your Local Communication Officer (see back page) in order that we can keep the Provincial website and *Password* up to date. Even if your contribution does not appear in *Password* it will almost certainly appear on the Provincial website.

Jubilee Certificate Congratulations

Our warmest congratulations go to W Bro George March who has received a Certificate marking his 60 years in Freemasonry at the age of 89.



In March 1953 he was initiated into Old Kimboltonians Lodge No 7204, becoming Master in 1966. He moved to Norfolk, where he joined local Lodges and Holy Royal Arch Chapter. He later moved to the Isle of Wight and subsequently to the RMBI Home at Zetland Court in Bournemouth.

He has had a career in housing and social need and in local government. On early retirement

RW Bro Barrie Hall PPGM with W Bro George March
in 1974 he was invited to take a management role in the Broadland Housing Association, a provider of affordable housing and sheltered accommodation. Now, being a in residential accommodation himself, he has an element of professional interest.

We also offer our congratulations to the following Brethren who have received their Jubilee Certificates after completing 50 years in Freemasonry

- W Bro Leslie Edward Charles Staddon St Ivo Lodge No 2684
- W Bro John Parsonson Old Northamptonian No 5694
- W Bro Milton Haydn Farrer Willowbrook No 7439
- W Bro Clifford John Andrew Allin Grand Junction Lodge No 9775
- W Bro Clifford Hubert Sharp Chicheley No 607
- W Bro Alan Peck Dr Oliver Lodge No 3964



(l to r) W Bro Clifford Allin with
W Bro Andrew Woodward (who presented certificate)

(l to r) W Bro David Jackson (who presented certificate)
with W Bro Milton Farrer & W Bro Terry Sandy (WM)

Province Raises £2.18m in RMBI Festival



The first Provincial Grand Lodge to be held in the newly completed Masonic Hall in Sheaf Close, Northampton was attended by 400 Brethren including RW Bro Major the Honourable Andrew Wigram MVO, Senior Grand Warden, W Bro Philip Hall, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and W Bro Chris Head, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and RMBI's Executive Director of Finance.

At the Festive Board, David Innes, Chief Executive of the RMBI, announced the total achieved at the completion of our 2013 RMBI Festival - £2,187,169 - and highly praised members of the Province for their magnificent efforts.

The recently appointed President of the RMBI, VW Bro James Newman, spoke of the work of the RMBI and stressed the importance of this contribution made by the Province.

Flying Legacy for Younger Generation

In his will, the late W Bro Albert Shepherd, who was a Lancaster bomber rear gunner in World War II, bequeathed monies to youngsters following in his aviation footsteps.



(l to r) W Bros John Betts & Graham Rogers present the cheque

Consequently, his Lodge - Perseverance No 455 - has made a donation of £5,000 to the Kettering 1101 Squadron of the Air Cadets to enable them to purchase a flight training simulator.

The Worshipful Master, W Bro John Betts said, "We are delighted to have been able to help the young members of our local Air Cadet squadron and at the same time provide a fitting memorial to W Bro Albert, whose flights wings will be on display at the Squadron's headquarters."

Canoe the Nene Challenge 2013

Following their very successful Cross Province Canoe Challenge in 2012, when £11,770 was raised for Great Ormond Street Hospital, members of Wentworth Lodge No 737 of Wellingborough have re-run the event this year - but with a twist.

On Wednesday 17 April, ten Lodge members set off in Northampton on a challenge to canoe the 92 miles along the River Nene to The Wash. This was in aid of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.



The Team (l to r) Bros Stuart Goosey, Nick Skillett, Stuart McLester, Neil Johnson, (W Bro) Rob Mallett, Dan Cooke, Rob Oliver, Matthew Horton, Karl Hodgkinson & Stuart Ridd-Jones

After four gruelling days of canoeing the team reached the finish line at the mouth of the River Nene, having raised in excess of £6,000.

Team Leader, W Bro Rob Mallett said, "We had incredible and very generous support along the way. It was very humbling and makes carrying out these challenges so very worthwhile. The Wentworth Team would like to thank all those who supported us along the way, as well as the lodges visited along the route, whose members made us feel so very welcome."

Deadline for the Winter 2013/14 Edition of *Password*

If you have items suitable for publication in *Password* please make sure they are sent to the Editor (through your Local Communication Officer where appropriate) to reach the Editor by 1 January 2014 at the very latest.

New Development at Palmer Court



(l to r) RW Bro Max Bayes, Provincial Grand Master, Mrs Jean Harrington (Mayor's wife), Martin Clarke (Chairman of the Masonic Housing Association), Ken Harrington (Mayor) and VW Bro Wayne Williams (Most Excellent Grand Superintendent)

On Thursday 1 May, the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, with the Mayor of Wellingborough, Councillor Ken Harrington and Mrs Jean Harrington, attended a ceremony to mark the beginning of work on the extension to Palmer Court at Hatton Avenue in Wellingborough.

The Masonic Housing Association is building eleven one bedroom flats suitable for couples and including a guest room. The new flats are scheduled to be available for occupation in early 2014.

This project will contribute to meeting urgent affordable housing needs, especially for older people. Half of the tenancy allocations will be to nominees of the Local Authority and half to the Association's waiting list. It is being financed entirely by the Association without any grant or public subsidy, although it does not normally develop and build new schemes.

Air Ambulance Donation

In early June this year our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Dr Viv Thomas, joined with the Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, RW Bro David Macey, to present, on our behalf, a donation from the Grand Charity of £8,000 to the Air Ambulance.

The visit brought back many memories and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master entertained the air crew with stories of his time whilst serving in the RAF Air and Sea Rescue.



(l to r) RW Bro David Macey & VW Bro Dr Viv Thomas with crew members

Spring Brings LAMs to Rushden



(l to r) Valerie Brierley, Treasurer; Caroline Rivett, Chairman, and Susan Noble, Secretary

For a number of years now the Masonic centres at Northampton and Peterborough have enjoyed the support of their respective Lady Associate Members (LAMs) organisations. With the extension of usage of Rushden Masonic Hall, a local branch of LAMs was established in early 2013. The main objective of LAMs is to arrange social events for members and through this raise funds towards the fabric and furnishings of the Hall. A proportion of the money raised may be donated to outside charities and deserving causes, including the Chairman's choice of

a particular charity. Those eligible for membership are the wife, partner or close female relative of a current Freemason, or a Masonic widow. There is a 'Friends' category for those without the direct connection but who wish to enjoy the social aspect and support the group.

Rushden LAMs meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month with a coffee morning or lunch, along with a variety of other events planned throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining or just making an initial enquiry should contact the Chairman, Caroline Rivett, or the Secretary, Susan Noble through the Provincial Office.

Fraternal Link with Canada

As a frequent visitor to Halifax, Nova Scotia, W Bro Andrew Ward of Thomas Deacon Lodge No 9126 and Petriburg Lodge No 8767, regularly attends lodge meetings under the banner of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. On Tuesday 11 June he attended the Royal Standard Lodge in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, Nova Scotia - although it comes under the jurisdiction of United Grand Lodge in England.

He was given a warm fraternal welcome by all present. After a very enjoyable meeting, he was pleased to present an engraved glass paperweight on behalf of this Province. This was presented to MW Bro Carson Jackson and MW Bro Gordon Conrad.



(l to r) W Bro Andrew Ward, MW Bro Carson Jackson & MW Bro Gordon Conrad

More Masonic Charity



W Bro David Gale presents the cheque to Debbie Fairhurst

In April, W Bro David Gale, then Worshipful Master of Euston Lodge No 2283, W Bro Gale presented a cheque for £1,000 to EACH Children's Hospice. He was with his wife Rosemary and other officers of Euston Lodge and their wives.

The money donated was a combination of funds raised by a wandering group of itinerant golf bandits who call themselves The Nomads and the Provincial Grand Charity.

At Coritani Lodge's Ladies Night last year, W Bro Geoff Allen and his wife Wendy's chosen charity was the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

With matched funding from the Provincial Grand Charity, they were able to present a cheque for £1,500 to Stuart Wilkins, the funding co-ordinator for the charity. The presentation took place at the charity's coffee shop in Daventry High Street on 21 March.



(l to r) W Bro Geoff Allen, Mrs Wendy Allen & Stuart Wilkins



W Bro Parry Jones presents the cheque to Bernadette Halton

One of the many charity collections by Brethren of Chicheley Lodge No 607 in the latter part of 2012 resulted in a cheque for £1,000 being donated to MacMillan Nurses. Part of this was provided by the Provincial Grand Charity.

On the 13 February 2013, Bernadette Halton, the Area Fundraising Manager for MacMillan Nurses, was very pleased to receive the cheque from W Bro Parry Jones, IPM of Chicheley Lodge. Bernadette expressed her gratitude to Freemasonry in general for its support to MacMillan Nurses. Parry, for his part, is very pleased to support MacMillan Nurses who provided comfort to his late wife, Jan, during her terminal illness.



(l to r) Stuart Wilkins and W Bro Stuart Bambrough

Led by its Worshipful Master, W Bro Stuart Bambrough, the Graham Milton Lodge No 9796 held its 7th annual summer fund raising BBQ at the Fordham Arms, Sharnbrook.

Before the Lodge's extra meeting held on Friday 8 March W Bro Stuart Bambrough presented the resulting cheque for £2,000 to Stuart Wilkins, a Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance representative.

At the 2012 Ladies' Festival of Samuel Pepys Lodge No 8330 of 2012 the fund raising amongst members and friends of the Lodge was for the benefit of Woodlands Centre at Hinchinbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon.

On the 17 January, the Worshipful Master, W Bro Rob Taylor and his wife, Glenis, went to the Centre. There, Glenis presented the resulting cheque for £1,009 to Lynda Hall, the Centre Manager



(l to r) Lynda Hall, Mrs Glenis Taylor & W Bro Rob Taylor



(l to r) W Bro Angelo Miracco, Stuart Wilkins and Mrs Josie Miracco

During his year as Worshipful Master of England's Centre Lodge No 2555 in Northampton, W Bro Angelo Miracco and his wife Josie organised some very successful social events.

At a recent white table event on 21 February they were delighted to present a cheque for the £1000. Stuart Wilkins, its Fundraising Co-ordinator, was very pleased to receive the donation on behalf of the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

RW Bro Peter Palmer PPGM Celebrates 101st Birthday

On Sunday 10 March relatives and friends came together to celebrate with Peter his 101st birthday.



(l to r) RW Bro Peter Palmer shares a celebratory drink with a fellow PPGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall

Amongst the guests was our PPGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall, and his wife Joy. The event was held at the Brampton View Residential Care Home, Northampton.

Other guests included friends from the Northampton County Golf Club where he was made an Honorary Life Member in 1985.

RW Bro Peter is the oldest surviving Northampton Saints rugby player. He first played for the Saints in 1930, continuing until 1939, with a brief sabbatical at Leicester Tigers in 1933-34.

The Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is honoured to have five surviving Past Provincial Grand Masters in which capacity RW Bro Peter served from 1971 to 1984.

Now a resident in the Brampton View Residential Care Home, he remains in good health but sadly his hearing has deteriorated.

Cransley Hospice Benefits from Masonic Charity

The Lodge of Perseverance No 455 in Kettering has made a **£10,000 donation** to Cransley Hospice. This will be used for a new ECG machine, specifically to treat blood calcium levels more accurately. It will also enable the monitoring of heart activity where patients have renal and suspected heart failure.

Lodge Charity Steward, W Bro Barry Rogers said, "The Lodge has been very fortunate to receive a substantial bequest for charitable purposes from the will of the late W Bro Albert Shepherd. We are delighted because this has enabled us to make such a significant donation to Cransley Hospice, that provides invaluable hospice and palliative care services for people with life limiting illnesses within North Northamptonshire."



(l to r) W Bros Richard Paragreen, David Watson, John Betts & Barry Rogers with Diana Patrick of Cransley Hospice

St Crispins Chapter Donation to Cransley Hospice



(l to r) E Comp John Wooding, Debbie Grant & E Comp Michael Gorrod

On Monday 11 February St Crispins Chapter No 5627 members, E Comp John Wooding, Treasurer and E Comp Michael Gorrod MEZ visited Cransley Hospice.

There, on behalf of the Chapter, they presented a cheque for £200 to Debbie Grant of the Hospice.

She expressed her thanks for the continuing Masonic support of the Hospice.

Green Light for Unique Silverstone Lodge

Just six months after consecrating the Province's 92nd Lodge - Terpsichore Lodge No 9874 - the Province has consecrated its 93rd - Silverstone Lodge No 9877. Three Lodge numbers separate the two Lodges.

On Saturday 11 May in the second Masonic meeting to be held in the new Freemasons Hall, Sheaf Close in Northampton, the Provincial Consecration Team led by the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, conducted the ceremony in magnificent style to the delight of the 210 who attended.



Silverstone Lodge - getting off to a flying start - is the latest of the Province's special interest Lodges. It is for those with an affinity to motor sport and the village of Silverstone deemed to be the Home of British Motorsport and will meet at the Silverstone Recreational Association Pavilion.



Lodge Founders with Provincial Consecration Team

There are already Lodges that cater for motor cycle enthusiasts - Graham Milton Lodge No 9796 in this Province - but Silverstone Lodge is unique in being the first to cater for motor car enthusiasts.

In his oration the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W Bro Ray Hemingray, presented the Lodge with a chequered flag which he compared with the chequered pavement of a Freemasons' Lodge. He suggested the flag might be placed under the Volume of the Sacred Law when Masons are raised. This would remind them that their raising was not the end of their Masonic journey which could not be complete until, when the time was right, they took the next necessary step in Freemasonry by joining the Holy Royal Arch.



(l to r) W Bro Tim Almond (SW), W Bro Dermot Bambridge (WM) and W Bro Trevor Ray (JW)

The Lodge's first Candidate for initiation is the son of its first Worshipful Master, W Bro Dermot Bambridge.

It meets four times a year on a Friday evening to coincide with weekend events at Silverstone Circuit.

Anyone interested in joining should contact the Lodge Secretary through the Provincial Office.

Ex-England Star Signs for Webb Ellis Lodge

Webb Ellis Lodge No 9740 was honoured to initiate former England and Northampton Saints hero, Steve Thompson MBE on the 14 June. 104 masons attended the initiation at Sheaf Close Northampton.

At the festive board in response to the Masters Toast, the Worshipful Master, VW Bro Wayne Williams, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, had everybody in stitches

when he recounted his pleasure in undertaking the initiation. "As I sat there in my chair elevated by the pedestal, a mere lad from the Rhondda Valley, there standing before me appeared the man mountain, Stephen Thompson MBE, hooker for ten seasons for Northampton Saints, 73 caps for England – England's the most capped hooker – British Lion and World Cup winner.



(l to r) Bro Steve Miles SW, Bro Steve Thompson, VW Bro Wayne Williams WM & W Bro Steve James JW

The temple hushed in expectation as I said, 'You will kneel on your left knee.' Something many a Welsh front row would have loved to have achieved - but regrettably, never did. I should get a few beers on that story in Cardiff when attending Provincial Grand Chapter in South Wales!"

Historic Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation

The first Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter to be held in the new Northampton Masonic Hall was on 27 June. Eighteen Provinces were represented with no less than fourteen Most Excellent Grand Superintendents attending. In all, a total of 230 attended. Unfortunately, this did not include the Second Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp Mike Coleman, who had suffered a motor accident. E Comp Derek Todd stood in as Second Provincial Grand Principal.



E Comp Wayne Williams, & E Comp Viv Bashford

After appointing his Provincial Officers and making appointments in past rank, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, had a surprise up his sleeve for the eldest Companion present.

This was 92 years old E Comp Frederick (Vic) Bashford a member of St Ivo Chapter No 2684, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Chapter of First Principals No 3422 and Ailwyn Chapter No 3535.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent praised E Comp Bashford's Second World War service in the Royal Navy escorting Arctic convoys between the UK and Russia and for which he is the proud holder of the Arctic Star campaign medal. During the War 104 Merchant ships and 20 Royal Navy ships were lost. Fortunately, E Comp Bashford survived this ordeal and it was for his unstinting service over many years to the Holy Royal Arch that the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent awarded him his Certificate of Meritorious Service.

After the ceremony and to mark the historic nature of this year's Provincial Grand Chapter, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent presented to each of his fellow Grand Superintendents a commemorative pen. These were gratefully received.



E Comp Wayne Williams with his Provincial Executive and visiting Grand Superintendents

Hook-a-Duck Guinness Book of Records Attempt

On Saturday 23 August members of Wentworth Lodge will attempt to enter the Guinness Book of Records with a world record hook-a-duck event. This is a fund raising event at a lake just off the A45 Roundabout at Stanwick, between Raunds and Higham Ferrers. There will be a beer tent with real ales, decent loos and a variety of musical entertainments.



In order to try and beat the hook-a-duck world record, as many ducks as possible will be floated on the lake and a number of celebrities will be invited to catch sufficient ducks to allocate the prizes. The cost of an individual duck is £5. Proceeds are in aid of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. Full details and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the Lodge Events Section of the Provincial website.

Peterborough Cathedral Visit

At Medeshamstede Lodge's February lecture night, visitors from the Dr Oliver and Fitzwilliam Lodges, were treated to a new lecture given by W Bro Neil Mitchell entitled "The Freemason's Connections with Peterborough Cathedral." From the many questions that arose during this lecture it became obvious a tour of the Cathedral was needed. This was organised by W Bros Jonathon Hibbins ProvGStwd and Ray Hemingray.



Twenty Masons and partners met on Saturday 16 March 2013 and were escorted both outside and inside the Cathedral by W Bro Neil Mitchell, who pointed out the locations and their historical content covered by his lecture. These included the leaning West Front, the Flying Buttress, Bro Bishop Magee's Memorials, the three Canon Stalls, Harry Plowman's Brass Plaque, Earl Carnarvon's Plaque on the central tower and Mason's marks. He ended the tour with the unique Painted Ceiling, depicting "The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences."

To commemorate the bi-centenary of the United Grand Lodge of England, W Bro Neil Mitchell is compiling an Illustrated History of Peterborough Freemasonry which should be ready for publication by the Autumn 2013. He can be contacted through the Provincial Office.

Ailwyn Lodge Donation to Huntingdon Society for the Blind



(l to r) W Bro Geoffrey Barnes & Bro Mervyn Agger present the cheque to representatives of Huntingdon Society for the Blind

Members of Ailwyn Lodge No 3535 have raised funds fore the benefit of the Huntingdon Society for the Blind.

Their efforts were supplemented by a matching donation from the Provincial Grand Charity for a total donation of £500.

This has been presented by Ailwyn Lodge's Charity Steward, W Bro Geoffrey Barnes and Bro Mervyn Agger.

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