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# From the Team

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Dear Readers,

I hope you enjoy this Spring edition of 'Password', which brings exciting news of the new 'Strategy for Freemasonry', together with details of many special events in the Province during 2023.

It has been a busy time for our Communications team, with special thanks to Simon Key, who has led the way with the development of our new Provincial Website. Also Rob Oliver has joined the team, working alongside Rob Taylor as our News Publishers. We send our best wishes and grateful thanks to Stuart Morgan, who is leaving the area and his role in Stamford after great work over many years. Richard White has now joined the team as the new Local Communications Officer in Stamford and we wish him well. Also grateful thanks to Mike Genner for his past work under the Royal Arch.

As always, please do let your local contact know of any up and coming events in your Lodges or Centres and we will be pleased to feature them on our Website or Social Media channels.

With kind regards

Peter

**Peter Robinson**

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## Notable Events

Go to 'Notable Events' on the Provincial Website for further information on these and many other forthcoming events

Provincial Grand Charity  
Cervisia Lodge No.10032  
Richard Sandbach LOR No.9600  
Socrates Lodge No.373  
PSA Testing  
Family Fun Day  
Provincial Grand Lodge  
Three Counties No.9278  
Provincial Grand Chapter

AGM  
Lodge Consecration  
Lecture; For Valour The Victoria Cross  
Banner Rededication  
Corby  
Silverstone  
AGM & Appointments  
Promotions to Past Ranks & F1 Raffle  
AGM and Appointments

Griggs Centre - Saturday 11th March 2022  
Griggs Centre - Saturday 18th March 2023  
Peterborough - Monday 20th March 2023  
Huntingdon - Tuesday 21st March 2023  
Corby - Saturday 1st April 2023  
Date - May/June 2023 TBC  
Griggs Centre - Thursday 18th May 2023  
Griggs Centre - Wednesday 24th May 2023  
Griggs Centre - Thursday 29th June 2023

# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

## Brethren,

As I sit to write this message for our Spring Password, it feels only five minutes since our Provincial Grand Communications Officer, WBro Peter Robinson was chasing me for the last edition, but as the old saying goes, "time flies when you are having fun", and brethren I have been out and about in our Province having a great deal of fun. It has been so enjoyable to see the Province so vibrant and in such good heart during 2022. So many events and activities, fund raising initiatives and social meetings in addition to the large numbers of initiations, bringing our numbers up. What has also been most gratifying is seeing so many of our senior and much respected members returning to their Lodge meetings. They were very much missed, many staying away due to their health concerns or in many cases to protect the health of a close family member, those decisions to be cautious were absolutely the correct ones, and it is a great delight, that as confidence increases, we are seeing these important and

much respected members regularly back at our meetings. The quality of the ritual I have been observing has been outstanding and the work that brethren have clearly put in during rehearsals and Lodges of Instruction, is evident and makes my visits so much more enjoyable.

I trust that everyone has enjoyed a relaxing festive season and as we move into 2023, everyone is rejuvenated and ready to implement our Pro Grand Master's seven year plan. You will hear much of the plan in this edition of Password and in the months to come, our Provincial Membership Working Party headed up by our Provincial Grand Membership Officer together with the Provincial Grand Mentor will be visiting each of our centres and communicating the plan in detail, to inform Brethren how each Lodge Officer and every member can play their part in it's implementation. They will be explaining how the central core of the strategy, The Members Pathway, and it's implementation by every Lodge is a crucial part of achieving our goals. One of the key areas for us to focus on will be the Membership Challenge, and not only closing the gap between leavers and joiners, but continuing to increase our numbers. This Membership Challenge is explored in further detail by W.Bro John Fergusson in his Membership Officer's article.



I am delighted to see the Light Blues continuing to make their mark across the Province and congratulate their Chairman W.Bro Reuben Freeman on his very well received lecture to the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research in January. A great success, supported by a large number of Light Blues members, who I hope will have been encouraged to become regular attendees at this important Lodge in the future. The range of social activities now being enjoyed by the Light Blues across the Province, is so encouraging, from Paintballing, to Rifle Range Shooting, Go Karting and Curry Nights with wives and partners, long may this continue as I feel it is so important for our newer members to build their bonds of friendship both inside and outside our formal meetings.

The 'Giving Time' initiative which featured heavily in the last edition of Password, will have been formally launched, at Devonshire Court, by the time this edition goes to press and I encourage as many members as are able to visit and spend just an hour or so with the residents. Whilst the RMBI do an outstanding job caring for the residents and the friends of





Devonshire Court raise money for the extra equipment or excursions for residents, there is nothing more stimulating for the residents than conversation and interaction with new visitors. Whether you are able to visit individually or as a Lodge to provide an evening's entertainment, I do encourage you to take part in this initiative. More information is on page 11.

I am very much looking forward to consecrating our 97th Lodge, Cervisia Lodge No 10032 on Saturday 18th March at The Griggs Centre, and hope that as many brethren as possible will be able to join us to witness the consecration and wish this new Lodge well.

Our Communications team have been extremely busy, updating our social media and especially our Provincial website, which is now much clearer and easier to navigate, is up to date and presenting Freemasonry in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire as modern and vibrant. Also and most importantly in a cohesive manner, matching the communications and website at UGLE. The Members' area has also been modernised and updated, this work will continue as there are still some

amendments to make here, and any suggestions for improvements or useful content or links, will be greatly received. I thank and congratulate W.Bro Simon Key our Provincial Grand Registrar and Web Master, who has carried the majority of the weight for this project, with the support and guidance of our Provincial Grand Communications Officer W.Bro Peter Robinson and APM W.Bro Tim Almond.

I have been very encouraged to see the enthusiastic reception that the F1 Raffle has received and I understand that most tickets have now been sold. I thank each and every one of our members who have purchased tickets and I wish you all the best of luck for the draw, to take place at Three Counties Lodge meeting in May. It seems there is great enthusiasm for motorsport in the Province, and I understand the Mulliner Classic Car Lodge will be holding another Car Show in the Summer and I very much look forward to that event.

Brethren please keep on enjoying your Freemasonry and telling people how much you do and encourage conversation about our wonderful fraternity. I am looking forward to seeing us thrive as we implement the



new seven year strategy, to welcoming more new members, seeing them find their feet in their Lodges and observing their individual progress, but most of all I look forward to being with you all again in Lodge as soon as my diary permits.

In the meantime may the Great Architect of the Universe Guide you and keep you safe.

RW.Bro Mark Constant  
Provincial Grand Master

January 2023



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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Take a look at our new website!

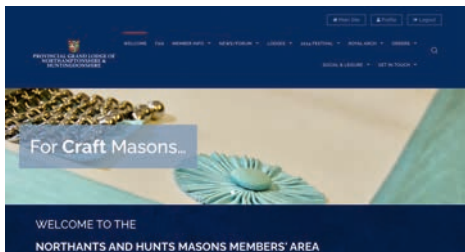
We are pleased to announce that the new Provincial Website went live on Monday the 2nd of January 2023:

[www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](http://www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk)



In addition to sporting a cleaner, fresher, uncluttered look, the new site has a separate and distinct Members' Area, which can be accessed directly using the following link:

[members.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk](http://members.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk)



The Members' Area provides links to many useful features such as:

- The Provincial Yearbook
- News, a notable events calendar, and a photo gallery
- Membership database
- Lodge/Chapter directory
- Group contact form
- Provincial correspondence, documents, forms, and other useful information
- Discussion forum
- Members who have visited the Provincial website before can use their existing username and password.

New users will be prompted to sign-up for an account when accessing the **Members' Area** for the first time.

New accounts are usually authorised the same day, often within a couple of hours.

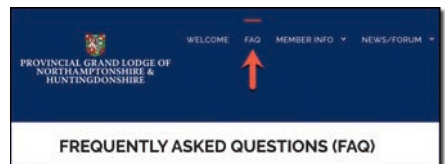


**Main Site**



**Members' Area**

Upon logging-in, Members should view the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** page, which is accessible from the Members' menu and contains important information that will enhance their use of the site.

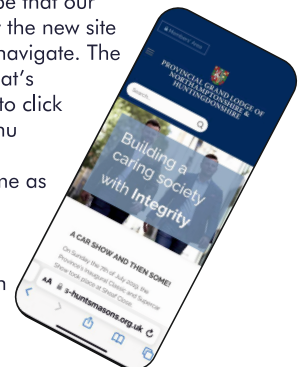


**The Provincial Webmaster, W.Bro Simon Key,** said of the new site:

"We very much hope that our Members will enjoy the new site and find it easy to navigate. The best way to find what's available is simply to click through all the menu options.

Feedback is welcome as are suggestions for new/updated functionality.

Members can get in touch using the **Contact Form.**"



# New Group Officer Appointments

Following a restructure of the Group Officer system, the PGM RW Bro Mark Constant has been pleased to appoint the following Brethren as Group Officers:

**Northampton**

William Diggins

John Ferguson

Mark Charteress

Chris Beck

Selwyn Griffiths

Steve Hardy

Liam McShane

Kevin Barton

**Wellingborough & Rushden**

Rowland Hockenhull

**Corby & Oundle**

Andy Mackie

**Kettering & Thrapston**

Mark Titterton

**Peterborough**

Jonathon Hibbins

Tom Webster

**South West**

Bob Cox

Chris Mullen

The PGM has also confirmed the retirement as Group Officers after many years of exceptional service of:

VW.Bro Derek Young

W.Bro Reg Hirst

W.Bro Robert Allison

W.Bro Philip Collins

W.Bro Robert Stokes

W.Bro Peter Fotheringham

**Huntingdon**

Chorus Warman

**Stamford**

Tim Russ

Stephen Kingan

Stephen Wright

A full list of all current Group Officers is available on the [Provincial Website](#)

# The Province Remembers



Pictures from  
around the Province on  
Remembrance Sunday 2022



# Passing to The Grand Lodge Above

## **W.Bro Ian Tailby PAGDC, PPJGW**

We are saddened to report the passing to the Grand Lodge above of W.Bro Ian Tailby PAGDC, PPJGW. W.Bro Tailby was a very well-known and highly respected Mason who will be sorely missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family. W.Bro Tailby's funeral took place at 2pm on Friday the 7th October 2022 at St. Giles Anglican Church, Lower Street, Desborough.

On Friday the 10th of December 1971, W.Bro Ian George William Tailby PAGDC, PPJGW was initiated into St Crispin

Lodge No. 5627 in Kettering, thus marking the start of a distinguished Masonic career that saw him receive Grand Rank in Craft, Senior Provincial Rank in Chapter, the 31st Degree in Rose Croix, and Grand Rank in Knights Templar. Born in 1935, W.Bro Ian joined the family building business after having obtained a degree in engineering. When the business was eventually sold, Ian retrained as a mathematics teacher, subsequently teaching at Rugby School; also, at the Kettering and Leicester grammar schools. Ian's 50-year Masonic career started shortly after

the introduction of decimal currency, but before the invention of mobile phones and personal computers! W.Bro Ian was presented with his Golden Jubilee certificate on Wednesday the 22nd of December 2021. The presentation took place at Devonshire Court, the RMBI care home at Oadby, where Ian was a resident.



## **W.Bro Ovlan 'Jim' Redmond PGSTB, PPSGW**

We are saddened to report the passing to the Grand Lodge above of W.Bro Ovlan 'Jim' Redmond PGSTB, PSGW. W.Bro Jim was a well-respected and well-liked Mason who will be sorely missed.

A former member of Lodge of Harmony No. 9048, Jim famously helped his stricken son, Derek, cross the finish line at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992.

Jim's funeral took place at Doddridge Memorial United Reformed Church at 1pm on Monday the 31st of October 2022.

Details of Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above are maintained in the 'In Memoriam' section of the Provincial Yearbook, which members can view online by clicking the 'In Memoriam' link on the Provincial Website homepage.



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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## Membership Challenge – What’s That?

You will be hearing a lot more about the Membership Challenge over the coming months so, what’s is the Membership Challenge and how does it involve you? The Membership Challenge is set within the context of the Pro Grand Master’s 7 year strategy and is focused on the difference between the membership gains and losses in our Province. It is expressed as a percentage of Initiates. Its purpose is to identify the increase in Initiates required to maintain the status quo or, more importantly, to see our membership numbers increasing year on year. The key part in this is that every member of the Province can play their part in our Membership Challenge. Why? The Membership Challenge is

not solely focused on Initiates and bringing gentlemen into Freemasonry, that is only one side of the equation. Just as importantly, it is making sure that those gentlemen who become Freemasons are engaged and enjoying their Freemasonry so that they remain members for the long term. If we do not retain our members then our numbers on the losses side will only increase and negate the good work that’s achieved on bringing gentlemen into Freemasonry. So, what can you do aside from introducing gentlemen, here’s some thoughts for you to consider:

- Are your Lodge members enjoying their Freemasonry? We all enjoy different elements of Freemasonry, take time to explain things to the newer members (you don’t need to be their mentor), introduce a Brother to his Light Blues club, take him with you when you visit or involve them in social activities.
- Don’t forget to think about your longer standing members, are they still enjoying their Freemasonry? Would they like to do something different?
- Are you leaving it to someone else to check in on members who are not attending? Could you give a Brother who has missed a few meetings a call or pop

in to see him for a cup of tea? Does this Brother need some form of help? Has this Brother lost interest?

As an aside, the Member’s Pathway provides the framework to help Lodges grow and thrive and, as such, meet the Province’s Membership Challenge. Has your Lodge thought about putting a Lodge Membership team together? This would include the Lodge Membership Officer, Lodge Almoner, Lodge Mentor and similar. Each focused on a different part of the Members’ Pathway hub (Plan – Attract – Engage – Retrieve/Retain)

To quote the Pro-Grand Master (as I have in a previous article), “I believe every single member can and should be able to contribute to ensuring Freemasonry thrives, both as individuals and within our respective Lodges.”

Let’s work together on building Freemasonry for future Freemasons and let’s have fun doing it!

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

W.Bro John Fergusson,  
Provincial Grand Membership Officer



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### Another busy year with the legacy of the pandemic still being felt by many.

Couple this with the increases to the cost of living and many of our Brothers who remain on fixed incomes may find themselves needing to tighten their purse strings in many ways. I urge every Mason to keep an eye on their Brothers for signs of financial or other distress.

Together, we can make a difference and offer support where it is most needed. Many of our Brothers feel too proud to admit that they are struggling, especially to someone in their own Lodge. Brothers often don't want to approach their Almoner as he is part of the Lodge. We have had many successes over the past year with Brothers referring themselves to MCF. This is simple to do and a phone call to **0800 035 60 90** or an email to [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk) immediately opens the door to a world of support for those who qualify.

Simply put, qualification for Masonic support means that the applicant must have a current Masonic connection or dependency on a subscribing Mason. For those who have resigned, Masonic support is extended to cover twice the length of time they were a subscribing Mason, so support does not automatically stop when you resign. For most applicants, the second qualifying criteria for grants is a means test with certain parameters applied to current income and amount of savings. Bricks and mortar are not considered as financial assets, it is just savings or bonds that are taken into account. Even those

Brethren who are above the thresholds for support often receive good advice on maximising income support from the State.

Some MCF services are offered free without any means testing. The Counselling Care Line (CCL) is such a service and can be accessed by emailing the address above and asking to access the CCL. This service has now been extended to include children and has offered a vital life line for many Brothers and their families in this Province.

In the period Apr 22 to Jan 23, MCF has given £161,000 of support to 67 Masons and their families in this Province alone. In addition, the Provincial Grand Charity has given £7,000 to 13 applicants by way of emergency grants. These grants are awarded to Brothers in acute distress and are often an essential boost whilst their application to MCF is being managed, a process that can take up to 12 weeks. The Provincial Grand Charity (PGC) is a hugely beneficial source of immediate funds and I strongly urge you all to continue to support PGC when you are allocating your charitable monies for the year.

On 28 January 2023 we launched the Giving Time initiative with the RMBI Care Home, Devonshire Court, and our neighbouring Province of Leicestershire and



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Rutland. We planned to launch this in 2020, but the project was delayed due to the Pandemic. The idea is to try and achieve 100 hours of support to Devonshire Court from Masons in both Provinces. Your time can be given by: visiting residents, giving talks, participating in activities, helping with gardening and grounds maintenance or any other activity that increases engagement with the residents and staff. More details will be distributed to Lodge Secretaries and Almoners in due course. If just 50 Masons from each Province give an hour of their time over the next 12 months we will have achieved our 100 hour target. Please think about how you might contribute.

Thank you all for your continued support to Almonry in this Province and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2023.

W.Bro Kevin Mackie,  
Provincial Grand Almoner



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**In the last edition of Password, I focused on our Lodges' engagement with their Brethren to ensure Masonry was an enjoyable experience, so attending Lodge meetings is always a pleasure.**

Undoubtedly, attendance at Lodge meetings and the Festive Board is central to our Masonic life. Further, our engagement with brethren and guidance as Mentors should encourage newer members' support for other Masonic Charitable causes. Support to help our Three Pillars Charity and Devonshire Court for example will be valued.

For new and young Masons, membership of the Light Blues Clubs is a critical step along their Masonic path. Since inception just a few years ago, the Light Blues Clubs have gone from strength to strength and now play an important part in our Provincial activities, with social events and support to our communities. Lodge Mentors should encourage our newer members to join.

I also mentioned in the last edition of Password the guides given to candidates after each degree ceremony were due for revision in early 2023. I am pleased to advise we have now prepared new guides for distribution. These are based on a UGLE model tailored to our own Province. The format we use in this Province will therefore match guides

distributed throughout England. The UGLE version is similar in content to our own earlier guides.

In addition to these guides, we have also prepared a separate version covering information particular to our Province, information which is not included within the UGLE based guides. We envisage these Provincial guides will also be distributed with the Initiates guide after the first-degree ceremony.

Finally, to reflect changes to the UGLE members' pathway guidance and mentoring support in our own Province, we will in due course issue a new Mentor's handbook. This handbook will also fit to the new guides distributed after each degree ceremony. Hopefully, the work we can complete over the next few months will provide a solid basis for mentoring support to our members for the next several years.

W.Bro Duncan Childs  
Provincial Grand Mentor



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## Festival of Carols and Lessons at Peterborough Cathedral

Sunday the 11th of December 2022 saw the return of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire's 'Festival of Lessons and Carols Service' held at Peterborough Cathedral.

Despite the wintry weather conditions, it was wonderful to have such great support for this popular annual event, which was last able to be held in 2019.

The Dean of Peterborough, the Very Reverend Christopher Dalliston, led the service and the Cathedral's choir gave a wonderful performance throughout.

A number of civic dignitaries were present and the Cathedral was filled with members from across the Province together with friends and family members.

The Lessons were read by the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, also by RW.Bro Tony Henderson (PGM for Bedfordshire) and heads of other

Masonic orders from within the Province including the Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch, E.Comp Jim Boughton, and the PGM for the Mark Degree, RW.Bro Bob Stokes.

The service concluded with the traditional mince pies and a glass of wine, and there was no doubt that all those in attendance left the Cathedral feeling that their Christmas was well and truly under way!



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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With barely a year of our 2024 MCF Festival remaining, we are in the home straight. There is no time to lose if we were to maximise our impact.

So, why should we pull out all the stops to support the MCF through our Festival?

The Provincial Grand Charity does an exceptionally good job in supporting both local Masonic families and charities. Its resources are limited and donations are therefore always greatly appreciated. However, our national Freemasons' charity, the MCF, which last year made grants of £24.4m, is far better placed to meet more demanding needs.

Remember, it is OUR charity - your's and mine.

Last year, nationally, the MCF gave more than £11,358,829 to Freemasons and their families through 3,965 grants. 387 grants were given to local and national charities, totalling £5,409,846.

In this Province, the MCF supported 95 disadvantaged and vulnerable Freemasons or their families with grants

totalling £240,145 and made 6 grants to non-Masonic charities totalling £75,373. They have just approved a grant of £21,000 for the Three Pillars Feeding the Homeless charity.

As Freemasons, we and our families all benefit from having the availability of this unstinting MCF support in time of need.

The MCF provides grants to alleviate financial strain faced by Freemasons and their families in crisis or distress help for Freemasons and their families to live healthier and more active lives, by funding medical assessments, treatment, and mobility equipment, and support for carers help for young people in education or training to achieve their potential and maximise their talents residential care for older Freemasons and their families, mainly through the first class RMBI care homes (with Devonshire Court and Cornwallis Court serving this Province) a confidential counselling



service (including for the children and grandchildren of Freemasons from the age of five upwards) a free will writing service

A recent recipient of daily living costs support said:

"Our pensions are not enough to cover our costs and, because we are not eligible for Pension



Credit, we were anxious about what could happen. However, the MCF has really put us at ease this year by providing us with a grant to cover some of our daily living expenses."



The MCF is well aware of the growing cost-of-living crisis and exploring ways to provide extra help to those hardest hit.

All this potential assistance is available to you and your families through your Lodge Almoner, the Provincial Grand Almoner or by ringing the MCF directly

To help alleviate the hardship it caused, the MCF awarded £4.7 million in grants to support local communities through COVID-19.

On behalf of Freemasonry, the MCF reacted within days of the invasion of Ukraine with a grant of £50,000 to the British Red Cross. A fundraising appeal within Freemasonry, spearheaded by the MCF, raised a further £500,000 within days with funds allocated to support the work of aid agencies working in the affected areas, as well as initiatives and projects in England and Wales.

On our behalf, the MCF is acting as a force for good in the wider society by supporting local and community causes.

I urge you to support your Lodge, your Charity Steward and your Province by contributing what you can in the remaining months of the Festival. At its conclusion (the end of March 2024) we can then be justifiably proud we have truly played our part in supporting our national charity which will always be there to support us.

Gerry Crawford  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Steward

#### MCF 2024 FESTIVAL PROGRESS



£1,706,310 / £2,024,000 Raised  
(As of January 2023)

**OUTSTANDING** - Let's  
Keep It Going!

Remember - the Festival  
concludes on  
**31 March 2024**

## Freemasonry Gives

Powered by Relief Chest Scheme

The MCF has a new fundraising platform, Freemasonry Gives. Unlike the previous platform, JustGiving, it is managed by the MCF and therefore does not attract commission payments to any third party. 100% of donations plus gift aid (if applicable) goes to Masonic charity.

Freemasonry Gives is easy to use and free of charge to all users. It offers fundraisers and donors the opportunity to support the MCF through charity events and activities and will help raise funds through an efficient and simple process.

Anyone fundraising for our 2024 Festival should now use this new platform.

<https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation/e0168-northants-hunts-mcf-2024-festival>

Further details are available from your Charity Steward or Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge



**Masonic**  
Charitable Foundation

Our impact 2021/22

## In Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

### Local community



**6**

grants awarded  
to charities



**£75,373**

in grants given  
to charities



### Individuals and families

**95** disadvantaged and vulnerable Freemasons or their families  
supported with grants totalling **£240,145**



**7**

people accessed our  
free and confidential  
counselling service



**£168,672**

was awarded to help  
cover the costs of  
everyday living



**£54,552**

was provided to  
support health, care  
and wellbeing



**£16,921**

was given to help  
support the education  
of children and  
young people

### And beyond

This year we awarded a total of **£19.6M** to support the  
work of **726** charities and help **3,281** individuals and  
families across England, Wales, the Channel Isles, the  
Isle of Man and internationally.

#### Read our full Impact Report!

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your phone camera or visit  
[impact.mcf.org.uk/poster](https://impact.mcf.org.uk/poster)





## What's in a number as two Lodges Celebrate

Two Lodges, separated by one digit, consecrated on the same day, celebrated their Centenaries in 2022.

Firstly, The Centenary meeting of Waynflete Lodge No. 4452 was held on Wednesday the 19th of October 2022, at The Town Hall, Brackley, and on Saturday 26th November 2022, St Wilfrid Lodge No 4453 met at The Ellindon Masonic Centre, Peterborough. As expected, both proved to be wonderful occasions.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, was accompanied by the Executive team, together with many Grand and Active Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge at both events.

On taking the Chair and presiding over both

ceremonies, The PGM congratulated Waynflete, not only on being consecrated 100 years ago, but on keeping the Lodge going over that period, which was a remarkable feat considering everything that has happened in that time. On his address at St Wilfrid, he likened their namesake's pilgrimage to Rome to the proceedings before, after, and during a Lodge meeting and the Festive Board. He also reminded The Brethren that Waynflete Lodge, were number 4452, one number below St Wilfrid and had their warrant issued on the same day – not many Provinces could boast this statistic!

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro. Aaron Day, provided an oration reminding those present at both meetings of events that have occurred during the 100 years since the consecration of the lodge including: 5 Monarchs; 12 PGMs; 22

Prime Ministers; 72 further lodges consecrated in the Province; 6 Grand Masters with the Duke of Kent being one for 55 years of those 100 years.

The history of Waynflete was presented on the night by W.Bro Michael Genner, Past Provincial Grand Registrar, and that of St Wilfrid by W.Bro Steven



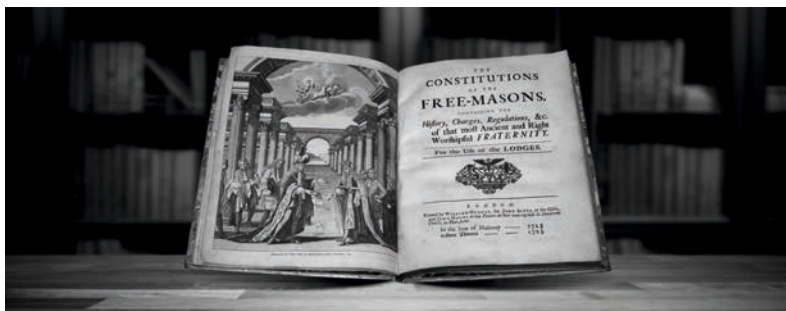
Marshall, in the absence of W.Bro Adrian Howorth

Finally, the PGM presented Centenary certificates and jewels to W.Bro David Goshorn, Worshipful Master of Waynflete, and W.Bro Michael Ross, WM of St Wilfrid, before those present on both occasions retired for two very enjoyable Festive Boards.



## The 1723 Constitutions brought into focus

To celebrate the tercentenary of the 1723 Constitutions of Freemasonry, a year-long free exhibition has now opened at the Museum of Freemasonry in London, which will be accompanied by national and international events. Under the banner of '1723 – Inventing the Future', the exhibition features digital displays and items from the collections that have never previously been on public display.



Among them are a personal copy of the Constitutions belonging to John, the second Duke of Montagu, the first noble Grand Master; the box that contained the Duke of Richmond's miniature working tools; a maul purportedly belonging to Sir Christopher Wren; and a host of rare early and mid-18th-century items relating to Freemasonry and the

Enlightenment.

Richard Berman, PhD, FRHistS, said: "The 1723 Constitutions was based on Enlightenment foundations, values that lie at the core of modern Freemasonry in England and internationally. The Constitutions set a pattern for Freemasonry throughout the

world. Understanding the context helps to explain the origins of modern Freemasonry and sheds light on the relationship between Freemasonry and society today."

In addition to the exhibition, a dedicated website (see bottom of page) which provides a comprehensive picture of the context, content and consequences of this remarkable book.

[www.1723constitutions.com](http://www.1723constitutions.com)

**There is a local connection to the Book from this Province.**

Boughton House in Northamptonshire was the family home of The Montagues - the present house being built by Ralph Montagu, 1st Duke of Montagu. Ralph's son, John, was born in 1690. At the age of 15 was married to Mary Churchill, daughter of the Duke of Marlborough.

In 1709 he succeeded his father as Master of the Great Wardrobe on his father's demise.

He subsequently became a professional soldier and saw active service in Spain in 1709 to 1711. He continued to serve for several years, eventually being promoted to General in 1745, the year of the Jacobite rebellion, when he raised a foot company and a cavalry Regiment to fight the Scots. They were disbanded after the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

In 1717 he was admitted a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and in 1718 he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society and made a Knight of the Garter, then in 1725 was made a Knight Companion of the Order of the Bath. He was one of the supporters and a founding governor of the Foundling Hospital in London in 1739.

John was also responsible for extending and laying out the gardens at Boughton House as a miniature Versailles.

His town house was Montagu House in Bloomsbury. This property was bought by the government following his death to hold the national collection of antiques, and on the site was built the British Museum.

John Montagu is buried in St Edmund's Church, Warkton, Nr Kettering where there is an impressive monument erected to his memory.

However, John, the Second Duke of Montagu had held another position – that of Grand Master of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons – in which he was installed on 24th June 1721 at Stationers' Hall.

He was the first nobleman to serve as Grand Master, and as you can see, he was a powerful and wealthy man – just the person the new Grand Lodge needed to increase its popularity.

In September 1721 it is recorded that, finding fault with all the old constitutions, he ordered James Anderson to produce a new version – and the first Book of Constitutions was published in 1723.

**Excepts taken from a paper written by W.Bro Dr Kevin Williams, PAGDC (for further information go to Provincial website.)**



# News from the N&HNYMC and Light Blues

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## N&HNYMC



## Christmas Mince Pie Scheme

**NORTHANTS & HUNTS  
NEW AND YOUNG MASONS  
SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD  
BANKS**

Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club members have been busy distributing Christmas Food items, donated at centres around the Province by all Masons, to local Food Banks.

Following on from previous years, once again, hundreds of items have been kindly donated and distributed to those who find themselves in need at this time of year.



**HERE'S A SELECTION  
BUT THANKS TO ALL THOSE  
WHO TOOK PART!**

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### Club Milestone Reached!

Bro Alex Lazic became the 400th member to join the N&HNYMC. Congratulations Alex!



**What a fantastic evening** the Northampton Light Blues had at their indoor Shooting Event, held at On Target Range. There were multiple competitions held and Trophies were awarded to the winners. Congratulations to the following Brethren, Rifle:

1st Bro Jason Potts

Pistol:

1st Bro Mario K Antoniou



**The Peterborough Light Blues** held their Ice Hockey event at the Planet Ice Arena. Around 25 Brethren, wives and friends were in attendance.

Bro Steve Wren coaches the Peterborough Phantoms NIHL2 and appreciated everyone who helped support the event and his Team.



### At the Wellingborough & Rushden Light Blues

Club Visit to Wentworth Lodge 737, the W&RLBs secretary, Dan Clarke was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Club's Chairman Reuben Freeman and secretary Alex Thurlow attended, and also it was great to see so many Light Blues in attendance.



**N&HNYMC held their London Masonic Tour** event, which was kindly hosted by Masonic Historian Mike Neville. 30 Brethren were in attendance and took away with them their newly found Masonic knowledge.



### Coming Soon

Visit [www.nhnymc.co.uk](http://www.nhnymc.co.uk) and our Facebook page for future events around our Province

# The Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 and Beyond

Introducing UGLE's new seven-year plan to build firm foundations for the future of Freemasonry

**T**he Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 & Beyond is a clear and direct plan to address the challenges that Freemasonry faces in the next seven years, while also building on the existing success and unique qualities that our organisation possesses.

The visual representation of these plans – worked on for a number of years by the Strategy Working Group spearheaded by Pro Grand Master Jonathan Spence – is a temple. The temple is symbolically built using the key features of the Strategy, held in place by Strong Foundations with three columns highlighting the main priorities outlined within.

These priorities underpin the approach and aspirations that the Strategy Working

# ‘Over the next seven years, we will enhance our reputation as a thriving organisation that people aspire to join and broaden our membership among all age groups’

*Pro Grand Master Jonathan Spence*

Group has for the future of English Freemasonry, both in the Craft and the Royal Arch. The ground on which we build is our values of **Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity**.

## **Strong Foundations outlines the need to:**

- Implement an investment plan (people, capabilities and technology) to support delivery of the Strategy
- Tap into our talent base, identifying and using members' skills and talents, whatever their rank
- Update the Book of Constitutions, ensuring that it is fit for a modern membership organisation.

## **Thriving Membership reiterates our commitment to:**

- Constantly reinforce the concept of our unique combination of fun/sociability and serious and timeless core values
- Address the 'membership challenge' at all levels, encouraging innovation, embracing change and spreading successful ideas
- Further enhance our members' understanding of our history and values.

## **Coherent Organisation summarises the necessity of:**

- Communicating clear, concise and consistent messaging within UGLE and beyond

- Empowering and enthusing our members, supporting them with the tools and knowledge to act as ambassadors and become our future leaders
- Further develop the RCG structure to maximise local impact across traditional Provincial boundaries.

## **Engaged in Our Communities reflects the need for us to:**

- Build on the recent success of our members' response to the pandemic in their local communities and of our partnership with the MCF and other local and national charities
- Identify new areas for engagement in our communities
- Communicate more openly and explicitly the full scale and community impact of members' current engagement through charitable donations and volunteering.

‘I firmly believe that if our members are enthused and engaged by Freemasonry, they will be the greatest ambassadors for our organisation, thus encouraging others to aspire to join,’ says Jonathan Spence, Pro Grand Master.

Another of the key takeaways from ‘The Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 & Beyond’ is the need for a change in attitudes throughout the organisation in order for us to move forward. As Freemasons, we can sometimes find new ideas and advancements are met with some scepticism and the old adage of ‘No, because’. It is this that we need to urgently address in order to make sure that the ambitious plans presented within this Strategy can be properly embedded. Instead, we need to move towards a ‘Yes, if’ approach at all levels.

Change is not always easy, but the rewards will be fruitful if we can engage fully with this fundamental shift in the way we do things.

To conclude, this is a significant moment in the history of our organisation and in order for this to succeed, we need all members to be fully supportive.

It goes without saying that the United Grand Lodge of England and Supreme Grand Chapter can provide the framework of this roll out, but it is through the work of each of us, as Freemasons, to help spread the word and to help implement ‘The Strategy for Freemasonry 2022 & Beyond’.

Together, we can make sure that the next seven years are even more enjoyable and special than the last 300.

Following the foundations of Freemasonry, we can all contribute to a bright future for the organisation

# News From Around The Province

## Kettering & Thrapston

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**Representatives from** Chicheley, Town & Country and Graham Milton Lodges combined to hold a Thrapston Lodges Charity Race night, which raised £2,100 towards the 2024 MCF Festival appeal.

**It's a family affair** as proud fathers saw their sons being installed as Worshipful Masters across Kettering:



**W.Bro Red Litchfield** with his father W.Bro Phil at the Lodge of St Paul installation.

**W.Bro Simon Craggs** with his father when going into chair at Trinity Lodge.



**And then the other way round as W.Bro Peter Bright is installed** into Lodge of Perserverance chair by his son, W.Bro Rob Bright.



**Cytringan Lodge** hosted a Carols & Wine evening - WM Guy Giffard-Tiney is shown here with W.Bro Chris Winfield, who was MC for the evening.



**W.Bro Simon Rochell** accompanying the PGM RW.Bro Mark Constant with St Crispin brass at their installation meeting.



**The PGM and many dignitaries** gather for the 50 year Jubilee presentation for W.Bro David Jackson, PAGDC.

Full details of all of these stories can be found on the [Provincial Website](#)



## Corby & Oundle

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### The Corby Masonic Players held their festive Pantomime

on Saturday 10th December, raising funds for the MCF 2024 Festival.

The pantomime this year was Jack and the Beanstalk. Entrance to the pantomime was free of charge. An anonymous Corby Mason donated selection boxes, which were gifted to the children in the audience.

The Panto, written by W.Bro Jack C. Summerfield, contained all the usual panto puns, plus a generous helping of local, topical and Masonic comedic content. The actors and helpers responsible for putting on the

panto were all Freemasons, members of their family, or friends. Brethren taking part included W.Bros William Diggins, Steve Burton, David Docherty, Ian Lapsley, George Peel, Jack C. Summerfield and Bro Myles Tew.

There was a raffle during each show and this raised £360 for the MCF 2024 Festival.



### Burns Night 2023 was celebrated in Corby, accompanied by W.Bro Scott Morton as Piper

### The Corby Light Blues (The Steel Acacias)

can be proud of their endeavours to help those in need. During December they requested that Corby Freemasons donate items that the Corby Foodbank needed, when they visited for Lodge meetings. The generosity of the Masons was who use the Corby complex was staggering, with over 1,500Kg of food raised for this worthy cause.

Phillip Mason & Kenny Keys were instrumental in this achievement.

RW.Bro Mark Constant was

overwhelmed when he saw the amount that had been raised and said that this was "an amazing collection to help those less fortunate".



# News From Around The Province

**Huntingdon,  
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**The Masonic Centre in Eaton Socon, St Neots** has recently made great strides in the battle against increasing utility bills with a `Solar



solution` now in place! An earlier building work project in 2022 gave a window of opportunity for the Centre Rooms Committee and Euston Lodge in particular, working with the owners to consider the addition of a Solar solution on the roof of the building. The Lodge confirmed an investment of £35,000 in a 17.5 kW photo voltaic solar array on the South Facing elevation of the roof of the Masonic Center building. Additionally a 22kW battery solution (pictured left) was added to capture excess solar

energy and provide power when the sun is not shining. It is hoped that the building will probably not now have to draw any power from the National Grid.

Chair of the Euston Rooms Committee, W.Bro. Jim Clement, said `It's early days, but first indications would suggest that we will be very pleased with the investment that has been made by the Trustees of Euston Lodge in this installation and our thanks go to the Grand Master Masons (GMM) as Owners of the Building and in particular WBro. Mick Marks, who has acted on behalf of the GMM's as Project Manager, without whose support, this scheme may not have evolved.

Those involved are very happy to discuss their experiences with other Centres throughout the Province, including the potential for funding loans for similar works.

**Euston Lodge No. 2283 have made donations totalling** £4,653.03 to the Caring Together charity. The IPM, W.Bro Mick Marks MBE, and Charity Steward, W.Bro Bob Catchpole LGR, from Euston Lodge No. 2283 making the presentation of two cheques to the Caring Together Charity CEO Miram Maron, Head of Fundraising Zoe Bunter and Fundraising Manager Nicky Newton

W.Bro Mick said: "it is a great pleasure and very rewarding for Euston Lodge to support this excellent local charity in their care across the

community and in particular for the support to Young Carers who are greatly helped by the two support hubs setup in Longsands and Ernulf schools, both in the St. Neots area."



## Northampton

### Local Communication Officer

Mike Howells



**A very special event took place on Saturday 10th September 2022** at Sheaf Close, when the Lodge of United Services No.10012 held an emergency meeting to receive The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, together with members of the Banner Dedication team.

The banner dedication was attended by 75 Freemasons and we were then joined by 28 non-masonic guests. The ceremony was a truly wonderful spectacle with many positive comments and compliments received. The Festive

Board afterwards was a very positive way of promoting Freemasonry and I believe there were some potential candidates in attendance that could not have escaped being impressed and drawn towards our marvellous fraternity.

One special mention goes to Mrs Pauline Richardson who made our banner. She was in attendance with her husband, W.Bro Mark Richardson from the Province of Lincolnshire, and as this was the first time she'd witnessed the ceremony, it was extra special.



**Blue Northamptonian Lodge No.5694 held a Sunday lunch** on 3rd April 2022 and the Worshipful Master Eric Ellison proposed that the Master's charity for the year would be the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND).

The lunch was a great success, being attended by 53 brethren and their guests, with the raffle raising £600.

The MND charity was chosen partly in memory of Ex Comp David Brown and a colleague Eric used to work with some years ago, both of whom were stuck with the disease.



Since the editing of this edition of Password, we have been saddened by the news of the Passing to The Grand Lodge Above of W.Bro Mike Howells, who was a valued member of our Communications Committee. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family at this time.

# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

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### Hearty congratulations

to Miss Mary Wilkinson, who has achieved her 101st birthday.

Mary is the granddaughter of George Wilkinson PDepProvGM from 1924 to 1933, it is probable he would have been PGM, but Lord Lilford held the office from 1912 to 1936. She also used to attend the Children's parties in Princes Street. It was intended she paid a visit to Sheaf Close on her 100th birthday but her frailty and Covid prevented this. Mary gave Pomfret Lodge a silver salver which was originally presented to her Grandfather which is now on display at Sheaf Close. Her father was also a



Freemason and she also has many official photographs of the senior provincial officers of 100 years ago that were passed on to her, including the one shown here of W.Bros S B Wilkinson, A Cockerill and G F E Wilkinson.



### With the onset of colder weather

in Winter 2022, the Hope Centre in Northampton came under increasing pressure from families unable to cope. Northampton Masons Mark Capel and Steve Mills continued to support them with items of food collected from fellow Masons at Northampton Masonic Hall.

On the 29th of November 2022, the first tranche of food was delivered to the Hope Centre by Mark Capel and fellow Mason, Andrew Greatrex, a long-time Hope Centre volunteer.

There were further deliveries just before Christmas.





## Peterborough

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**On Saturday 17th September 2022, visitors young and old** discovered the Peterborough Masonic Centre in Ellindon, possibly for the first time, and found a very different organisation than the old myths would have them believe.

The PGM, W.Bro Mark Constant said: " The Peterborough Open Day enabled people to find out more about our work and social activities, with displays from our local museum curator showing our 300 years of history, to our work today including recent fundraising, and showing people inside our Lodge rooms."



**On Saturday 10th December 2022, members of St Peter's Lodge** donated £250 to The Giving Tree charity and also allowed the Ellindon Centre to be used as a wrapping centre for the presents, with some of the Brethren taking part. Natalie Styles-Hudson, the Lead Nurse for Safeguarding People at the North West Anglia Hospital Trust, said: "We've heard some amazing stories from families who were really struggling to make ends meet, let alone buy any Christmas presents. This year, we know some families have been hit particularly hard, meaning there are many children who will not receive anything, other than kind donations through the Giving Tree."



**At the Christmas meeting of Petriburg Lodge** on Friday 09th December, W.Bro David Burton, PAPGM, was delighted to be able to present a 50 year Jubilee certificate to W.Bro John Roderick Flavell Sumner.



**Full details of all of these stories can be found on the Provincial Website**

# News From Around The Province

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**The Mulliner Classic Car Lodge** held its 2nd regular meeting at Rushden Masonic Hall in Summer 2022. Due to the extreme temperatures jackets and gloves were not required to be worn.

The day started with bacon rolls and a run out for members through the Bedfordshire Countryside ending up at Rushden Masonic Centre. The 39 members and guests attending enjoyed an excellent talk from WBro Dermot Bambridge entitled "the story of the Mulliners".

An excellent festive board was enjoyed by all afterwards. During the meal, the WM WBro Steve Brown presented WBro Jason Harris with the blue RAC badge, for breaking down on the way in his classic Austin Healey (puncture). He will keep hold of this until someone else claims the award.



**The Wellingborough Masonic Hall Centre in Mill Road** has become the latest venue for an Armed Forces Veterans Community Hub arranged at several locations throughout Northamptonshire.

Struggling to find a venue in Wellingborough, the Veterans Community Network were put in touch with WBro Bob Smith via Bro Gerry McCrory from Northampton and permission for use of the Hall, then agreed via the Wellingborough Directors and House Committee.

Armed Forces Community Hubs are for veterans who are having, or have had, difficulties, to pop in and get assistance and advice from various veterans organisations, including the DWP and to have a cup of tea and a chat. Advertised around the town and in Doctors surgeries, the hub is supported by Gordon Thomas,



who is the Armed Forces Hub Facilitator for West Northants Council.

The first meeting took place at the Hall on 21st September 2022 and will continue on a monthly basis through October and November with future dates to be agreed. In attendance was experienced adviser Sher, from the Veterans Community Network, who was able to assist and advise at least one veteran who attended.

Support for this work is provided by Freemasons as part of our Armed Forces Covenant.

**A Christmas lunch** was held at Mill Rd where 80 plus brethren, family and friends enjoy a wonderful meal and festive sing song, the day also allowed the Wellingborough lodges the opportunity to host lodge widows and provide some festive joy for all.



## Stamford

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### In November the Lodge of Merit welcomed Bro Jason Parish as a joining member.

The same meeting also balloted favourably for his son, Tim Parish as an initiate into Freemasonry. So it was that Tim was duly initiated, according to ancient custom, at their December meeting. Well, not quite. The initiation was unusual, not just because Tim is a 'Lewis', but because his birthdate is August 2002, making him just 20 years old. A recent change adopted by the UGLE has opened membership to any

man over the age of 18, so a slight change to the wording was made when proving the candidate to accommodate his being under 21 years. The candidate and his father are both personal friends of W.Bro Gordon Campbell, therefore W.Bro Neil Bennett, the Worshipful Master, kindly agree to hand Gordon the gavel, who then conducted the initiation ceremony with great harmony. We hope that Bro Tim has many happy years in Freemasonry.

he will remain an active mason in Stamford, for which we are grateful. He is replaced by W.Bro Robert Pues, who has already been a Group Officer in Stamford for many years. In addition, three new Stamford Group Officers have been appointed. They are W.Bro Stephen Wright, W.Bro Stephen Kingan and W.Bro. Tim Russ. Congratulations all.

### Those eagled eyed will have noticed a new name and photograph at the top of this page.

Stuart Morgan has for many years carried out excellent work as LCO for Stamford, but will soon be living away from the Province and as such Richard White will now take over.

We send our grateful thanks and best wishes to both Stuart and Richard for every success in the future.

### After many years serving as the Senior Group Officer for Stamford,

W.Bro Phil Collins has decided to relinquish the role. W.Bro Phil has overseen the growth of Stamford Freemasonry and most recently worked tirelessly to ensure the lodges continued to flourish during the recent Covid pandemic. We thank him for his dedication and wish him well. Of course,



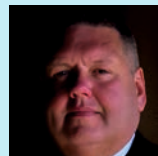
From the left, Bro. Tim Parish, W.Bro Gordon Campbell, Bro. Jason Parish

# News From Around The Province

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## **Lodge of the Oldest Ally - News Flash - A Portuguese Odyssey in October!**

The great Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama moved around the world on his 16th century voyages of discovery. Following in his footsteps the Lodge of the Oldest Ally who meet just twice per year. Once in Daventry and once in Lisbon plan to hold the 7th October 2023 meeting on the Algarve. We hope this will attract new members and visitors alike to this unique Masonic Lodge. (Portugal is indeed Britain's oldest ally - The Anglo-Portuguese Treaty dates from 1373 and is the oldest alliance in the world that is still in force today).

We would be delighted if Brethren can join us at both the meeting and with wives or partners at the festive board. Some members will visit for a week others for just a few days. The warmth you will receive both from our Portuguese Brethren and on the beach is traditionally lovely at that time of year. The May meeting is on the 13th at the Daventry Masonic Centre. Please get in touch with W.Bro Mike Green (Secretary) W.Bro David Nicholas (Treasurer) or W.Bro Rick Hill (DC) for meeting details.



**Towcester Masonic centre 10 year anniversary, September 2022**

**On Saturday the 12th of November 2022**, Buckby Castle Lodge members, partners, and guests held a Charity Quiz night at the Daventry Masonic Centre. W.Bro Rob Ballinger (on the right) kept things in the family with his brother Ken acting as quiz master.

A superb night was had by all raising over £400 for Marie Curie, Teddies for Loving Care, and a local child in need.



**Daventry's oldest lodge**, Beneventa 2380, celebrated in style at their December meeting. Over 60 brethren, partners, guests and friends celebrated in fine festive style with a rousing selection of carol singing, jokes and even a guest piper. A superb evening was had by all.





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# Roll Of Honour

**Many congratulations to all the Brethren featured on our Roll of Honour.\***

## **60 YEARS**

### **Philip Major Collins**

Pictured on the occasion of his certificate presentation by W.Bro Tim Almond APM, together with the WM of Lodge of Merit, W.Bro Neil Bennett.

### **Lodge**

Lodge of Merit



### **Tony Watts**

Pictured on the occasion of his certificate presentation by RW.Bro Barrie Hall PPM.

### **Old Wellingburian**



### **Derek Victor Watkins**

## **50 YEARS**

### **Ian Smith**

### **William Barrington Hall**

### **John Sumner**

### **Trevor William March**

### **John Albert Neale**

### **Geoffrey Frank Bollard (d)**

### **Barry James Williamson**

### **Arnold Edward Ralph Bennett**

### **Robert Dadley**

### **Peter Norman Taylor**

### **Colin Albert Stanbridge**

### **Webb Ellis**

### **Lodge**

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St Paul

Greyfriars

Three Counties

Hatton

Old Northamptonians

England Centre

Sothius

Grand Junction

**Our best wishes for the future are included with this public recognition of your valuable service.**

\*As of 31st January 2023

## Message from The Grand Superintendent

Dear Companions,

By the time you read this we will be well into the new year, hopefully refreshed by thoughts of the approach of Spring and the emergence of Mother Nature's new growth. May we also be stimulated to renew our efforts to bring the joy that grows from the completion of the journey that is Pure Antient Freemasonry to all Master Masons by exaltation into the Royal Arch.

Much has been happening at UGLE and SGC during 2022 culminating in the launch of the 'Roadmap', a 7 year strategy plan for UGLE and SGC, at the Quarterly Communication meeting of 14th December 2022. More than ever UGLE are publicly emphasising the indissoluble link between the Craft and the Royal Arch that cements the whole journey that is

Pure Antient Freemasonry. You may have already seen snippets of evidence of this through greater and more focused coverage of the Royal Arch in Freemasonry Today together with an article by the new Pro Grand Master/Pro First Grand Principal in which he strongly emphasises that ones journey in Pure Antient Freemasonry is incomplete without Exaltation into the Royal Arch.

In order to enable the Royal Arch to benefit from this new beginning we are launching a support scheme that will see designated Companions, Ambassadors, within each Craft Group charged with bringing the Royal Arch to the attention of all Master Masons within that Group. (Greater detail of

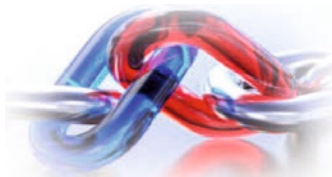


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Let us, as we progress through this period of nature's renewal, resolve to do all in our power to support our Ambassadors in their task of fitting each Master Mason to a Chapter best suited to him, and may the True and Living God Most High watch over you and your loved ones.

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## PSA Testing in this Province

On behalf of the Grand Superintendent and The Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire, we would like to give advance notice that, again, all Masons, both Companions and Brethren will be invited to attend one of three PSA testing events in our Province over the coming months. Once again, to be held at the Northampton (see report below), Peterborough and Corby Masonic Centres.

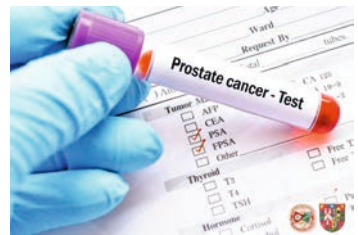
This will be jointly funded once more by the Craft and the Royal Arch, and every member in the Province will receive a letter in the

coming weeks which will explain the booking procedure and the dates of the sessions.

Brethren and Companions all, to some of our members these sessions have proven invaluable and led to important, potentially life-saving, medical treatment. When you receive your letter, please act upon it and book yourself in an appointment.

Any queries or questions may be directed to the Royal Arch Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Excellent Companion Graham Minett (GJ@minett.me.uk).

Further sessions this spring are booked for Peterborough – 4th February and Corby – 1st April. Companions and Brethren living in those areas will receive notification near to the events.



141 Companions & Brethren recently attended Sheaf Close for a simple blood test. The Graham Fulford Trust who carry out the tests have since confirmed 4 "Red Letters" were issued, recommending the recipients to seek further medical screening for Prostate Cancer.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent commented, "Over the years that this P.S.A. Screening programme has been organised by the

Royal Arch during this time a significant number of Companions/Brethren have been advised to seek further medical examination, despite them experiencing no physical symptoms.

They openly admit that this early intervention may well have saved their lives and we thank the Craft who now financially support the scheme enabling

us to organise the screening programme on an annual rather than a bi-annual basis."





## Initiation to Exaltation with that Added-Value-Proposition

Just over 210 years ago the Act of Union of the two Grand Lodges declared in the Preliminary Declaration for the Government of the Craft, as stated in the Book of Constitutions, that we all have that Pathway consisting of the four stages/four phases in our own Journey in Pure Antient Freemasonry – namely our Initiation, Passing, Raising and our Exaltation into the Royal Arch. Only then have we truly completed our Journey in Pure Antient Freemasonry, and only then can we be free to explore other avenues or areas in Masonry.

This guidance in the Pathway across the Craft and culminating in the Royal Arch was emphasised by the Grand Master and First Grand Principal at Supreme Grand Chapter (SGC) in April 2021; further highlighted by the Pro Grand First Principal at SGC in November 2021; then again by the new Pro Grand First Principal at SGC in November 2022; and yet again by the Pro Grand Master at Quarterly Communications of UGLE in December 2022, where it is now engrained within the launch of the new seven-year strategy for both the Craft and the Royal Arch.

In recent years it has been further emphasised that we have all been charged with the task of ensuring that all candidates for Freemasonry are informed, at their interview stage, of the four stages/four phases that await them in their Journey in Pure Antient Freemasonry.

We now see from the new Members Pathway seven-year strategy launched in December

2022 that such a Journey with its four elements is regarded as the norm for those coming into our fraternity giving greater emphasis of the planned level of development that awaits them with many of the joys and delights, as well as the surprises that await them as they progress along their own Masonic Pathway. In all of this it needs to be clear that the Journey is made up of these four parts and that much more awaits the candidate to further ensure they are engaged, welcomed, and cared for as they progress to greater heights and (again) delights in Freemasonry.

The initial 'proposition' of Learning – Education – Development within the framework of Initiation – Passing – Raising – Exaltation was originally enough and has been in place for many years. But in 2015 UGLE and SGC realised that they needed to gain a more in-depth understanding of what members really wanted and what were the priorities for Brethren and Companions as they progressed through their own Personal Masonic Journey. It was clear from the survey, which was undertaken in October 2015, that Brethren and Companions really desired for a greater understanding, knowledge, and information about Freemasonry, and with this being the most significant factor for Companions in the Royal Arch.

From this, work was then started on the construction what is now known as Solomon at [solomon.ugle.org.uk](http://solomon.ugle.org.uk), with the aim that Solomon would be the world-leading repository for Masonic knowledge and information. After much work in development and collating materials Solomon was launched in November 2018. Since then,

Solomon has grown and extended its on-line materials and offerings to what we see today, with an array of information covering all the stages from the Entered Apprentice to the Fellowcraft and Master Mason, and further on to the Exalte in the Royal Arch. The Solomon initiative has now to be recognised as an additional, if not the finalised, 'proposition' for Brethren and Companions. The Solomon resource is something that money-could-not-buy as no unit, whether an individual Lodge or Chapter, Province or District, could afford the cost of constructing such an on-line 'proposition'.

For those who have yet to register with Solomon the process is easy! After logging on to **the Solomon website** you will see two 'module-links' to 'Getting Started with Solomon' and 'Discover Freemasonry'. Here can be found the array of materials and especially the presentation videos in 'Solomon Live' which have been broadcast recently, and which can now be viewed at your leisure and at a convenient time for you as you relax and head in to the new 2023 season.

All this 'Added-Value-Proposition' and much more – at-no-additional-cost-to-the-user – can be found from accessing Solomon - Fostering Curiosity, Developing Understanding at [www.solomon.ugle.org.uk](http://www.solomon.ugle.org.uk)

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### Roise Croix - Arthur March celebrates 50 years

At the Peverel Rose Croix meeting in Rushden on 23rd November 2022, IllBro Arthur March was presented with his 50th Anniversary Certificate. V.IllBro Barrie Hall gave a very detailed and interesting history of Arthur, who was initiated into The Craft at Old Kimboltonians' Lodge in 1964, held many ranks in Craft, Chapter and other side orders in The Province, before joining Rose Croix in 1972.

Arthur is 97 years old and was very moved with his

honour. The head of the order, MPBro Elgood, sent a message of good will and thanks to him.

**The photograph below shows Arthur, together with Barrie Hall, Ian McLauchlin and E & PP Bro Derek Watts, MWS of Peverel Chapter.**



### News from The Order of Women Freemasons

After many Covid 19 related delays we were finally delighted to hold the Lodge Enterprise No 80 Reinstatement Meeting and Installation Dinner on Saturday 3rd December 2022 at The Griggs Centre, Northampton. We were pleased to receive the Deputy Grand Master, RW.Bro Joy Keitch and many more Grand Officers who joined us for a very happy day. W.Bro Ann Lewis was installed into the Chair of King Solomon by VW.Bro Pam Green. The original Lodge Banner was rededicated by RW.Bro Keitch. It truly was a most enjoyable ceremony and festive board. We look forward to our next meeting.



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## Rushden

Rushden LAMs have had a busy year in 2022 and are looking forward an equally busy 2023. During the past 12 months, the ladies have funded a number of projects at Rushden Masonic Hall, including repairs to the bar floor



and new carpets and decorating of the dining room and bar area. In addition, the LAMs donated £1,600 to The Three Pillars charity to help them continue the remarkable work they undertake to support

homeless people in the community. W.Bro Ged Dempsey (pictured left) was invited to speak at the LAMs Gentlemen's Lunch in October 2021, when he gave a very informative talk about the Three Pillars, including moving accounts of their incredible success stories, helping the most vulnerable to reconnect with their families and get them into homes and jobs.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our friends from Northampton LAMs to our September lunch, where our president, Valerie, gave an extremely interesting talk about her life in Africa. We hope the Northampton ladies enjoyed the afternoon. Our Gentlemen's Lunch in



October 2022 was very well attended, and we were joined by guest speakers Ruth Rignell and Rosalind Stewart who gave a talk on the history of Wicksteed Park (pictured above). This year's calendar is already filled with our usual events, the cake and coffee morning will be taking place in May, we have a summer outing in July to Bourton on the Water, Gentlemen's Lunch in October, Christmas Bazaar in November in addition to the monthly coffee mornings and lunches throughout the year.

## STOP PRESS – THREE PILLARS NOW IN NORTHAMPTON

The Three Pillars 'Feeding the Homeless' Trust is now open in Northampton at St James Church.

A new team are feeding the homeless on Tuesday and Friday evenings 6pm – 8pm and also supporting the community in need.

However, more volunteers are required and all donations – both financial and food are most welcome.

Please contact the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro Aaron Day on 07989421764 for more information.



# Provincial Grand Lodge 2023 / 2024 Active Officers

Rank	Name	Lodge Name
DepProvGM	BENNETT Charles Anthony	De la Pre
AsstProvGM	CASEMAN-JONES Michael Charles Alexander	Waynflete
AsstProvGM	ALMOND Timothy Joseph	Towcestrian
ProvSGW	MILES Philip Godfrey Clark	Socrates
ProvJGW	BARTON Kevin	Wentworth
ProvGChap	DAY Aaron Albert	Piscator
ProvGTreas	SPARKS Paul Anthony	Dr Field
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ProvGSec	DIGGINS William Thomas	Lodge of St George
ProvGDC	BLASON Roger John	Piscator
ProvGSwdB	BRICE Jason Warren	Cytringan
ProvGSuptWks	GENNER David	Lodge of St Giles
ProvDepGDC	WILSON Ian Charles	Cumton
ProvDepGDC	PORTER Robin David	Whytewell
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ProvSGD	MCWILLIAM Andrew John	Corbie
ProvSGD	TAYLOR John	Hinchingbrooke
ProvJGD	BENNETT Brian Eric	Socrates
ProvJGD	DONNEKY Paul Philip	Eleanor Cross
ProvJGD	SIMPSON Ian James Lawryn	Ailwyn
ProvJGD	MCKEOWN Philip John	Gates of Billing
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ProvGStwd	CROSSLEY David Edward	Grey Friars
ProvGStwd	FREEMAN Reuben Edward	Lodge of St James
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ProvGStwd	FORD John	Gates of Billing
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