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Summer 2012

## Provincial Freemasonry Building for the Future



RW Bro Max Bayes & W Bro Roy Humphrey

Freemasonry in the Province is literally building on firm foundations as it moves towards a new Masonic season.

Towcester Masons have purchased additional land adjacent to Towcester Masonic Hall. This land is now being used to extend and develop their Masonic Hall which will double in size as a result. In April, W Bro Richard Brice, Chairman of the Hall Management Committee, presided over a ceremony in which one of the most senior Towcester

members, W Bro Roy Humphrey, with the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes, laid the North East Corner Stone of the Hall extension.

The Provincial Grand Master has also announced that contracts have now been exchanged for the purchase of our new premises in Sheaf Close, Duston, Northampton. Final completion is set for 27th July 2012. On an estate named Lodge Farm, Sheaf Close (no doubt containing an ear of corn) was perhaps destined to be the new home for Northampton Freemasonry.,



New Home for Northampton Freemasonry in Sheaf Close

## Message from the Provincial Grand Master

We come to the end of another Masonic season and I believe that we should look back with a lot of pride and satisfaction. It is, amazingly, almost one year since I was installed as Provincial Grand Master, and we have maintained the thriving and happy Province that I inherited. My principal impressions of this first year are the support and friendship that has been shown to me by the PGM's of our neighbouring Provinces but, most of all, the support that I have received from the brethren of this Province. I have been warmly welcomed wherever I have visited and I thank you all most sincerely.

There have been several very special occasions during the year, but Provincial Grand Lodge and the Three Counties meeting in May stand out as highlights. I believe that we have a first class team of acting officers for the coming season and I urge all of you to enjoy it to the full.

We have some interesting events being prepared for 2012/2013 and it looks as if we will all be rather busy. In September we will be re-dedicating the new building at Towcester (see Page 1). I have inspected this recently and it is looking most impressive. It will be a credit to the Masons of Towcester who have spent much energy and, no doubt, shed many tears along the journey, but I am sure that all will be worthwhile.



Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes

In November we will be consecrating a new Stamford Lodge. This is to be called Terpsichore, will operate as a daylight lodge and will encourage an interest in ballroom dancing. We have a large number of very keen founders and I feel the utmost confidence in the future prosperity of this venture. There is also the distinct possibility of another lodge consecration in Silverstone and this is pencilled in for March next year. The 'special interest' in this case will be motor racing and meetings will be held in Silverstone village (see Page 17).

The major project in the Province is, of course, the sale of St George's Avenue and the purchase of the premises at Sheaf Close. We first discussed this last August and it has been a long hard struggle. These projects do take a long time to process, but I am delighted to report that we can now see light at the end of the tunnel. Contracts have been exchanged for the Sheaf Close purchase and, very significantly, news has just arrived of the approval of 'change of use' for St George's. This is enabling our purchasers to proceed to exchange of contracts and final completion for both deals is set for 27th July. The centre at St George's Avenue was closed for all Masonic activity on 31 May and it is unlikely that Sheaf Close will

be ready for occupation until 2013. Arrangements have been made for Craft Lodges to meet in Northampton at Westone Manor Hotel, Royal Arch Chapters at Cheyne Walk Club and other Orders to use neighbouring Masonic centres. It may not be ideal, but I am sure that we will manage well. Work will commence on Sheaf Close in August and we will need to be vigilant in balancing our finances. St George's is proving more difficult (and more expensive) to close than was anticipated, but great energy is being expended by many people and **WE WILL SUCCEED.**

Brethren, enjoy the Summer break and come back refreshed in September for what is bound to be an exciting season. Remember that Freemasonry is a hobby and hobbies should provide satisfaction and fun. Have fun.

RW Bro Max Bayes  
Provincial Grand Master  
July 2012

### Provincial Grand Master's Diary - Sept to Dec 2012

No	Lodge	Meeting Type	Date
8767	Petriburg	Installation Meeting	11/09/2012
8489	Ferraria	Installation Meeting	18/09/2012
9105	Scola R	Regular Meeting	21/09/2012
4048	Cytringan	Installation Meeting	01/10/2012
4453	St Wilfrid	Installation Meeting	11/10/2012
3535	Ailwyn	Installation Meeting	18/10/2012
8845	Vale of Welland	Regular Meeting	12/11/2012
6516	St Paul	Installation Meeting	13/11/2012
2555	England's Centre	Installation Meeting	15/11/2012
7557	Piscator	Regular Meeting	16/11/2012
2431	Kingsley	Installation Meeting	30/11/2012

## Five Take Up Three Peaks Challenge

After undergoing intensive training five members of the Lodge of Harmony No 9048 (Team Harmony) took up the Three Peaks Challenge on the 9 June 2012. The team consisted of W Bro Paul Finnigan, Bros Adie Cadd, Andy Leeke, Phil Milton and Dave Murdin. Bros Terry Cadby and Matt Sidey drove and gave logistical support.



(l to r) Adie Cadd, David Murdin, Paul Finnigan, Andy Leeke, Terry Cadby, Phil Milton & Matt Sidey

Team Harmony completed the run up and down Snowdon, Scar Fell and Ben Nevis in 22 hours 44 minutes achieving a very creditable 8th position - and beating their self imposed target of 24 hours within 24 hours. In doing so, they raised more than £2,000 for Action Medical Research, a children's charity dedicated to improving the health of babies and children in the UK. It has been behind numerous breakthroughs such as the UK polio vaccine, ultrasound scanning in pregnancy and, more recently, the foetal heart rate monitor, a new state-of-the-art device that could help save thousands of at-risk babies. The Lodge of Harmony has donated £500 towards the target.

## Launch of Daily Advancement Club

The Daily Advancement Club was launched on 29 February this year at Ellindon Masonic Centre in Peterborough. Hosted by the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No 9600, over 70 people attended to enjoy an evening of discussion on the topic of "Freemasonry - what's the point," followed by a sausage supper. Organiser W Bro Alan Kersley explained "We want to provide an informal opportunity for Brethren to discuss and question any topic of Masonry and learn in the process. The first evening was a great success."

The next meeting will be scheduled for the Autumn, with date, venue and topics of discussion publicised via Lodge secretaries, websites and notice boards throughout the Province. W Bro Alan can be contacted at [alan.kersley@btinternet.com](mailto:alan.kersley@btinternet.com).



## Corby Masons Go Dutch

Monday 23 April 2012 saw eight members of the Lodge of Unity No 9495 visit [Lodge Sint Ludewijk No 3 in Nijmegen, Holland](#).

In 2010 Bro Andre Swartjes from Nijmegen was Initiated into the Lodge of Unity but knew nothing about Freemasonry in Holland or his home town. As a result of Bro Andre making contact with Lodge Sint Ludewijk seven Brethren and their wives travelled to Holland to visit Andre and his family and to accompany him to this Dutch Lodge.



(l to r) W Bro H Twelvetree, W Bro D Stewart, Bro Matt McKinna, W Bro R Stone  
WM Rogier Crijns, Bro A Swartjes, W Bro J Hider, W Bro A Nairn & W Bro B Glover

The welcome we received was overwhelming. Andre was reunited with several of the Brethren he already knew, one being an extended family member. Each had no idea the others were Masons.

A young local politician was Initiated in a fascinating ceremony which bore little resemblance to our own ritual but was conducted with great sincerity and to an exceptionally high standard.

The visitors were particularly surprised that the ceremony concluded with a recording of 'Abide with Me' sung by Mahalia Jackson and 'Here comes the Sun' by the Beatles.

Many new friendships were formed and all present hoped the visit would be repeated.

## Riding for the Disabled Donation by Fitzwilliam Lodge



WM, W Bro Jon Hibbins, gives a helping hand

Fitzwilliam Lodge No 2533 raised £1,000 at their Ladies' Night in April 2011 for the Peterborough and District Branch of Riding for the Disabled. This was matched by the Provincial Grand Charity and a cheque for a total of £2,000 was presented on 25 January 2012.

Riding for the Disabled, provides opportunities for disabled local children to benefit from the freedom of movement and physical development that they gain from horse riding. The children, from Marshfields, Phoenix and Heltwaite Schools, attend weekly lessons during term-time, and are supported by a group of dedicated volunteers who enable the activities to take place.

The Peterborough and District Group is one of the oldest in the country and even pre-dates the Riding for the Disabled Association which celebrated its 40th anniversary last year.

"When we heard about the difference riding can make to the confidence, awareness and enjoyment of disabled children, we knew it was something we wanted to support," said Local Information Officer, W Bro Russell Laxton.

## Masonic Donation Oils Wheels of Daventry Community Transport

Local Masons have helped keep the wheels of Daventry Area Community Transport (DACT) turning with a donation of £3,000. Three Daventry based Lodges - Coritani, Danetre and Buckby Castle - each contributed £500 with the Provincial Grand Charity adding a further £1,500. The cheque for £3,000 was presented to DACT's Chief Executive, Rob Kinning at Daventry Volunteer Centre on Tuesday 3 April 2012.



(l to r) W Bros Graham Ballinger, Dick Godwin & Keith Hewitt, Rob Kinning (DACT) & W Bro Tony Doyle

W Bro Keith Hewitt of Danetre Lodge said, "We endeavour to make an annual donation to a local charity. DACT is well known throughout the area for the invaluable service that its staff and volunteers provide for those requiring transport for essential medical and personal needs, as well as social and community groups."

## Jubilee Certificate Congratulations

Such is the high esteem in which W Bro Stanley George Wilford PSGD is held that the Wellingborough lodge room needed additional seating on 20 March 2012. At a regular meeting of John Pyel Lodge No 5195 he received his 60 years Certificate from the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Max Bayes.



W Bro Stan Wilford & RW Bro Max Bayes

The PGM paid tribute to Stan's work in the community as well as in Freemasonry. He was initiated into John Pyel Lodge in 1952, and installed as WM in 1963. In 1970 he was appointed ProvJGW, and Grand Rank followed in 1982. He was exalted into the Royal Arch (Wellingborough Chapter) in 1965, becoming MEZ in 1979. Since those early days Stan joined many other Orders achieving Grand Rank in all of them. However, the PGM pointed out what he considered a glaring omission, in that Stan has yet to join the Red Cross of Constantine!

While Stan has had a distinguished masonic career, that is only part of the story. He has also been involved with Palmer Court right from its inception and given great service to the Rotary movement. Behind the scenes, Stan and his beloved wife Jessie have provided help, support and advice to innumerable people and causes over the years. It was fitting that brethren had travelled from all over the Province for the occasion to show Stan the great affection in which he is held.



VW Bro Derek Young  
& W Bro John Bell

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

- Bro Reginald Farnsworth
- W Bro Michael Robinson
- W Bro Douglas Robinson
- W Bro Peter Fotheringham
- W Bro Norman Papworth
- W Bro Hedley Grabaskey
- W Bro Colin St John-Browne
- W Bro Alastair Carlyle
- W Bro John Bell MBE DFC
- St Crispin Lodge No 5627
- Three Counties Lodge No 9278
- Lodge of Prudence No 8946
- Samuel Pepys Lodge No 8330
- Sothius Lodge No 8774
- St Ivo Lodge No 2684
- Medeshamstede Lodge No 6104
- Willowbrook Lodge No 7439
- Socrates Lodge No 373

## Deaths of Senior Provincial Brethren

### W Bro Brian Huckle PJGD; 1932 - 2012

With the death of W Bro Brian Huckle PJGD aged 79 years on 26 April 2012 the Province has lost a very popular and much respected senior member. A larger than life character, he was very well known and well loved throughout the Province, particularly in Wellingborough and Rushden (where he was Group Officer).



He was initiated into Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570 on 24 March 1955, being installed as its WM in 1966 and 2004. He joined Hatton Lodge No 3041 in 1958 (WM in 1970), Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422 in 1978 (WM in 1995), Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No 8995 in 1981 (WM in 1983). In 1984 he was elected an Honorary Member of Schola Regia Lodge No 9105. He achieved the Grand Rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon in 2009 and was promoted to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1992.

Brian was exalted into Wellingborough Chapter No 737 on 29 April 1965 (becoming its MEZ in 1977) and joined the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Chapter of First Principals No 3422 in 1978.

He will be remembered as being irreverent about, but very supportive of, the Craft 'establishment'. He was very caring, always interested in other Brethren and their wellbeing. With a wicked sense of humour, his little quips during meetings and "Huckle chuckle" will be sadly missed.

### W Bro John Humphrey PJGD; 1929 - 2012

It is with deep regret that the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of W Bro John Humphrey PJGD is announced. He was 82 years old and died in Kettering General Hospital on Sunday 10 June 2012.

In 1961 he was initiated in Old Wellingburian Lodge No 5570 (where he was twice the Master). He was also a member of Heigham Lodge No 8486, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422, Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No 8995 (of which he





was a founder and where he was Master) and Three Counties Lodge No 9278. He was also an Honorary Member of Risdene Lodge No 6532 (where he was twice the Master) and a member of Pemberton Chapter No 3039.

He achieved Grand Rank appointments to PAGDC in 1994 and to PJGD in 2006.

W Bro John had been a Wellingborough and Rushden Group Officer for many years and was heavily involved with Rushden Masonic Hall Committee, acting as secretary for over 40 years.

In the Rose Croix Order he was the District Recorder for 25 years – the longest serving District Recorder since records began.

A droll and laconic sense of humour was a perfect foil for a keen and decisive mind. He was a very caring man. Always ready and always without fuss, to help anyone in difficulties or distress. W Bro John will be greatly missed.

### **W Bro William (Bill) Rutherford PJGD; 1930 - 2012**

It is announced with much regret that W Bro Bill Rutherford PJGD has passed to the Grand Lodge Above. He was 82 years old and died on Saturday 23 June 2012.

He was a member of Thistle and Rose Lodge No 6644, Lodge of Heritage No 9344 (Honorary), Ferraria Lodge No 8489 and Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422. He was also a member of the Chapter of St Giles No 8736 and Thistle and Rose Chapter No 6644.

He was Preceptor of the Corby United Lodge of Instruction from 1994 to 1999 and had been a Corby Group Officer for many years. He was heavily involved in Masonry and the community in Corby and beyond.

With his father and brother he founded the Corby Highland Gathering and was their Chieftain in 2009. He was also an elder in the St Andrews Church of Scotland.

He will be greatly missed throughout the Province but particularly by the Corby Group which he served so well as the Senior Group Officer for so many years.



## Olympic Torch Carried in Province by Local Masons

Two local Masons have been honoured by being selected to carry the Olympic Torch on its journey through the Province.

Ninety one years old W Bro Reg Whittaker, an active member of Ailwyn Lodge No 3535 in Ramsey, has had been fit all his life and has been involved with boxing and as a football referee. It has also recently been revealed that he was awarded the Bletchley Park Medal in recognition of vital service at Bletchley Park and its outstations during World War II. He was in the Special Operations Executive (SOE) during the War and is amongst the last of the few.

On Sunday 8 July 2012 he ran (yes, ran) with the Torch through the streets of Huntingdon. An even greater honour was then conferred on him when he was just one of twelve people selected from the 8,000 who ran with the Torch to visit Windsor Castle on Tuesday the 10 July 2012 to meet Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip.

Bro Reg was interviewed about his experiences by W Bro Bill Hensley on Huntingdon Community Radio.



W Bro Reg Whittaker



W Bro Jim Redmond

W Bro Jim Redmond, a member of the Lodge of Harmony No 9048 in this Province and several Lodges in the [Province of Buckinghamshire](#) famously helped his son, Derek, complete his 400m semi final in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games after he tore his hamstring.

Bro Jim carried the Torch on part of its journey through Kettering on Monday 2 July. He said, "It was super. It's a great honour."



PGM, RW Bro Max Bayes, at the controls

## Grand Charity's Major Part in Keeping Air Ambulance Flying

The Grand Charity has played a major part in keeping the [Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance \(WNAA\)](#) airborne.

On Wednesday 11 July 2012, the PGM, RW Bro Max Bayes visited the WNAA Headquarters at Coventry Airport where he presented the CEO with a cheque for £8,000 on behalf of the Grand Charity.

This means that over the last three years the Grand Charity has donated a total of £25,000 to the WNAA.

In a separate initiative, Bro Scott Norville of the Lodge of St James raised £1,085 for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in the March 2012 [Silverstone Half Marathon](#).

## Peterborough Masons Gives Lift to East Anglian Air Ambulance

During his year as Worshipful Master of Peterborough and Counties Lodge No 2996, W Bro Barry Willis was instrumental in raising £1,500 towards the annual running costs of [East Anglian Air Ambulance \(EAAA\)](#).

On Friday 10 February he went with W Bro Les Paul to Cambridge Airport, one of EAAA's bases. There they presented the cheque to Christopher Donaldson, the Eastern Regional Fund Raising Manager. They received a very warm welcome and toured the facilities.



(l to r) W Bro Les Paul, Christopher Donaldson & W Bro Barry Willis

## Editor's Note:

W Bro David Rhodes has asked me to point out that the poem "To The Builders of a Masonic Lodge" published in the Winter 2011/12 edition of Password was written anonymously.

## Graham Milton Lodge Easter Egg Run



Lodge Members & partners about to deliver the Easter eggs

A friend of W Bro Nigel Onley of Graham Milton Lodge No 9796 (the late Ray Alderson) used to organise an annual Easter egg run from his shop in Finedon. The Easter Eggs were all donated by customers and local businesses.

After his death, his daughter asked if the initiative could be carried on in his memory. As

the shop is no longer available as a collection point for the eggs, members of of Graham Milton Lodge agreed to carry on this event by having raffles and purchasing eggs.

On Sunday 1 April 2012, members travelled from the Fordham Arms in Sharnbrook to the Brampton Halt, near Northampton and delivered over 250 Easter eggs to representatives from the [NSPCC](#), [Women's Aid](#) and Nene Valley Refuge. It is hoped the Easter eggs will bring happiness to children in the care of these organisations.

## Masonic Push for Wheelchair Appeal



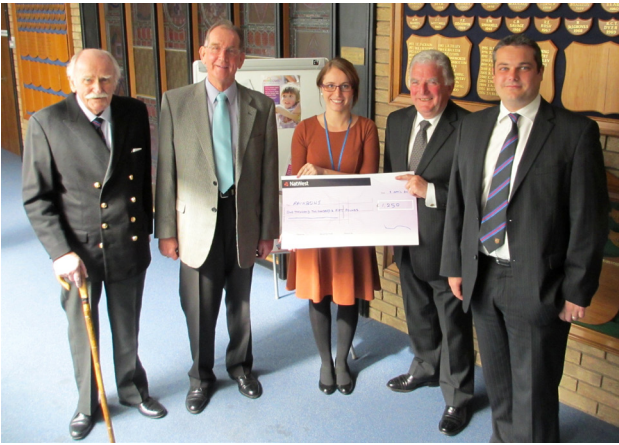
W Bro Tony Pickering (centre) with Chloe & other family members & Jason Prescott & Mary Morgan (Red Cross)

On 16 February 2012 at the [British Red Cross](#) offices in Northampton, member of Kingsley Lodge No 2431, W Bro Tony Pickering, handed over a cheque for £1,600 to buy new wheelchairs. The donation was for the charity's Big Wheel Appeal after his ten year old daughter, Chloe, borrowed a wheelchair from the Red Cross's dial-a-wheelchair service after contracting Henoch Schonlein Purpura leaving her unable to walk.

In spring 2010, Chloe suffered a severe allergic reaction (HSP) which caused swelling and arthritis to attack her joints, making walking and moving around very painful and awkward. Chloe's parents, Tony and Katrina, contacted the Red Cross's dial-a-wheelchair service in Northamptonshire, who was able to loan the family a wheelchair until Chloe had recovered. 18 months on Chloe has made a full recovery and has even won county medals for her gymnastic skills. To say thank you, Chloe's dad Tony raised the £1,600 donation from Kingsley Lodge, Brixworth Masonic Dining Club and the Masonic Provincial Grand Charity.



## Childrens' Hospices Benefit from Masonic Donations



(l to r) W Bro Arthur Piggins, W Bro Norman Pope, APM, Jennifer Leach (Rainbows), W Bro David Braund & W Bro Rob Mallett

(W Bro David Braund's) List and the Provincial Grand Charity contributed £600.

Cheques for £1,250 each have been presented by local Masons two children's charities which serve our Province - [Rainbows](#) and [Helen & Douglas House](#).

These amounts were raised by Wentworth Lodge No 737 and Hatton Lodge No 3041. The Lodges jointly held a "Jazz at the Lake" fundraising event during August Bank Holiday 2011 when they raised £900. A further £1,000 originated from Hatton Lodge Master's

The total raised - £2,500 - was divided equally between the two hospices and cheques for £1,250 for each charity were presented to Odette Dawkins from Helen and Douglas House and Jennifer Leach from Rainbows on 3 April 2012 at the Provincial Grand Lodge Office in Northampton.

## Continuing Support for Huntington's Disease Association

W Bro David Timson, of [Wentworth Lodge No 737](#), is one of several Brethren in the Province with family members affected by Huntington's disease. Some time ago, he and his Lodge, aided by the Provincial Grand Charity, donated £1,500 to the [Huntington's Disease Association](#). They have continued their good work and raised another £750, which has again been matched by the [Provincial Grand Charity](#).



W Bro David Timson presenting the cheque to Anne Constanti, with W Bro Jerry Higgins, helpers & residents

On 20 April 2012 W Bro Timson, with his great friend and neighbour, W Bro Jerry Higgins, attended the monthly get-together of the local Association support group at the Barchester Care Home, Peterborough, and presented the £1,500 cheque. Anne Constanti, Secretary of the Area Support Group, expressed the thanks of all present for this donation, which will be used to provide transport and mobility equipment.

## Ceres Lodge Stroke Association Donation

Members of Ceres Lodge celebrated its last Lodge meeting at St George's Hall, Northampton on Wednesday 11 April with the Lodge's first White Table event. It proved to be a successful conclusion to over 40 years of Masonry in the building, with over 100

guests and brethren attending. The Worshipful Master, W Bro Nigel Blackwell crowned the evening by presenting a cheque for £800 to two representatives from the Northampton Branch of the [Stroke Association](#), Anita and Sarah.



W Bro Nigel Blackwell with Stroke Association Representatives

Recently a Lodge member's wife suffered a stroke and was given a great deal of help and encouragement by the Stroke

Association. The Brethren wished to make a donation as a thank you, especially as in April the Association will have £100,000 of funding withdrawn by the County Council's funding cuts.

## Alzheimer's Society donation of £2000

W Bro Rodney Fraser IPM of St Peter's Lodge No 442 has presented a cheque for £2,000 to his local branch of the [Alzheimer's Society in Peterborough](#). This was a particularly emotional presentation for him as his wife, Kay, suffered from Alzheimer's and during his term of office, she unfortunately passed away. This stimulated W Bro Rodney to even greater efforts to raise funds for the local branch that for some time had supported them both. He raised £1,000 during his year in the Chair and the Provincial Grand Charity generously matched this worth a further £1,000.

On the 16 April 2012 two members of the local branch team visited the Masonic Centre at Ellindon and received the cheque. It was also an emotional time for them as they knew Kay personally and were overwhelmed with the donation. They expressed their thanks, confirming the funds would be used to help the local support groups. They said, "Gifts like yours have helped over 85,000 people in the last year through our network of services and support groups."



W Bro Rodney Fraser presents the cheque

## Precious Gift of Time Donated by Green Fingred Masons

**NCTLCTrust** is a charity that provides emotional and practical support for the families with children suffering from cancer and supports over fifty families across the Province.

During W Bro Gerry McLaughlin's year in the Chair of De La Pre Lodge No 1911 he was instrumental in raising £2,000 to support the Trust, with help from the Provincial Grand Charity. This donation helped the Trust continue with the provision of a caravan on the Sussex coast that is used for respite holidays for children suffering from cancer and their families.



The Rejuvenated NCTLCTrust Plot

and preparing the ground, building paths and a hardstanding that will accommodate a shed, kiddie-friendly greenhouse and picnic table.

They also created a small composting area next to a small tool shed kitted-out with tools that can be easily used by anyone with limited mobility. The site is easily accessible by wheelchairs and safe. They have created six raised beds for planting with a range of vegetables and soft fruits.

The Masons sourced the donation of rubberised paving for paths and hardstandings and two composters. Seedlings and other plants have been donated and there was a Grand Opening over the weekend of 21/22 April 2012.

When they asked Janet Walker Smith, who runs the Trust if there was anything else they could do she asked for their help in getting an abandoned allotment ready for use by the families. The plot has been given to the Trust by the Earls Barton Allotment Society.

The Nationwide Building Society also agreed to provide £750 towards the costs.

The Masons asked the children to think about how they would like it to work and the kinds of things they would like to grow. They responded with letters and drawings they used to plan the project - with the agreement of Janet Walker Smith. In March 2011 the Masons were clearing



## St George's Night Farewell

St George's Day 2012 was a very special day in the history of [Grey Friars Lodge No 4990](#) - and it was, of course, on 23 April 2012. By happy (or perhaps unhappy) co-incidence this happened to be the date of the last meeting of the Lodge at its present Masonic Centre in Northampton. For the past 14 years at the Festive Board of its April meeting, the Lodge has traditionally celebrated our Patron Saint, St George - in St George's Avenue. Monday 23 April 2012 was no exception.



A hundred Brethren attended. They enjoyed hearing one of only two surviving Lodge members who attended the Lodge's first meeting at St George's Avenue, W Bro Bob Farey, give an amusing exposition of the minutes of the Lodge's first meeting there.

This was followed by Bro David Crossley's Passing ceremony - on an evening he will surely remember for many a year. After the ceremony the Brethren eagerly participated in the patriotic music, singing and general revelry. The sadness of the Lodge's final meeting at this venue was not allowed to spoil the Lodge's 14th St George's Night celebration in its 40 years of Freemasonry at St George's Avenue.

## St Peter's Lodge Banner Dedication

On Thursday 12 April 2012 St Peter's Lodge No 442 celebrated its 175 years anniversary with a banner dedication.

This was conducted by the PGM, RW Bro Max Bayes with the assistance of his Provincial team including the PGChap, W Bro Ray Hemingray.

During the ceremony, the Lodge Secretary, W Bro Richard Thurlow, gave an interesting account of the Lodge's history.



(l to r) Provincial Team, W Bro John Hitchin PGSW, W Bro Charles Bennett PGDC, RW Bro Max Bayes, PGM, W Bro Ray Hemingray PGChap, W Bro John Rivett PGJW



## Two New Lodges to be Consecrated

The Province is soon to consecrate two new Lodges - its 92nd and 93rd.

Adding to three existing Daylight Lodges in the West, South and East of the Province, a fourth Daylight Lodge is to be formed in the North, at Stamford Masonic Centre. The Centre, besides hosting independently run dance classes, has recently started its own Tuesday afternoon social dance class. This is run for the benefit of its members, their families and friends and is proving very successful. Local Masons, perceiving a lack of a Daylight Lodge in this Northern part of the Province and all having an interest in dancing have petitioned for a new Daylight Lodge to be named **Terpsichore Lodge**. Greek muses are closely aligned with the seven Masonic liberal arts and sciences. It therefore seems fitting that the new Lodge should be named Terpsichore after the Greek muse, Terpsichore, the patron of lyric, poetry and dance.



Final approval from Grand Lodge, for the formation of the Terpsichore Lodge No 9874, was received in May. The consecration ceremony will take place at Stamford Town Hall on Saturday 17 November 2012 followed by the consecration banquet at Stamford Masonic Centre. Further information can be obtained from the Worshipful Master Elect, W Bro Guy Manners.

With the growth in special interest Lodges, it was perhaps just a question of time before one for motor sport enthusiasts should emerge. There could hardly be a more suitable venue for such a Lodge than [Silverstone - the birthplace of Formula One and home of the British Grand Prix](#). This is the vision of a group of Silverstone Masons including W Bros Dermot Bambridge, Tim Almond, Trevor Ray and Graham Ballinger and Bro Gerald Lovell.



Silverstone Lodge Founders gather for the Petition signing

Others shared the same view and with approaching 40 signatures now on the Petition, one could say that the race to form the proposed Lodge has started. All being well, it is hoped that **Silverstone Lodge** will be consecrated in February 2013. Plans so far foresee the Lodge meeting four times a year at the [Silverstone Recreational Association Pavilion](#). The meetings will be planned for Friday evenings before race weekends at the circuit, to coincide with the first and last meetings in February and November as well as the Silverstone Classic in July and British Super Bikes in September. The Lodge is anticipated as being not only for those with a love of motor racing but also for those with an interest in the community of Silverstone.

## W Bro Jim Boughton Appointed APMG

Born and raised in Northampton, W Bro Jim Boughton PAGDC was appointed as our new Assistant Provincial Grand Master at May's Provincial Grand Lodge.

In 1965 he went to Birmingham to train as a teacher of mathematics and computing, a career he followed for the next 38 years ending his career as an Assistant Headteacher.

In 1969 he married Sandra and after raising their own two sons they are now the proud grandparents of twins.

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

A founder of the Scout Lodge, he is also a member of the Huntingdon Council of Royal and Select Masters and the Installed Principals Chapter and a Preceptor of the Wellingborough United Chapter of Instruction.

In 1994 he was appointed Provincial Grand Steward, in 1998 Provincial Deputy Director of Ceremonies and in 2004 Provincial Junior Warden. In 2006 he was invited to join the Provincial Education and Training Steering Committee and in 2008 was appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Apart from Masonry his other interests include scouting, rugby (active in former years but now more armchair), golf, walking, travelling and his extended family.



Assistant Provincial Grand Master,  
W Bro Jim Boughton PAGDC

### Deadline for the Winter 2012/13 Edition of *Password*

If you have items suitable for publication in *Password* please make sure they are sent to the Editor (through your Local Information Officer where appropriate) to reach the Editor by 1 January 2013 at the very latest.

## New Provincial Prior Installed

On the morning of Saturday 24 March, over 160 Knights Templar of this and other Provinces nationwide, assembled at the Corby Masonic Centre to witness the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Timothy John Lewis GCT, assisted by a team of his Great Priory Officers, open a Chapter of Provincial Priory and installed VE Kt Thomas, as the new Provincial Prior of the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford. He, in turn, installed E Kt Roger Wortley, PGt Her as his Sub Prior.



After a luncheon banquet, the Provincial Prior spoke warmly of his predecessor, RE Kt Phil Collins's, achievements during his tenure, congratulated him on passing on such a thriving Province and to mark his retirement, presented him with a voucher entitling him to be measured up for a new

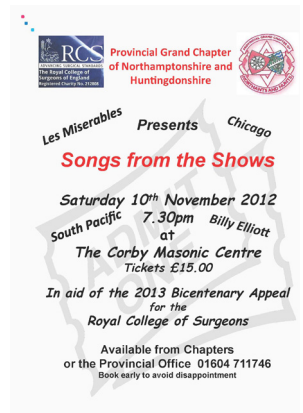
set of Ping golf clubs, which he hoped would occupy his now increased leisure time.

## Provincial Grand Chapter Stages “Songs from the Shows”

Following the great success of a “Songs from the Shows” concert held in Northampton last year, the Provincial Grand Chapter is pleased to be able to stage a similar concert in the Corby Masonic Centre on Saturday 10 November 2012. This will be in aid of the 2013 Holy Royal Arch Appeal for the Royal College of Surgeons. It is hoped that Brethren and their families will support this event and every indication is that the show will not disappoint.

Performing are many semi professional artists headed by our own Bro John Simpson and the programme will have something for everyone.

Tickets are available through the provincial office at just £15 each. Your support will be much appreciated and you will receive a warm welcome.



Provincial Grand Chapter  
of Northamptonshire and  
Huntingdonshire

Les Miserables Presents Chicago  
**Songs from the Shows**  
Saturday 10th November 2012  
South Pacific 7.30pm at Billy Elliott  
The Corby Masonic Centre  
Tickets £15.00  
In aid of the 2013 Bicentenary Appeal  
for the  
Royal College of Surgeons  
Available from Chapters  
or the Provincial Office 01604 711746  
Book early to avoid disappointment

## Peter Palmer at 100 Not Out

Sunday 11 March 2012 marked the 100th birthday of our Past Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Peter Palmer. To honour the occasion PPGM, RW Bro Barrie Hall and W Bro David Tempest with others paid him a visit at his flat at the Brampton View Care Home in Northampton. Members of his family had already started a birthday party celebration. RW Bro Peter preferred to start eating his birthday cake and drink champagne than waste



Saints player, Bro Paul Diggin, presents RW Bro Peter Palmer with signed Saints shirt  
(photo by kind permission of the Northampton Chronicle & Echo)

time blowing out the three candles. He left that task to his great grand children.

RW Bro Peter also had a visit from the local Northampton newspaper (the Chronicle & Echo) and a photographer who took a video and many photos.

They arrived with Saints player Bro Paul Diggin who had a gift from the Saints. It was a team shirt signed by all the players with "100" printed across the back. It was a great weekend for all concerned.

## Wentworth Lodge Cross-Province Canoe Challenge

Despite some less than ideal conditions, six members of Wentworth Lodge No 737, led by the Worshipful Master, W Bro Rob Mallett, have completed a canoeing marathon from Northampton to Peterborough raising funds for [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#) along the way.



The team enjoy a brief spell of sunshine

The programme of canoeing, over 62 miles and encompassing 37 locks, started on 18 and ended on 20 April 2012. The team managed only six hours sleep during the Challenge - 10 miles for each hour of sleep! Their efforts, however, were well worth while

and have raised in excess of £8,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Coinciding with this Challenge, the team members visited as many Lodges in Kettering, Peterborough, Rushden, Wellingborough and Northampton.



## Donation to Northampton Young Carers



(l to r) W Bro Merrick Bowles, RW Bro Max Bayes, Kadie Forge, Jo Johnson, Louie Robinson & W Bro David Morgan

The IPM of Anglo Scottish Lodge No 8844, W Bro Merrick Bowles and the IPM of the Lodge of St James No 6838, W Bro David Morgan, have been jointly raising money for the benefit of Northamptonshire Young Carers.

The proceeds were generously enhanced by the Provincial Grand Charity and, on 23 May 2012, at Northampton Masonic Hall, the PGM, RW Max Bayes, presented a cheque for £7,500 to Northamptonshire Young Carers care workers Kadie Forge and Jo Johnson and their manager Louie Robinson.

“This will make an enormous difference to the lives of the young people we work with. It will enable us to put resources into their homes and plan respite activities and also give them the opportunity of meeting with other young people in the same situation,” said Louie.

## Parkinson's UK Benefits from LAMS Donation

At their coffee morning on 4 April 2012, Northampton LAMs presented a cheque for £1,500 to Mrs Valerie Hamlin, representative for Northampton branch of [Parkinson's UK](#).

The money was raised at various events during the last year and was the choice of Chairman, Mrs Caroline Rivett and endorsed by the members.

The donation was made in memory of W Bro Laurie Burrows, a former member of Pemberton Lodge. His widow, Mrs Joan Burrows presented the cheque on behalf of LAMs.



(l to r) Mrs Valerie Hamlin, Mrs Joan Burrows and Mrs Caroline Rivett

## New Local Information Officers

After thanking three retiring local information officers (W Bros Andrew Woodward, Guy Manners and Steve Rodwell) the Provincial Information Officer, W Bro Richard Turpin, has announced their successors. They are:

### **W Bros Mike Sheppard (Brackley, Daventry & Towcester)**

Initiated in 1993, Bro Mike is Secretary of Coritani Lodge No 8079, a Past Master of Beneventa Mark Lodge, currently Worshipful Commander of Graftonian Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, a Past Preceptor and Registrar of Holy Cross Knights Templar Preceptory and Registrar of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard. He is also a member of the Holy Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar Priests, Order of the Secret Monitor.



Having served on Daventry's Masonic Club Management Committee since 1997, he is now Secretary and is also Preceptor at "Junior Practice", Daventry's unofficial LOI. In 2008, mobility problems forced him to take early retirement from his semiconductor distribution company.

Married to Anna, he has one son, Jason, whose local scout group he supports. Unable to play his favourite sport (golf) he now undertakes voluntary administrative work and likes watching rugby.

### **W Bros William Diggins (Northampton)**

A Past Master of the Lodge of St George No 5978 into which he was initiated in February 1996, Bro William has served as Charity Steward and Treasurer. He is a Past Most Wise Sovereign of Thomas a Becket Chapter Rose Croix and a member of Holy Royal Arch. He is a member of the Provincial Grand Charity Committee and Palmer Court Masonic Housing Association Committee.

He was born and bred and still lives in Northampton serving as an apprentice hairdresser after leaving school. He now has three hair salons within the town and has served as a School Governor.

Having recently married his long term girlfriend, Kay, he has four sons and a stepson.



## W Bros Peter Robinson (Kettering)

W Bro Peter Robinson was initiated into the Lodge of Perseverance No 455 in 1998, serving for 4 years as Charity Steward and then as Master in 2011.

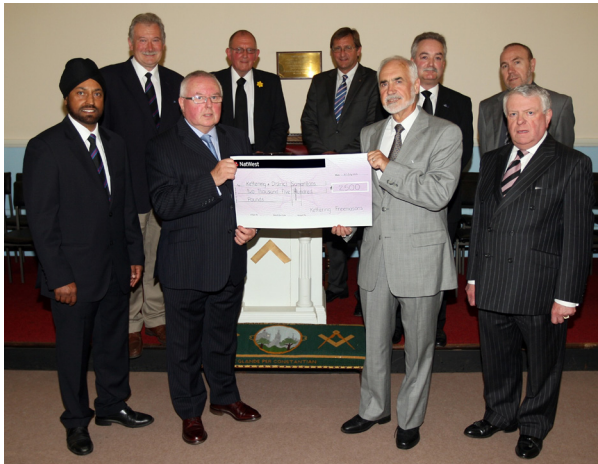
Peter is also a member of Perseverance Chapter No 455, the Lodge of Installed Masters No 3422 and is a keen supporter of the wider development of Masonic Education.

Northamptonshire born and bred, he attended Northampton Grammar School, but now lives near Kettering with his wife Sue, two sons & a daughter (and their 3 dogs). A keen sportsman and FA Coach in his younger days, he now enjoys a round of golf and the occasional run for charity, including the Royal Parks London half marathon in 2010, raising funds for Cancer research.



Peter, who works as Managing Director of an Insurance Broker in Kettering, is also involved with a number of organisations within the local community and is a former school governor.

## Kettering Masons Are Good Samaritans



The [Samaritans](#) offer much needed confidential, non judgemental support to those suffering from emotional distress, including callers who are feeling suicidal. Kettering Lodges have jointly raised funds (augmented by the Provincial Grand Charity) to provide help for their local branch. Kettering Group Officer, W Bro John Partridge said he was delighted to hand over a cheque for £2,500.

(l to r back) W Bros David Watson, Terry Woodward, Peter Robinson, Garth Coward, Bob Watts  
(l to r front) W Bro Balbir Lotay, John Perkins, W Bros John Partridge, Michael Branch

Receiving the cheque, Samaritans Fundraising Chairman, John Perkins said, "Locally,

we receive on average 2,000 calls a month and funds are much needed to maintain this important service. This donation from Kettering Masons will be put to good use."

## **Heads of Orders Unite under First Principals Banner**

A unique ceremony took place on 27 April 2012 at the Convocation of the Provincial Chapter of First Principals No 3422 in Northampton. E Comp Derek Young installed E Comp Wayne Williams, the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, as installed as First Principal. E Comp Max Bayes, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province, was installed as Second Principal and E Comp George Bonham, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province, as Third Principal.

The First Principal then appointed and invested his officers. These included E Comp David Jackson (Deputy Grand Superintendent) as Principal Sojourner, E Comp Michael Coleman (Second Provincial Grand Principal) as 1st Assistant Sojourner and E Comp Roger Wood (then Third Provincial Grand Principal) as 2nd Assistant Sojourner.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent said, "This is yet another example of how Heads of Orders in this Province work so closely together for the good of Freemasonry in general. It was too good an opportunity to miss when on just this one occasion, I was able to appoint and invest my Deputy Grand Superintendent and the 2nd and 3rd Provincial Grand Principals as the three Sojourners."

## **Father & Son in Double Initiation**



(l to r) Bro Phil Arnold, Bro James Keegan (Snr), WMW Bro Keith Stevenson, Bro James Keegan (Jnr) W Bro Ray Pinnock

A superb evening was had at St John's Lodge No 3972 on Monday 30 April when both a father a son were initiated on the same evening. Both are called James Keegan, although father is happy to be known as Jim. Their proposer, Bro Phil Arnold, got to know the family when he taught James Junior at Northampton College where he qualified as an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer. Both father and son are directors of the family electrical engineering business.

The evening was also special as it was St John's Lodge's last meeting at St George's Hall.

## **Calendar Tradition Continues**

Congratulations to W Bros Stuart Bamborough, Norman Sidey and Graham Hawker who have raised the magnificent sum of £1,040 for the [Masonic Samaritan Fund](#) by selling 2012 Masonic Calendars - a tradition started in Northampton by the late W Bro Bernard Winkworth.



## Provincial Grand Chapter Scores Notable Success

Franklins Gardens in Northampton, for over 100 years the home of [Northampton Saints Rugby Football Club](#) has seen many attendance records in its time. On Thursday 28 June 2012 it saw an attendance record with a difference when the Holy Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire held its Annual Convocation, attended by over 260 Companions.



The Provincial Holy Royal Arch Executive in less conventional surroundings

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, EComp Wayne Williams, welcomed representatives from 20 Provinces stretching from Derbyshire to South Wales, including 14 Grand Superintendents. The Convocation saw the retirement from active office of three senior Provincial Grand Officers. E Comp Roger Wood stood down as Third Provincial Grand Principal and the MEGS appointed E Comp John Phillips in his place. EComp Ivan Greaves stood down as Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra and he was replaced by his Assistant, EComp Barry Hadley. EComp Derek Todd stood down as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to be replaced by EComp Trevor Boswell.

After the ceremony three representatives of the Royal College of Surgeons, led by Jonny Fountain, were well received when they addressed the Companions in support of the Holy Royal Arch 2013 Bicentenary Appeal for the College.

The consensus of opinion was that Franklins Gardens had proved to be an excellent alternative venue after the sale of the Masonic Hall in St George's Avenue and the 2012 Annual Convocation had been in unqualified success..

## Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 15 September 2012	Visit to <a href="#">Bletchley Park</a> , some space is still available, please book through the Provincial Office.
Thursday 20 September 2012	Re-dedication Ceremony for the Towcester Masonic Hall. Your support would be appreciated but please note the dining for this event is restricted to 100 and precedence will be given to the re-dedication team and to the Brethren who are members of the Towcester Masonic Hall.
Saturday 10 November 2012	Concert "Songs of the Shows" in aid of the Holy Royal Arch Bicentenary Appeal for the Royal College of Surgeons, to be held in Corby tickets £15 book via the Provincial Office. The Grand Superintendent would very much appreciate your support.
Saturday 17 November 2012	A new Lodge will be consecrated in Stamford Town Hall during the morning, followed by lunch at Stamford Masonic Centre.
Sunday 9 December 2012	Provincial Carol Service in Peterborough Cathedral
Saturday 23 February 2013	An evening Proms Concert in the Peterborough Cathedral will mark the finale of our 2013 RMBI Festival Appeal. Friends and family all welcome. Tickets will shortly be on sale through the Provincial Office.

## Masonic Fishing Charity Aids Disadvantaged Children



The Winning Catch

On 26 April, with the weather probably more suited to the fish than the fishermen, the Northamptonshire branch of the [Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Charity](#) held its spring event at [Ringstead Grange](#), giving a dozen or so young people with special needs a day to remember. This continued the good work done by the Charity in the past.

Chairman W Bro John MacKenzie and his team organised a day's fishing and a barbecue lunch. The

APGM, W Bro Norman Pope, then presented certificates to all the fishermen and in medals to those who actually caught fish. The winner was a boy who caught a splendid rainbow trout literally seconds before the closing whistle was blown.

Also present was W Bro Jim Higham, a trustee of the Strangward Trust which helps disadvantaged children. The trust has pledged to provide £2,000 a year to the Charity over the next five years, a wonderful gift which will secure its activities locally well into the future.

## Mason to Run 2012 km in 2012



W Bro Jack Summerfield, WM of Corbie Lodge No 9155, has taken up a massive challenge whilst he is in the Chair. He aims to run 2012 km in the year 2012 - the equivalent of running a Marathon every week for 52 weeks. Considering that Jack only took up running last year he has set himself a formidable task.

He is raising money for two well deserving charities - [Integrated Cancer Therapies \(ICT\)](#) and the [Provincial 2013 RMBI Festival](#).

If you would like to support Jack and donate to one of these causes you can do so on his [Charitygiving page for ICT](#) or his [Justgiving page for RMBI](#).

Follow Jack's progress throughout the year on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

## Risdene's Meeting with a Difference



The six canoeists (front) with, behind them, W Bro Michael Richards, VW Bro Darrel Cauch, RW Bro Barrie Hall PProvGM W Bro Eric Place, W Bro Steve Squires, W Bro Dale Gilbert, Bro Richard Tudor & Bro Ken Brookes

On 18 April 2012 Risdene Lodge No 6532 had a Masonic evening with a difference. First, on the proposition of RW Bro Barrie Hall PProvGM, two stalwarts of the Lodge, W Bro George Osborne PSGD and W Bro John Humphrey PJGD were elected as Honorary Members.

They had both served the Lodge for over 40 years. (Unfortunately, W Bro John Humphrey has since passed to the Grand Lodge Above - see Page 8.)

This was followed by a demonstration of part of the First Degree Lecture worked by the WM, W Bro Eric Place, and seven junior Brethren. The work was carried out with great precision, a credit to them all and, of course, the DC, W Bro Dale Gilbert.

Present to watch it all was a good number of visitors, including six members of Wentworth Lodge breaking off from their canoe trip from Northampton to Peterborough - see Page 20.

Also present was VW Bro Darrel Cauch, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, USA, who expressed his delight to be visiting Lodges in England and to be present on such an august occasion.

## Lodge to Lodge Cross-Provinces Walk

This year, the Worshipful Master of St Wilfrid Lodge No 4453, W Bro Steve Wright, is also the Worshipful Master of his Old Boys' Lodge, the Fons Vitae Lodge No 8744 at Long Eaton in the Province of Derbyshire.



Journey's End

To celebrate this unusual event he and his lady, Sue, decided to walk, door to door, from Long Eaton to the Talbot hotel in Oundle, where the St Wilfrid Lodge now meets. On 8 May their walk started in Long Eaton and followed a route through Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland and to the Talbot Hotel at Oundle and then on to the Chequered Skipper in Ashton, arriving there at 2.30 pm on Saturday 12 May 2012.

They walked a total of 58 miles. A few hardy members of their family and Brethren and their wives walked the last leg to be welcomed home by more friends, family and members and wives of St Wilfrid Lodge. Sue and Steve set out to raise £600 for each Lodge, to be split between the 2012 Festival of this Province and the 2014 Festival of the Province of Derbyshire.

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