



Password

Summer 2011

Installation of New Provincial Grand Master

Over the years Kettering's [Wicksteed Park](#) has given immense pleasure to countless visitors. Wednesday 27 July 2011 was no exception as 480 Masonic Brethren, representing nineteen Provinces, attended the Installation of our new Provincial Grand Master.

On this most notable day for Freemasonry in the Province of Northamptonshire Huntingdonshire, the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro Peter Lowndes, installed RW Bro Max Bayes in a relaxed but expert manner in what was an excellent ceremony.



Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes with the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro Peter Lowndes

The newly installed Provincial Grand Master, in his address to the Brethren, said it was a great honour that had been bestowed upon him. He commented that there was a wealth of experience he could call upon for advice since there were no less than five Past Provincial Grand Masters in the Province on whose wise counsel he could call. The addresses of both the Pro Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master were rapturously received.

On the evidence of this day, the Province is well set to go from strength to strength on its Masonic journey.

Inaugural Message from Our New Provincial Grand Master

Brethren, I write for Password for the first time as your Provincial Grand Master, and that is a statement that I never imagined I would be in a position to make. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been selected for this role and I pledge my very best efforts in serving this great Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Many of you attended the Installation Ceremony at Wicksteed Park on 27th July 2011 and witnessed the impressive ceremony carried out by the Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Peter Lowndes, and the team from Grand Lodge. The memories of that day will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Over the last seven years I have enjoyed my roles as Assistant PGM and Deputy PGM and do feel that I already know many of you throughout the Province and consequently expect that many will know me. You will certainly know of my love of the Craft and my wish to ensure that Freemasonry is a modern organisation that fits into the 21st century. Keeping in mind that our basic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth must never be sacrificed, I intend to continue with some innovations.



Provincial Grand Master
RW Bro Max Bayes

I would also use this opportunity to introduce another concept that I consider to be very important and worthy of thought and discussion in the coming months. I believe that every Mason should have a 'career path' in his mind and make this known to his Lodge. I refer here more to the Mason who has already occupied the Master's Chair as until then, most members will be progressing through the offices with the Mastership of the Lodge as their only real aim.

After that it becomes more critical as not everyone can become a DC or Secretary or other 'permanent' office holder, and it is very easy for a Brother to lose enthusiasm and subsequently reduce his attendance. I believe that this is when such a 'career path' becomes vital and I encourage Past Masters to make their preferences known to the Lodge Committee. It is very helpful for a Lodge to know that a particular Brother perhaps wishes to become an Almoner, or a Treasurer or whatever.

If we observe the general rule of not more than five years in any office, apart from exceptional circumstances, then everyone can anticipate an opportunity to occupy a role in the future and will thereby retain an interest in the Lodge proceedings. No doubt we can deliberate on these thoughts over the coming season. I will ever be prepared to listen to any Brother who wishes to discuss the future health and prosperity of our special organisation.

Brethren, the new season is upon us and I naturally am very excited with the prospects. We must all continue to work hard for the 2013 Festival to ensure that we complete a project that has been eminently successful to date. I am planning another walk, probably in early 2013, and then we can look forward to many celebrations to mark our efforts. In the meantime, do continue to enjoy your Freemasonry.

RW Bro W Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master
August 2011

Valedictory Note from Our Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master

After retiring as PGM at the end of June, Joy and I spent a very relaxing holiday week in Lyme Regis. Just off the Coastal path, nestling in the village of Branscombe, we chanced upon a delightful country Inn bearing the name "The Masons Arms" and whose sign bore the inscription "Now Ye Toil Not"!!!! Could this be a personal message I wondered??? Of course we simply had to stop, enjoy a splendid Dorset lunch, and raise a glass to the health and well being of our wonderful Province.

The last six years has certainly proved busy but each one of them proved very special and very enjoyable. It has been an immense privilege to have served this fine Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire as your Provincial Grand Master. I shall treasure many happy memories but, most especially, I shall treasure your friendship and wonderful support at all times. Support which enabled us all to build on the firmest of foundations established by my predecessors in office.

Together we have built an even more closely knit Provincial family now, with four new Consecrations since 2005, extended to ninety-one Lodges. We have also successfully forged better and better links across the Province through a top class Website and an improved communications network binding Executive, Grand Officers and Lodges together in better understanding.

We have created a wide ranging and exciting Education portfolio embracing enhanced Officer Training, Mentoring, Orations and Presentations, and a splendid Demonstration team bringing us Masonic ceremonies of yesteryear and a greater appreciation of our Masonic heritage.

A drive for greater Openness has also been particularly emphasised in our Initiates evenings, in White Table recruitment meetings, and in our expanded Charity activities including our wonderfully successful Teddies for Loving Care (TLC) campaign, the launch of Freemasonry Cares, and during the tremendous progress of our 2013 RMBI Festival Appeal.

Last but by no means least, our annual Service of Lessons and Carols at Peterborough Cathedral has continued to go from strength to strength with fantastic support from Brethren, family, and friends and from many distinguished guests representing the several Civic Authorities throughout the Province.

Continued from Page 3

Brethren, these last six years have indeed proved personally very memorable and happy years. I look forward to continuing my Masonic journeys, real and symbolic, throughout the Province – journeys which you may be sure will always be in the company of the best of friends and will always, but always, be timely. How indeed could they be otherwise as I look daily at my most wonderful Grandfather clock, presented to me at Provincial Grand Lodge on behalf of all the Lodges and Brethren of the Province. Joy and I are simply thrilled with this stunning gift which we shall forever treasure and for which I thank you all so very much. Our thanks too for your exceptionally generous gift of Travel Vouchers which we shall so enjoy planning to use and to holiday at leisure.

Brethren, I know this exceptional Province will continue to go from strength to strength in the years to come and I wish my successor, RW Bro Max Bayes, and all his Executive team every happiness and success in meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead.

RW Bro W Barrie Hall
Past Provincial Grand Master
August 2011

Footnote - Time On His Hands?

Acknowledging the immense contribution RW Bro Barrie Hall has made to Freemasonry in the Province, RW Bro Max Bayes paid him a glowing and well deserved tribute at May's Provincial Grand Lodge.

To the obvious delight of the PGM he presented him with an beautiful antique Grandfather clock purchased with the proceeds of Province-wide fund raising for the PGM's retirement present.



RW Bro W Barrie Hall receives the clock from RW Bro Max Bayes

Message from Our New Assistant Provincial Grand Master

I sit in the garden celebrating my birthday and reflecting on a very special week in my Masonic experience. Wednesday 27th July 2011 will remain a significant date for me for many years to come. The support and encouragement given to me prior to, and on the day of, my appointment as Assistant Provincial Grand Master for this fine Province has been tremendous and I thank you all for your friendship.

As Provincial Secretary I had the honour to co-ordinate the management and operation of the Province – a task that I enjoyed immensely. In undertaking this work I was privileged to see at first hand the commitment and enthusiasm of the Executive in leading our Order in this part of England. The acknowledged success of the Province during this time (in both membership recruitment and retention and initiatives to take Masonry forward in the 21st Century) is the envy of many of our neighbouring Provinces and, indeed, beyond. We can all be very proud of our achievements. The Craft however still faces many challenges. The influence of the media in this country has been highlighted again in recent events and Freemasonry remains one of the subjects the press seems intent on revisiting in any way it can whether relevant to the main story or not. No other fraternity attracts this type of publicity and we have to renew our efforts to ensure that the positive face of Masonry is reflected in media reporting on a regular basis.



W Bro Norman Pope PAGDC
Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Recruitment of younger men remains another challenge and balancing the fine line between maintaining our historic principles and meeting the aspirations of modern society is an ongoing topic with many facets. We have to respond to this challenge positively and carefully. Charitable donations from our Order have been second only to the National Lottery for many years. In the current financial situation the cost of our Masonry has to be a concern for us all. As has already been highlighted, we face a fast growing requirement within Masonry to assist Brethren and their dependants and our future support for good causes will inevitably have to incorporate a greater emphasis on Masonic charities.

I am confident this Province will continue to lead the way in facing the many challenges ahead. We have in abundance that special ingredient that allows us to meet our commitments but still have great enjoyment in practising our Masonry. I look forward to working with you all as we move towards our 2013 RMBI Festival and the next chapter in the life of our Province.

W Bro Norman Pope PAGDC
Assistant Provincial Grand Master
July 2011

New Provincial Grand Master Sets Off on Charitable Note

On his first day as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, our now Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, had the pleasure of teaming up with the [Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, RW Bro David Macey](#) to present a cheque for £8,000 from the [Grand Charity](#) to the [Air Ambulance](#) for the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire area.

They were both given a tour of the facilities and briefed on the activities of the day to day running of the Air Ambulance.



RW Bro David Macey & RW Bro Max Bayes
with Air Ambulance Crew Members



RW Bro Max Bayes with representatives of the Parkinson's Disease Association

A few days later, again on behalf of the [Grand Charity](#), he presented a cheque for £5,000 to the local branch of the [Parkinson's Disease Society](#). This money will go towards helping local people who suffer with this dreadful condition.

The presentation was attended by fifteen from the Society who were given a tour of the Northampton Lodge room. The

Provincial Grand Master then spent time discussing some of the difficulties resulting from Parkinson's disease and gaining a better understanding of the condition.

Provincial Grand Chapter Welcomes 2nd Grand Principal

On Thursday 23 June 2011 the [Holy Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire](#) held its Annual Convocation attended by over 260 Companions.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams was delighted to welcome the [Most Excellent 2nd Grand Principal, George Pipon Francis](#) accompanied by E Comp Stuart Robbins GStB.



(l to r) E Comps David Jackson, Roger Wood, Mike Coleman, MEGS E Comp Wayne Williams, ME Comp George Francis and E Comp Stuart Robbins

The 2nd Grand Principal's last attendance at this Convocation was in 2007 when he installed our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent. In his address to the Convocation, the 2nd Grand Principal warmly congratulated the Province on achieving a further increase in membership in these austere times.

All who received Provincial Honours were most pleased to be congratulated not only by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent but also by the 2nd Grand Principal who joined the Grand Superintendent on the floor at his request.

The day continued with 250 Companions dining at the Festive Board, managed admirably by E Comp Stuart Robbins. There was a liberal smattering of good humoured fun which was appreciated by all present and which further enhanced the warm, friendly atmosphere of the day.

Masonic Help Available in Your Time of Need

In the last edition of *Password* we introduced the **Freemasonry Cares** initiative and the **Passport to Help** that you should have received at the beginning of the year. One of the Masonic charities that might help in cases of difficulty is the [Masonic Samaritan Fund](#).

It supports the health and care needs of

- Freemasons
- the wives, partners and dependants of Freemasons
- the widows, surviving partners and dependants of deceased Freemasons

who have an identified health or care need and, faced with a long wait for treatment or care, cannot afford their own private provision without incurring financial hardship.



The Medical Fund will consider applications for a wide variety of medical treatments from hip replacement to cardiac surgery, from digital hearing aids to drug treatment for cancer or degenerative diseases, from stomach banding to macular degeneration.

Dental applications are welcome where NHS treatment is unavailable or where costs are in excess of NHS charging rates. Financial help is provided in support of dental treatment that is clinically necessary, in the most cost-effective and efficient manner. Grants are not available where the proposed treatment is purely cosmetic or where an applicant simply prefers to receive private treatment.



Respite If you look after someone who needs support because of a physical or learning disability, mental illness or whose health is impaired by sickness or old age, and who, without help, would not be able to cope with the demands of basic living, then you are a carer. It is important that, as a carer, you take time off for yourself. Grants are available from the MSF to support carers. Funding is available towards the cost of short periods of residential care or to provide regular short breaks at home.

The Mobility Fund is also able to provide grants for the supply and maintenance of mobility equipment, specialist equipment or home adaptations in response to a specific medical need.



For further information about any of this please contact your Lodge or Provincial Grand Almoner or the Fund directly (020 7404 1550 - www.msfund.org.uk).

PGM & APMG Attend Lodge of Instruction (NB as guests!)

Under the watchful eye of their Preceptors were W Bro Peter Konarczak and W Bro Russell Blackwood, the Corby United Lodge of Instruction presented the Third Degree Lecture on the 11 April 2011.



Brethren with the PGM & APMG

The President for the evening was W Bro Barry Cole, the Worshipful Master was W Bro George McGarry and the Acting Worshipful Master was Bro David Genner. The Lodge was doubly honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall and his Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Wayne Williams. Just over 80 masons from Corby and the surrounding area attended, and there was even a visiting Brother from Scotland.

At the close of the Lecture a presentation was made to the Provincial Grand Master and the President. It was a very entertaining event with first class ritual and an excellent Festive Board to finish the evening.

PGM (Now PPGM) Becomes Thrice Illustrious Master



R III Comp Michael B Jolley

The [Royal & Select Masters](#) meeting at Huntingdon on 10 March was a very special. Ill Comp Barrie Hall (then PGM in the Craft) was Installed as Thrice Illustrious Master of Huntingdon Council No 130. The meeting was well attended by a capacity gathering of Companions of the Order including M Ill Comp J Alan Wright, Grand Master of the Order; and R Ill Comp Michael B Jolley, District Grand Master of the East Midlands District.



M Ill Comp J Alan Wright

Daventry Lodges Give Helping Hand to Local Charities

At their Ladies Festival, held at St George's Hall Northampton on Saturday 2 April, the Worshipful Master of Coritani Lodge No 8079, W Bro Neil Carr, and his wife, Julie, handed over a cheque for £2,500 to Ian Spencer, son of the late Pete Spencer, who founded the Helping Hands Memorial Fund.



(l to r) W Bros Tony Dicks (WVM of Buckby Castle Lodge), Ian Spencer (Helping Hands), W Bro Neil Carr, Mrs Julie Carr and W Bro Keith Hewitt (WVM of Danetre Lodge)
- photo by courtesy of Daventry Express

The money came from donations of £500 each from Coritani, Danetre & Buckby Castle Lodges in Daventry with a generous £1,000 top-up from the Provincial Grand Charity.

The Daventry based Helping Hands Memorial Fund provides specialist equipment and arranges days out for seriously ill and disabled children.

For several years, the Daventry based Lodges have annually, each donated £500 to a local charity, taking it in turns to select the worthy recipient.

At the same Ladies' Festival, the Worshipful Master and his wife raised £1,000 for the [Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance](#). They were proud to present the cheque to crew members on Tuesday, 26 April.



(l to r) Dan Martin, Victoria Barrett, Mrs Hayley Smith, W Bro David Smith and Philippa Gibbs

New Mark Deputy Provincial Grand Master Appointed

At the [annual meeting in Northampton of Mark Provincial Grand Lodge](#) on Saturday 25 June 2011 the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro George Bonham, paid a glowing tribute to his outgoing Deputy, VW Bro Richard Turpin OBE PGJO.



W Bro Brian Ennever - new Mark
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

He then installed W Bro Brian Ennever as his new Deputy.

Brian was Advanced into the Beneventa Mark Lodge in January 1991 and was Installed as WM in 2000. He later joined Vikings Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and was Commander in 2010 in which year he also joined the Northants, Hunts and Beds Lodge of Installed Commanders.

Brian was appointed as a Provincial Steward in 2002 and subsequently held active office as Inner Guard, Junior Overseer and Deputy Secretary in which capacity he has served as for the past four years. Throughout that period he was also Festival Secretary for the highly successful MBF 2010 Festival.

At the Mark Grand Lodge meeting earlier this year Brian was selected to propose the re-election of the Grand Master and was rewarded with appointment to the Grand Rank of PAGDC.

In the Craft he is an active Past Master of Kingsley Lodge, serving currently as DC.

He was MEZ in Buckby Castle Royal Arch Chapter in 2009 and is presently the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Northampton Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Outside Freemasonry Brian is kept more than busy as Managing Director of a high tech engineering company which has interests in the UK and overseas. In all his undertakings he is supported by Michaela who has also been an enthusiastic participant in Brian's Masonic endeavours.

W Bro Jim Boughton New Provincial Education and Training Officer

One of the changes of Provincial Officers announced at May's Provincial Grand Lodge was that of Provincial Education and Training Officer.

W Bro Jim Boughton has taken over this role, succeeding W Bro Reg Hirst, who remains the Provincial Grand Mentor. W Bro Jim Boughton said, "My role will be to focus on Officer Training, continuing the work started by Reg - and his is a hard act to follow."



W Bro Jim Boughton

There is much happening within the Province on the Masonic Education front. If embraced, it will enable us all to gain so much more from our journey on this great highway that is Freemasonry. I appreciate no one wants to be lectured at. Stimulated - yes. Even provoked into discussion or disagreement, for that is how we learn, progress and gain a deeper understanding. I look forward to playing my part in this challenging process."

W Bro Boughton, Provincial Education and Training Officer, can be contacted [by email at prov-ed-trg-officer@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk](mailto:prov-ed-trg-officer@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk)

W Bro Hirst, Provincial Grand Mentor, can be contacted [by email at pgmentor@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk](mailto:pgmentor@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk)

Help for Heros Receives £1,250 from Sothius Lodge

On 18 March Sothius Lodge No 8774 in St Ives made a donation of £1,250 to [Help for Heroes](#). The money was raised at seven monthly raffles at Lodge meetings and five social events. The Provincial Grand Charity gave a top up of £500.

The cheque was presented by the 2010/11 Master of the Lodge, [W Bro Mike Nixon](#),  [who commented](#), "I decided to make Help for Heroes one of my charities for the year as I am ex service (RAF) and read about the wonderful work the charity is doing. It is a pleasure to give to such a well deserving charity"



(l to r) Terry Downing & W Bro Mike Nixon

Receiving the cheque, Terry Downing, the Huntingdonshire volunteer representative of Help for Heroes said "Many thanks to your Brethren for the kind donation of £1,250. That is absolutely fantastic and I can't thank you enough."

Blood Brothers United in Masonic Brotherhood

In an unusual - if not unique - event on the evening of Thursday 3 March 2011 three blood brothers attended the initiation of a fourth blood brother.

Bros Stuart Watson of Vale of Nene Lodge No 7006, Tony Watson of St Aubyn Lodge No 954, and Mark Watson of Doctor Oliver Lodge No 3964 visited [Charing Cross Lodge No 4913](#) in Birkenhead in the Province in support of their brother Peter, the latest member of their family to be initiated into Freemasonry.

The visit was a complete surprise for the initiate, Peter Watson. He was totally unaware that three of his brothers, accompanied by a friend, Bro Peter Reeves of the Vale of Nene Lodge, had made the journey from their homes in Peterborough and Plymouth respectively to attend the ceremony.



(l to r) Watson brothers - Tony, Peter, Stuart and Mark

Thanks go to W Bro Brian Hurton, the Initiate's Lodge Secretary, for helping spring this surprise. Once Peter was secreted below stairs in preparation for his initiation Bro Brian collected the Brothers Watson from their hotel and hosted them prior to the ceremony.

Brethren of the Lodge were fully aware and appreciated their new made Brother's reaction on seeing this excellent family support.

Having seen the 'light' in a high class ceremony, Bro Peter Watson's first perambulation was completed with due solemnity. He did not notice the presence of his brothers. However, during his second perambulation he finally saw them, spontaneously throwing back his head in surprise and delight, much to the amusement of the whole Lodge that broke out into a chorus of laughter.

The excellent ceremony was completed by the Worshipful Master, W Bro David Morris. Culminating in an excellent Festive Board, the evening was a splendid success and triumph for the Brothers Watson.

Steak Pie Night at Coritani Lodge

Daventry's Coritani Lodge No 8079 celebrated its annual Pickwickian evening on 24 February. The annual event, also known as Steak Pie Night, was the brain child of a founder member, the late W Bro Eric Pell PPAGM.

73 brethren sang the Pie Song as the Senior Steward, Bro Alan Ford, brought the pie to the Worshipful Master, W Bro Neil Carr, to be cut. The Festive Board continued with pauses for singing led by Past Master of the Lodge, W Bro Johnny Harris.

Does your Lodge have a special annual event? We would be pleased to hear about it and even more pleased to see it in pictures.



Bro Alan Ford presents the Pie

Its Far from a Dog's Life



(l to r) W M W Bro Roger Clark, Andy Lee with his dog Henry, John Van Wyk, W Bro Buster Evans, Charity Steward

At their February meeting members of Socrates Lodge donated £1,500 to [Dogs for the Disabled](#) - enough for the Charity to purchase two dogs.

This was raised by the Lodge with the help of Provincial Grand Charity. The cheque was handed to the representative of Dogs for the Disabled, John Van Wyk, who said he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Lodge. He has pledged himself to collect a minimum of £3,000 by climbing a mountain in Nepal in March.

Members of the Lodge and their ladies were entertained by an excellent demonstration by Andy Lee and his dog Henry.

Peak Performance of Northampton Masons

Northampton Masons have taken part in one of the oldest extreme multi-sport endurance races in the world, the 'Grandfather' of all three peaks races, the original running & yachting race - the [Three Peaks Yacht Race](#).



The Three Peaks Race is underway

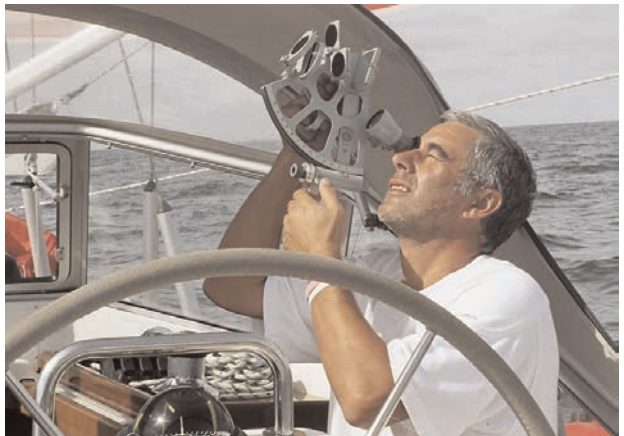
W Bros Steve Rodwell (Spelhoe Lodge No 8576) and Bob Kingham (De La Pre Lodge No 1911) [crewed the boat, Kasuje III](#), with London Masons, W Bro Alex Fothergill and Bro Steve Wilkinson and Mr Guy Blundell. W Bro Bruce Lynch (Spelhoe Lodge No 8576) provided shore-based support.

The boat, Skippered by W Bro Steve Rodwell, was one of only two wooden boats entered in the race from Barmouth to Fort William. Starting on 25 June the challenge involved a total of 389 miles of difficult coastal sailing, 26 miles of cycling and 72 miles of running in Wales, England and Scotland.

The challenge included the scaling of the Three Peaks - Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis.

Of the 32 teams entered, 27 finished, including Steve's team.

In completing this race over five days, they raised just over £6,000 for [Ovacom, a Charity providing support for those affected by ovarian cancer](#).



W Bro Steve Rodwell takes a reading on board his boat, Kasuje III

The Provincial Grand Charity contributed £1,000.

Our congratulations go to all concerned.

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

Jubilee Certificate Congratulations

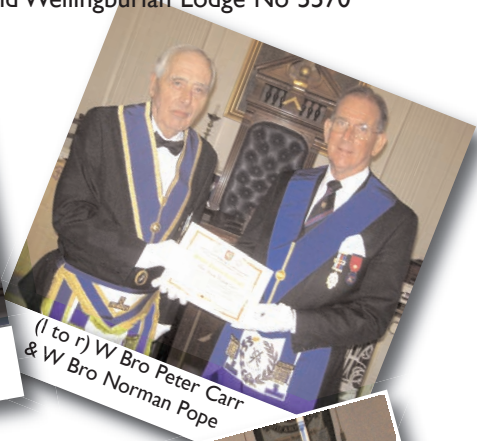
Several members of the Province have recently achieved their richly deserved Jubilee Certificates after completing 50 years in Freemasonry. We congratulate each of them on their achievement. They are

W Bro Peter Henry Frederick Carr
W Bro Peter Gordon Tye
W Bro John Doig Baxter
W Bro Peter Shaw
Bro Martin Lambert
Bro Arthur Sunderland
W Bro Michael Anthony Gorrod
W Bro Geoffrey William Cox
Bro Derek Stanley Boddington
Bro Rev Owen Swan
W Bro John Graham Humphrey

Old Kimboltonians Lodge No 7204
Cytringan Lodge No 4048
Beneventa Lodge No 2380
John Pyel Lodge No 5195
Thistle & Rose Lodge No 6644
Vale of Welland Lodge No 8845
Willowbrook Lodge No 7439
Wentworth Lodge No 737 (Hon)
Wilavestone Lodge No 9829
Sothius Lodge No 8774
Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570



(l to r rear) Bro Kevin Day, W Bro Roger Clarke (WM)
& Bro Andy Thompson
(l to r front) RW Bro Max Bayes & W Bro Peter Shaw



(l to r) W Bro Peter Carr
& W Bro Norman Pope



(r to l) W Bro John Humphrey & PPGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall



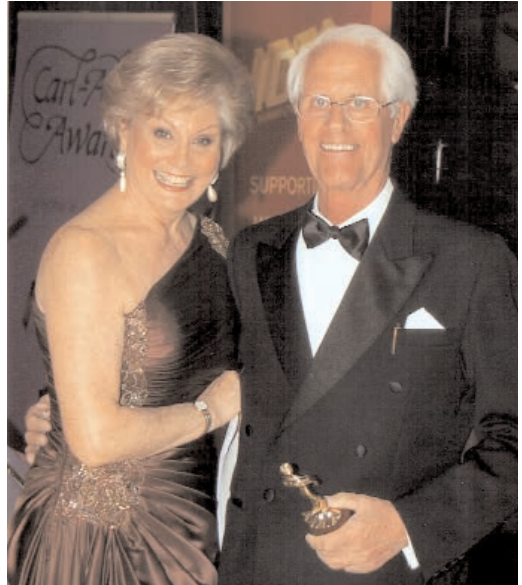
(l to r) W Bro Graham Minett &
Bro Martin Lambert

Twinkle-toed Derek Scoops Dancing Oscar

W Bro Derek Brown a member of The Vale of Nene Lodge No 7006 has won the dancing equivalent of an Oscar.

He was presented with the prestigious Carl-Alan Award for Outstanding Services to Dancing Home and Overseas by celebrity Angela Rippon at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London on 20 February 2011. Previous recipients include Bruce Forsyth, Jayne Torville and Lilia Kopylova.

The 83 years old grandad has been teaching in Peterborough since 1952 and run [Derek Brown's Dance Centre](#) since 1970. He is a Fellow, Examiner and Director of the International Dance Teachers Association of which he is a Life Member. In 58 years Derek estimates he has taught around 200,000 dancers.



W Bro Derek Brown after receiving his award from TV star, Angela Ripon - herself no mean dancer

St John's Home Masonic Cheque Presentation

On Saturday 9 April at St John's Home in Northampton W Bro Alan Wools, IPM of Kingsley Lodge No 2431, presented a cheque for £1,143.50 to the Friends of the Residents of St John's Home Charity.



(l to r) the late W Bro George Short, Len Sexton, W Bro Alan Wools and W Bro Bill Purcell

In receiving the cheque the Charity Chairman, Len Sexton, said it was very welcome and would be used to continue to provide entertainment and activities in 2011. Charity funds had been stretched by some very large expenditure items in 2010.

The occasion was further marked by W Bro Steven Brown and W Bro Tony Potter and their troupe of Musical Memories that entertained the residents with a singsong - the residents taking part with gusto.

W Bro Bill Purcell, a trustee of the Charity, led the residents in a vote of thanks to Kingsley Lodge and Freemasonry in general for their continued support. For the last 25 years St John's Home has had at least one Mason or Masonic widow in residence.

Introducing the New Provincial Grand Orator

W Bro Mike Gorrod has taken over from VW Bro Derek Young as the Provincial Grand Mentor. Mike has been a Mason since 1961 when he was initiated into a Scottish Lodge. His work in the leather trade took him to various parts of the country and in 1993 he joined Willowbrook Lodge No 7439 in Kettering. He is also a member of the Holy Royal Arch, Mark Masonry, The Royal Order of Scotland and Royal and Select Masters.



W Bro Mike Gorrod

Mike said, "In VW Bro Derek Young I have a very hard act to follow. He has done so much to promote the use of lectures in our ceremonies. I ask all Lodge Committees to consider having a lecture during each Masonic season. These are of great benefit, not only in filling a slot in which there is no degree ceremony but also a genuine and enjoyable way of advancing the Masonic education of members.

A list of the lectures available with a synopsis of each one is available to Lodge Secretaries and Directors of Ceremonies through the Provincial Admin website."

Mike is being assisted in his work as Provincial Grand Orator by W Bro John Harvey who is the Orations Administrator. They have split the Province into three areas in which local members will assist their local Lodges. These local areas are

Northampton

(including Northampton, Daventry, Towcester, Brackley, Hackleton, & Stoke Bruerne)

W Bro Rev John Simmons

Kettering

(including Kettering, Corby, Rushden, Woolaston, Wellingborough & Thrapston)

W Bro George McGarry

Peterborough

(including Peterborough, Stamford, St Neots, St Ives, Huntingdon & Ramsey)

W Bro Dennis Nail

Any one of these Brethren can be contacted to discuss individual Lodge needs or W Bro Mike Gorrod can be contacted by email at pgorator@northants-hunts-masons.org.uk

Mark Masons' £25,000 Donation to Peterborough Cathedral

In 2018 it is the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the building that is [Peterborough Cathedral](#). In celebration of this momentous milestone, the Peterborough Cathedral Development Trust has launched the [Cathedral's new £10m Development Campaign - known as the Peterborough 900 Development Campaign](#). The proceeds from this Campaign will help develop the Cathedral and its facilities making them fit for the 21st Century.



(l to r) RW Bros George Bonham & Peter Rollin, The Very Reverend Charles Taylor & VW Bro Richard Turpin

In Phase One of the Development Campaign a new sound system has been installed. This involves new, state-of-the-art speakers in the Nave and Choir. The antiquated sound system in the rest of the building is to be similarly updated.

On Monday 16 May 2011 Mark Masons made a major contribution to this Campaign for the benefit of Phase One. RW Bro Peter Rollin, President of the General Board and President of the Mark Grand Benevolent Fund, presented the £25,000 cheque to the Dean, The Very Reverend Charles Taylor.



He expressed his grateful thanks.

With RW Bro Rollin were the [Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Mason Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire](#), RW Bro George Bonham, and his (then) Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Richard Turpin.



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 this section we invite, indeed encourage you to send, your views on Masonic matters in the form of Letters to the Editor. Send them in whatever way suits you best - email or old fashioned letter.

Letter from America

Dear Brother

I am a member of a New York Lodge and, since 1999, have been a member of Sulgrave Lodge No 9462. I have been labouring in the quarries of Freemasonry since 1965.

I just received the newest copy of Password on my computer and was delighted to read about the goings on in the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. I was not surprised to read about my good Brothers and friends, W Bro Wayne Williams and W Bro Michael Richards who are both members of Sulgrave Lodge No 9462.

As a resident of one of the colonies on this side of the "Pond" it was good reading about Brothers Wayne and Michael. Since being a member of Sulgrave I know that Brothers Michael and Wayne continue to be tireless labourers for our Great Fraternity.

Wishing you all the best and may the Great Architect of the Universe continue to shine on all your endeavors in Freemasonry.

I remain your sincerely and fraternally

RW Bro Jay L Austin, PDDGM

Not Just Any Old Excuse

In the [last edition of Password](#) we invited you to send us original and amusing reasons for lateness you have heard given by late arrivals at a Lodge meeting. Here are some of the responses.

"Sorry I am late WM, I have been on a mercy mission for the Lodge Bar"

- W Bro Jeremy Allen, Chatteris

"We were led astray by a mischievous Welshmen - his name was Dai Version."

- from W Bro Alan Alvey, Devonshire Court, Oadby, Leicester

Electronic Version of Password

As we reported in the [last edition of Password](#) that was the last printed edition to be automatically posted to every member of the Province.

If you are reading this from a paper copy you will have received it through your Masonic Centre or, in the case of widows of Masons, by post.

In most case, however, where you use email, you will not have received a paper copy of this edition of *Password*. You should be reading this on your computer or hand held device having received a link by email.

For those familiar with computers this change of emphasis from a mainly paper based to a mainly electronically delivery system will not present any problems.

You might consider lending a hand to an electronically challenged Brother in need. I'm sure he would welcome any help you can give in smoothing his path into the electronic world.

Now and Then

At its 1 July meeting at [Wellingborough School](#) the Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570 celebrated its 75th anniversary. On this, his first day as Past Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Barrie Hall, was the special guest and was pleased to present a Jubilee Certificate to W Bro John Humphrey PJGD commemorating his 50 years in Freemasonry (see page 16).



Brethren at the at the Consecration Meeting on 12 December 1935



Brethren at the at the 75th anniversary Meeting on 1 July 2011

Above are photographs of members at the Lodge's Consecration and on its 75th anniversary.

Do you have any old pictures of your Lodge and its members that might be of interest to readers of *Password*? If so, please send them to the [Editor](#) at the Provincial Office.,

Graham Milton Lodge Memorial Easter Egg Run

The late Ray Alderson, former proprietor of Anchor Kawasaki in Finedon, is fondly remembered by Graham Milton Lodge members. He was a strong supporter of Freemasonry and, without fail, would arrange the annual Graham Milton Lodge Easter Egg Run. He tried to look after others and to support as many charities as possible.

It was fitting that, in his memory, W Bro Nigel Onley and Lodge members organised this year's charity bike run for Sunday 17 April 2011.



W Bros Michael Walton (WM) & Nigel Onley (IPM) of Graham Milton Lodge

On the route, planned by Bro Martin Smith, the bikers met early at the Fordham Arms, Sharnbrook, where they were supplied with coffee. They then rode to Finedon where they met members of the Harley Davidson Club and other bikers. Together they rode to Brampton Halt. There the bikers donated about 150 Easter eggs to representatives of [Womens Aid](#), [NSPCC](#) and [Nene Valley Christian Family Refuge](#). The eggs were for the Charities to give to less fortunate children they support.

Thoughts for Today

“In theory, theory and practice are the same. In practice, they're not.”

“Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.”

“Why is there no other word for Thesaurus?”

INFORMATION OFFICERS' DETAILS

Richard Turpin	01480 456476	Provincial Information Officer, Communications & Committee Chairman
Gerry Crawford	01604 831672	Password Editor
Stephen Rodwell	01604 696001	Northampton Lodges 360, 2431, 2555, 5694, 6838, 8041, 8158, 8576 & 9601
Tony Potter	01604 831672	Northampton Lodges 1764, 1911, 3972, 4990, 5978, 6977, 8844, 9048 & 9740
Andrew Woodward	01604 863710	Brackley, Daventry & Towcester
Gareth Ogden	01536 483603	Kettering, Kimbolton, Thrapston & Oundle
Tom Hemsley	01536 393501	Corby
Bob Dennis	01933 317648	Wellingborough & Rushden
Guy Manners	01780 444724	Stamford
Russell Laxton	01733 237090	Peterborough
Bill Hensley	01487 823424	Huntingdon, Ramsey, St Ives & St Neots
Trevor Boswell	01604 711746	Provincial Grand Secretary

Please keep your Local Information Officer advised of any item of interest. It is only by doing so that he can know what is happening in your area or Lodge and have news of it published in your Provincial magazine *Password* or on the Provincial website.

2013 RMBI Festival Event Dates for Your Diary

Sportsmen's Lunch

After [sell-out successes](#) in the past two years, our third **Sportsmen's Lunch** is to be held in **Peterborough** on **Friday 2nd March 2012**.

Already discussions are taking place for some very distinguished Speakers.

Private Visit to [Burghley House](#)

On Friday 13th April 2012, conducted tour of house and gardens followed by refreshments. Restricted numbers.



Watch [Events page of Provincial website](#) and Lodge notice boards for more details

Book your place early with either

Alan Nicholls on 01778 347439 or

Trevor Boswell (Provincial Office) on 01604 711746.