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# From the Team

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Dear Readers,

In this edition of Password, we are delighted to include photographs from the recent Installation of our Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, which was a wonderful event.

Our Communications team now includes new Social Media Officers of Reuben Freeman, Dan Cooke and James Prince and we would like to thank John Fergusson for his excellent work and support in these areas over many years. Also, thank you to Trevor Cook, who has stepped down from his LCO work in Wellingborough and Rushden.

As always, please do let any of the team below know about any events or features you would like us to cover and we will be pleased to help.

With best regards

Peter

**Peter Robinson**

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## Notable Events

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Lodge of Fidelity No.445  
Three Counties No.9278  
Provincial Carol Service  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Provincial Grand Lodge  
Three Counties No.9278

10th Anniversary of Towcester Masonic Hall  
Installation

AGM  
AGM & Appointments  
Promotions to Past Ranks

Wednesday 21st September 2022  
Sheaf Close - Monday 31st October 2022  
Peterborough Cathedral - Sunday 11th December 2022  
Sheaf Close - Saturday 22th March 2023  
Sheaf Close - Thursday 18th May 2023  
Sheaf Close - Wednesday 24th May 2023

# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

## Brethren,

Firstly can I express my gratitude to all those who attended my installation on the 27th of July 2022 and for the many messages of good wishes received.

It has been very humbling, but also so encouraging to have your support on becoming your Provincial Grand Master.

Also, to once more thank our hard-working secretariat led by WBro William Diggins and our DC team led by WBro Roger Blason, and our Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, for making the day go so well.

We were extremely honoured to have the Pro Grand Master MWBro Peter Lowndes attend and perform the ceremony, in this his penultimate official duty before his retirement. Our grateful thanks and best wishes are extended to him, not only for the wonderful ceremony, but also his successful tenure

as our Pro Grand Master.

I know he was particularly pleased to meet a number of brethren from the Light Blues, The Three Pillars and the MSTFC and to hear about their work and activities..

On the 14th of September, a number of us will attend the Installation ceremony of RWBro Jonathan Spence as the new Pro Grand Master. As with any change in leadership, this is a significant time within our Fraternity, and will no doubt bring new initiatives along the way. We wish RWBro Spence and his team well as they prepare to assume their new roles.

As I made clear in my address, having fun and enjoying our Freemasonry is something upon which I place great importance. I am looking forward to the season ahead and indeed, there is much to arrange and to look forward to as



we plan for the commencement of a very full and exciting year.

Hermes our new integrated Lodge Secretaries and Chapter Scribe E's system is now live. Although I am sure there will be the odd teething issue, I am confident brethren will find this new system a significant help. We are indebted to our Provincial Grand Registrar WBro Simon Key who, together with his implementation team, has championed the roll out programme and will continue to be there to support Lodge Secretaries and Chapter Scribe Es over the coming months.

As I write, the Provincial Team are busy planning the Banner Dedication for the Lodge of United Services to be held on Saturday the 10th of September 2022. As this is a ceremonial meeting - NOT a formal Lodge meeting and as there is no Masonic Ritual being





performed, the Lodge have requested, for Ladies and non -masons be present to witness the ceremony. The 2021 edition of Guidance for members of the Craft does allow for this and so I have been pleased to consent to their application.

I am sure this will be an enjoyable occasion for brethren, partners and friends and open up a little of the ceremonial work that is undertaken in our Lodges.

Our secretariat have recently received a petition for the formation of another new Lodge, the 97th in the Province a Brewing Themed Lodge to be called Cervisia Lodge. Again, I have been pleased to agree to this request and the necessary work with Grand Lodge will now take place to obtain UGLE approval, after which we can set the consecration date.

We look forward to celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the refurbishment and

extension at our Towcester Centre, on Wednesday 21st September. I cannot believe it is 10 years since the works were completed.

I have been extremely pleased to see the Light Blues Clubs continuing to meet and enjoy inter club competitions, dinners, and family events during the summer break, this is very encouraging. Our future depends upon a thriving and vibrant membership, who enjoy their Freemasonry both formally in Lodge and socially out of it and the Light Blues are leading the way in this respect.

As we move into the new season, the updated Members Pathway will continue to be central to our future success. In the Autumn, there will be a new National Digital Marketing Campaign and we again expect to receive a large number of membership enquires. However, it is equally important that we continue to introduce good men from your own families,

friendship groups or places of work.

If we work together, using all channels of attraction, ensure we enjoy ourselves and have fun whilst delivering high quality ceremonies, I have no doubt we will continue to grow and thrive.

The Festival Committee 2024 have also been working over the summer and will be announcing some exciting events in the Autumn.

Brethren, I very much look forward to meeting with many of you throughout the coming season.

Until then, please stay safe and happy, and may the Great Architect, guard, guide and protect you all.

RW.Bro Mark Constant  
Provincial Grand Master

August 2022



**“Our future depends upon a thriving and vibrant membership, who enjoy their Freemasonry both formally in Lodge and socially out of it”**

## Introducing our new Assistant PGMs...

### **W.Bro Mike Caseman-Jones, TD, PAGDC**

Initiated in 1989 into St Edburgs Lodge No 9233 Bicester, WBro Mike is also a Past Master of three other Lodges including Waynflete Lodge No 4452 in Brackley in 2001.

He was honoured to be appointed to ProvGSwd in 2003, before becoming ProvGSuptWks in 2007 and then ProvAGSec from 2013 to 2015.

Then followed by a 5 year period as Provincial Grand Secretary to 2020 and appointment to Grand Rank in 2017.

Exalted into the Royal Arch, Mike is a PZ of both St Edburgs and Waynflete Chapters and received Provincial Grand Chapter appointments of PProvGSsoj in 2015 and ProvGSwdB 2020 – 2022.

He is also a member of Mark and Red Cross of Constantine, where in 2016 Mike received the active Grand Rank of PGStdB (L).

Lt Col M C A Caseman-Jones served with the Royal Military Police from 1983, before leaving the Army in 1986 to pursue a career with the Thames Valley Police. He also joined the TA in 1988, seeing active service in Afghanistan in 2008. Married to Gail, a retired

Police officer, they have one daughter, Catherine who is a marine surveyor serving with the Army Reserve (RE), Derby, the 4th generation of her family to 'take the shilling'.

A former rugby player Mike is now resigned to the armchair and the more sedate pastimes of playing Sunday cricket and badminton.



### **W.Bro Tim Almond, PAGDC**

Born in Heywood, Lancashire in 1954, the eldest of seven children, Tim was introduced to Freemasonry in 1994 and initiated into the Towcestrian Lodge No. 9510 in 1995, becoming Worshipful Master in 2004.

He then had the privilege of being appointed to

PProvGSwd in 2005, followed in 2015 by an appointment to ProvSGW in 2015 and then the Grand Rank of PADGC in 2019.

A founding member of Silverstone Lodge No.9877 in 2013, before taking the Chair in 2014. W.Bro Tim is also a member of the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No.8995.

Exalted into the Royal Arch in 2000 and Tim currently holds the acting Provincial Rank of PDGDC and is also a member of The Chapter of Fidelity No. 445 and the Chapter of First Principals No.3422.

He is also a member of Mark, RAM, Royal & Select Masters, Rose Croix and Red Cross of Constantine.

Tim studied Biochemistry at Aston University, before gaining a Ph.D. in Cancer Immunology at Birmingham University.

He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for many years and in 2000, set up his first business in the field of clinical diagnostics and biomedical research.

Married to Penny, they have three grown up children and have lived in Silverstone since 1996. Tim's hobbies include scuba diving, international travel and building kit cars.

# Grand Officer Appointments

We are delighted to announce the following promotion and first appointments to Grand Rank.

**W.Bro Michael Binstead,**  
PAGDC, Northants & Hunts Lodge  
of Installed Masters No.3422 to  
PJGD

## First Appointments to Grand Rank to PAGDC

**W.Bro Peter Robinson PAGDC, ProvGCO**

Initiated into the Lodge of Perseverance 455 in 1998, W.Bro Peter reached the chair in 2011 and is at present Director of Ceremonies in the lodge. In 2013, he was honoured with an appointment to Provincial Grand Steward and is a member of the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No.8995. Also a member of the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters No.3422, W.Bro Peter has been Treasurer since



2014. In 2013, he represented Kettering and Thrapston on the Provincial Communications Committee, before becoming the Chairman and Provincial Communications Officer in 2016, a position he still holds.

Peter is a member of Perseverance Chapter No.455 and is due to become MEZ in November.

Born in the County and educated at Northampton Grammar School, he is qualified in and followed a career in Insurance. Married to Sue, they have 3 grown up children and 3 grandchildren, who along with golf and Freemasonry, keep him busy.

## W.Bro William Diggins PAGDC, ProvGSec

W.Bro William was initiated into the Lodge of St George in 1996, before reaching the chair in 2005 and has served as both Treasurer and Charity Steward for many years. In 2011, he was honoured with an appointment to active rank as Provincial Grand Junior Deacon.

He served 3 years on the Provincial Grand Charity Committee and was appointed Chairman of the Tercentenary Committee organising the three main events, the Parade at Peterborough, the Second Degree Ceremony in Great Queen Street, and the Grand Ball at Wicksteed Park. In 2015, he was appointed



Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary which he served for 5 years before being promoted in 2020 to his current position as Provincial Grand Secretary. William is a member of Kingsley Chapter No.2431 and following his seconded period as MEZ was promoted to active rank as the Provincial 1st Assistant Sojourner in 2018.

Born in Northampton, William trained in hairdressing leading on to a successful business career and is still owns a Hair Salon in Weston Favel.

Married to Kay, he has 4 grown up sons and 3 grandchildren. When time allows in his busy schedule, he enjoys peaceful weekends away and time with his family.

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## Introducing our Wardens

### **W.Bro Mark Charteress, Provincial Grand Senior Warden**

WBro. Mark was Initiated into Pomfret Lodge in 1990 aged 25 years to join with his father Bro Bill, who was a member. He went on to become WM in 2001 and was honoured to receive PGM dispensation to also occupy the Chair for a second time of Pomfret Lodge in 2019 its bi-centenary celebratory year.

Mark received his first Provincial appointment in 2006 as Past Provincial Grand Steward and is a member of the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards.

A founding member of Salcey Forest Lodge in 2010, Mark served as Master for a 3 year term during Covid to 2022, during which period he was able see his son Bro Tom join the Lodge.

A Trustee of the Cockerill Masonic Charity, Mark



worked many years as a Chartered Banker, currently works for a Swedish bank.

A family man living in Piddington, married to Tina for 30 years with two grown up children, Mark loves golf & enjoys walking over the fields with his dog and ritual book !

### **W.Bro Simon Perry, Provincial Junior Grand Warden**

WBro Simon was initiated in 1995 into St Ivo Lodge in St Ives in 1995 and progressed to the Chair in 2007.

In a family connection, Simon`s father took part in his initiation ceremony and in 2017 Simon undertook a similar role for his son Bro. M Perry.

Simon in 2013 was honoured to be appointed as Provincial Grand Senior Deacon

and has served as Local Communications Officer for the Huntingdon Area for many years. He also is a Trustee of the St Ivo Masonic Hall committee and has acted as Secretary of St Ivo Lodge for 8 years.

Further honours followed in 2018 as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and now Provincial Grand Junior Warden.

Simon has owned for nearly 20 years and runs with partner Emma, the



Prince of Wales in Hilton and has four grown up children. He describes his loves as Chelsea football club , English cricket, red wine and Freemasonry !



# Passing to the Grand Lodge above

## **W.Bro Norman Manser, PJGD, CoM**

W.Bro Norman was initiated into Freemasonry in 1960 joining the Vale of Nene Lodge, starting over 60 years continuous membership, including attaining the Chair in 1975.

He was also a member and a Past Master of five other Lodges, including the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards and

Three Counties Lodge, being appointed to Grand Rank in 1983, with a promotion to PJGD in 1993.

A stalwart of the Province, he was awarded the PGM's Certificate of Merit in 2001 and played a significant part in the move of premises to our Elindon Centre in Peterborough.

In the Royal Arch, Ex Comp. Norman was exalted into St Peters Chapter in 1963, taking the Chair in 1980. He was honoured with Provincial Rank in 1986, followed by Grand Chapter Rank in 2001, before in 2013 being awarded the MEGS Certificate of Merit.



He also held high rank in many other orders including Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Master Masons.

## **W.Bro Mike Richards, PAGDC**

In 1969, Mike joined Freemasonry when he was initiated into England's Centre Lodge and progressed to the



Chair in 1980. A very active and cheery member, he was subsequently honoured with Provincial

appointments to ProvDepGDC, PProvJGW and PProvSGW, before being recognised in 1997 with Grand Rank as PAGDC.

W.Bro Mike was a founder member of both the Lodge of Harmony and Sulgrave Lodge, utilising his travel links with the USA to become a joining member of the Britannia Lodge in New York and further the transatlantic links. He was also a member and Past Master (in 2000) of the Three Counties Lodge.

A great supporter of many other

Orders, he was exalted into Abington Chapter in 1977, progressed to Z in 1986 before being appointed as Provincial Grand Registrar in 1987.

In Mark, he was appointed a member of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in 2008 and also held high office in others.

## **W.Bro Roy Bradley, PAGDC**

W.Bro Roy was initiated into the Vale of Nene Lodge in 1967 and as pictured, received his 50 year Jubilee certificate exactly 50 years later in October 2017.

He attained the Chair of King Solomon in his mother Lodge in 1983 and also served as Director of Ceremonies from 1987 to 1993. W.Bro Roy was also a member in four other Lodges and a Past Master in three of them. W.Bro Roy attained the rank of PProvSGW in 1994. He was

further honoured with Grand Rank in 2002, when he was made PAGDC

In addition to Craft, W.Bro Roy was an active member of The Royal Arch, being exalted into St Peter's Chapter and holding the Provincial rank of Past Provincial Grand Scribe N.

In the degree of Mark Master Masons, W.Bro Roy was Provincial Assistant Grand Master during the time his brother-in-law, W.Bro Norman Manser was Provincial Grand Master, and subsequently replaced him as Mark PGM in 2000.

Roy is pictured below being presented with his 50 year certificate by then PGM RW.Bro Max Bayes.



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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## Imagine?

I shall borrow from the late, great John Lennon for this article...

Imagine being able to play your part in helping Freemasonry thrive for future generations. Imagine, if you will, that we are all custodians of this beautiful fraternity for a period.

Imagine enhancing and handing it on to for those in the future to enjoy. What a legacy to be able to hand on to those future generations. We all have our part to play irrespective of how long we have been in Freemasonry. The public profile of Freemasonry has not been better in the last 100 years. This presents the opportunity to move forward with optimism, enthusiasm and vigour.

The Members' Pathway outlines the framework upon which we can build.

**Plan:** What does your Lodge need to do to thrive? Are

you clear on where new members will come from? Is there a succession plan for non-progressive offices? Many Lodges will want to answer these questions and there will be support to help you thrive.

**Attract:** There will be another UGLE digital marketing campaign in the next month or so, along with our own attraction campaigns which include the Discover Freemasonry brochure will generate interest. We are the single best advocates for Freemasonry.

**Engage:** Are your Lodge members engaged? Are they enjoying their Freemasonry? We all enjoy different elements of Freemasonry, and we can all play a part to make sure that a Brother is engaged; take time to explain things, introduce him to his Light Blues club, take him with you when you visit or involve them in social activities. Make them feel that they belong and are a part of our special fraternity.

**Retrieve:** Let's check in on members who are not attending; do we know why?

Does this Brother need some form of help? Has this Brother lost interest? Give him a call, show him that you and your Lodge care. Non-attendance is most definitely an amber light before a resignation.

To quote the Pro-Grand Master (Designate), 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 get to work on building Freemasonry for future Freemasons and let's have fun doing it!

W.Bro John Fergusson,  
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**As we approach the new masonic season, my thoughts turn to effective mentoring for new initiates 2022-23 and those introduced to the Craft in the past few years.**

Our focus will remain on the provision of good support by lodges to our newer members and ensuring we do all we can to make masonry a most enjoyable experience for all.

To further assist Lodges and brethren:

**The Peterborough Booklets** will be revised this Autumn. 2023 editions of each booklet will be available in the new year, with revisions including material important to new masons, feedback from the 2021 edition, together with updates from United Grand Lodge and others appropriate to our Province. Please do take

some time to review the existing booklets, which are all available on the Mentoring section of the Provincial website.

**Centre Mentor Liaison Officer meetings.** These meetings will recommence in the new season and are important to provide Lodge Mentors in each centre with



the tools they need to support newer members. All Lodge Mentors are urged to attend please if possible.

**Lodge mentoring policy.** Lodges are asked to ensure the whole lodge is aware and supports newer members by the adoption of a Lodge mentoring policy. The

responsibly to support newer masons is not restricted to the Proposer, seconder and Mentor. The whole lodge must play a part. A draft Policy is included in the Mentoring section of the Provincial website and all Lodge Mentors also have copies to for their members. The Policy is a Word document and so changes appropriate to your Lodge are simple to edit and include.

I hope we can approach the Autumn with renewed vigour, with a focus on our newer members to give them all the support they need. Happy lodges will attract more members and Mentoring plays an important role in creating an enjoyable environment for us all.

W.Bro Duncan Childs  
Provincial Grand Mentor



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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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### It has been another busy few months for our Almoners

and I thank them and the rest of the PGA Team for their dedication and diligence.

2021 saw a slight reduction in overall Grants from MCF, which totalled £245,591 to 117 recipients. This year looks as though it will exceed that figure as we are already about £1,000 per month up on last year.

Summer may be a quiet season for many Lodges, but the PGA Team has seen a steep rise in the number of Brothers and families seeking support. In one particularly busy week, there were 16 new enquiries that we are dealing with appropriately. Emergency grants from the Provincial Grand Charity have also increased, a trend I think will continue as many struggle to make ends meet with the sharp increase in the cost of living.

Can I ask all Brethren to keep an eye out for anyone who may be struggling and to raise any concerns through the PGA cascade system. This system was set up during the pandemic and means that every Almoner is supported by a Local Support Officer (LSO) to whom they can escalate any enquiries and seek advice. The LSOs then consult with me or one of my Assistants and where there is clear need and distress we can quickly progress applications for MCF or Provincial grants

In March 2020, just as we went



into the first lockdown, we had planned to launch a project called 'Giving Time' and we intend to re-launch this soon.

**Giving Time** is a joint initiative with the neighbouring Province of Leicestershire and Rutland. The idea is that we see if we can encourage more interaction with Devonshire Court, our nearest RMBI care home. The target is for at least 100 Masons to give an hour of their time to visit Devonshire Court and participate in a number of activities. This could be as simple as visiting and talking to residents and staff, or could involve some help with gardening or other practical activities. Others may wish to give a talk on a particular subject (Masonic or non-Masonic) by way of afternoon or evening entertainment. We have teamed up with RW.Bro Peter Kinder (PGM for Leics and Rutland) and his PGA W.Bro David Highton and we really hope to reach our targets. The launch will be this autumn and our respective Provincial Executives will meet at Devonshire Court and give some of their own time to support the residents. We will then start a tally of how many hours we have all given and I think we should start a competition to see if Northamptonshire and

Huntingdonshire Masons can 'beat' our colleagues over the border by giving more time than them. More information will be released in due course, so I lay down the gauntlet...

The Brother Line project has been disbanded now that the lockdown has ended, but I thank you all for your support. Only one Brother benefitted from the service that we offered for the last 18 months, but one Brother is better than none and we were able to support him appropriately.

We have also taken down the Health Welfare and Wellbeing from the Provincial Website, but hope to launch new initiatives next year as well as refreshing the Almoner resources on the Website.

I thank you all for your continued support to our Brethren, I am pleased to say that as far as Almonry, welfare and support goes, I am very proud of what we achieve as a Province.

W.Bro Kevin Mackie,  
Provincial Grand Almoner



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# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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Only 18 months to go! The climax of our 2024 MCF Festival is fast approaching and scheduled to conclude at the end of March 2024.

We set off at a blistering pace towards our Provincial target of £2.024m, with some Lodges reaching their targets soon after the Festival's start. The lockdown naturally inhibited fundraising. However, the momentum has increased since the release of restrictions and the resumption of our face to face Freemasonry.

Our new Provincial Grand Master, like his predecessor, is anxious that we maximise our efforts to ensure as successful a final outcome as possible. This means we must all make sure we are giving as much as we are able, whether through Regular Payment Promises, other forms of donations or by

helping organise and run, or donating to, fundraising events. The giving of time can be as important as monetary largesse.

Since the last edition of Password, many steps have been taken, literally, in support of the Festival.

In Festival fundraising pursuits, brethren have, for example

- Trekled from this Province to Grand Lodge
- Walked the streets of London featured on the Monopoly board
- Trudged from Land's End to John o'Groats
- Hiked around many of the Province's meeting venues

Details of these feats can be found on the Provincial website. I thank all those involved for their

efforts and commitment.

Please keep us updated on your intended fundraising activities so Mick Warren and I can give you any support and advice you may need.

With the start of the new season, there is much to look forward to. Our new Provincial Grand Master is leading the way and is keen to make sure we enjoy both our Freemasonry and our fundraising activities.

We should not forget the 'fun' part of fundraising. In the new season there will be plenty of opportunities for fun. Look out for new forthcoming announcements about unique fundraising events that are guaranteed to generate a great deal of enjoyment and excitement!

The effects of all our Festival fundraising can be tracked on the front page of the Provincial website where a thermometer shows



progress towards the Festival target.

Lest we forget, both the MCF and the Provincial Grand Charity continue to work in the background in support of Masonic families and the wider community. The MCF is being supported by means of the Festival. Contributions to the Provincial Grand Charity are encouraged and always gratefully received.

Playing the PGM's Bonus Ball is a good way of supporting the Provincial Grand Charity. This has now been made easier for

those not comfortable with entering online. Lodge Charity Stewards have copies of a form that can be completed and sent with your cheque directly to the Bonus Ball Administrator.

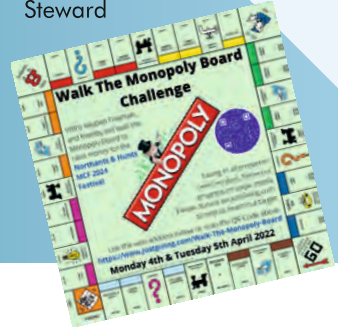
TLC funding has become depleted of late and, once again, contributions are being encouraged.

If you are a Charity Steward, this is the time to maximise your efforts to ensure your Lodge meets or exceeds its Festival target and fulfils its other charitable commitments. If you are not a Charity

Steward, you obviously have a great part to play in responding as positively as you are able to his exhortations. This will ensure an end result of which we can all be proud.

Thank you for your continuing benevolence which is greatly appreciated, not least by those in receipt of our charitable support.

Gerry Crawford  
Provincial Grand Charity  
Steward



**2024 MCF Festival**  
Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire

## 2024 MCF Festival Progress Towards Target



(Updated August 2022)



## Kimbolton Castle links with our PGM

As we congratulate our new Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, we have looked back in history and found significant Kimbolton Castle links between RW.Bro Mark, a previous Provincial Grand Master of the Province, and a Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of the England.

His Grace William Drogo Montagu, 7th Duke of Manchester KP, was born on the 15th of October 1823 at the family home of Kimbolton Castle, Huntingdonshire.

William (pictured right) rose to Captain in the Grenadier Guards in 1846 and upon

retiring from the Army in 1850, became a Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for Huntingdonshire. He also served in other roles and was Lord of the Bedchamber of the late Prince Consort, Prince Albert, from 1852-53 having earlier entered politics as Conservative MP for Bewdley in 1847.

William was initiated into Freemasonry on the 28th of May 1856 when he joined the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 in London. He became a joining member of Socrates Lodge No. 511 (now No. 373) in Huntingdon on the 3rd of October 1860 and was installed as Master of the Lodge the following year.

Having been appointed as a Grand Steward in 1859, William was appointed as Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire on the 24th of October 1863 and installed as such on the 1st of June 1864. He served the Province until his resignation in 1887, when he was succeeded by Henry James Fitzroy, Earl of Euston.



In the Royal Arch, William was exalted into Northampton Chapter No. 360 in 1870 before becoming a founding member and the inaugural MEZ of Montagu Chapter No. 466 in Stamford in 1875. He became a founding member of St Peter's Chapter No. 442 in Peterborough later the same year.

In 1880, William was appointed as the first Grand Superintendent over and above the Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire. He died in Naples in 1890.





Originally a medieval castle built in the late 12th century, Kimbolton Castle was converted into a stately palace and was the final home of King Henry VIII's first wife, Catherine of Aragon, who died at the castle from ill health in 1536.

The castle was acquired in 1615 by Sir Henry Montagu, who was later created the 1st Earl of Manchester. His great grandson, Charles Montagu (originally the 4th Earl of Manchester, pictured right), was created the 1st Duke of Manchester in 1719.

The 4th Duke of Manchester, George Montagu (William Montagu's great grandfather), was Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge (aka the "Moderns") from 1777 to 1782 after which he was succeeded by Prince Henry, Duke of Cumberland.

The Castle remained the

family seat of the Dukes of Manchester until 1950, when it was sold to Kimbolton School.

The school is successor to the village grammar school, and although there are references to a school at Kimbolton as early as 1531, the generally accepted date for its foundation is 1600.

Having originally occupied buildings within the churchyard, the school moved to new premises in Tilbrook Road in the late 19th century. It remained there until the move to Kimbolton Castle.

Our PGM was a pupil at the school from 1972 until 1980. A Past Master of Old Kimboltonians'

Lodge, which meets at the School, Mark was thrilled to install his son, Max, as the Lodge's current Master on the 15th of October 2021.

Several other members of the Constant family have also attended the school, which to this day recognises its history with 'Montagu' being one of the school's houses.



CONSTITUTIONS 1723

2023 marks the tercentenary of the publication in London of 'The Constitutions of the Freemasons' – the '1723 Constitutions' – whose Enlightenment principles provide the philosophical foundations of modern Freemasonry. Look out for more information of events surrounding this on [www.1723constitutions.com](http://www.1723constitutions.com)

# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## A Grand Day Out at Wickstead Park

On Wednesday the 17th of August 2022, disabled children from 18-Northamptonshire families were able to enjoy a free fun-day out at Wickstead Park, Kettering thanks to a grant from Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Freemasons made to disability charity, Contact.

They were welcomed by Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Mark Constant, together with W.Bro Tim Lucy, representative of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), and W.Bro Mick Warren, Deputy Provincial Charity Steward.

30-rides and activities were available to enjoy at the park including paddling in the splash-zone, boating on the lake, and meeting the animals in the farmyard, all set in 147-acres of beautiful rolling parkland.

For many of the children, this was the first major outing in many months that they were able to experience since restrictions imposed during the COVID pandemic were lifted.

The grant was provided by



the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), which administers charitable funds raised by Freemasons, their families, and friends, both locally and throughout England and Wales.



[www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

## Mulliner Classic Car Lodge has started it's engines

After three years of planning, the Province's 96th lodge, Mulliner Classic Car Lodge, was finally consecrated on Saturday the 30th April 2022 at Freemasons' Hall, The Griggs Centre, Sheaf Close, Northampton.

Over 170-brethren attended the Consecration, which included a wonderful ceremony, led by the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, in his usual exemplary manner, and a most enjoyable festive board.

Once the consecration



ceremony had concluded, the Lodge's first installation meeting was led by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW.Bro Charles Bennett PGSwdB, who installed WBro Steve Brown PAGDC in fine style as the Lodge's first Worshipful Master.

The new Lodge's name was



taken from the famous coach-building family business founded in the name of Arthur Mulliner in Northampton in 1760. The business retained its local connections until it was acquired by Henlys Limited in 1940.

Membership of the lodge is

aimed at brethren who own or have an interest in classic cars of all types.

Having had an excellent start with 41-founding members, including the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Bedfordshire, RW.Bro Anthony Henderson, and many others from outside the Province, the Lodge is set to be successful with several prospective joining members waiting in the wings.



The Lodge is planning to host a Classic Car Show in Spring 2023.





# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## The Installation of RW.Bro Mark Constant

A photographic telling of the story of the day, where over 460 Brethren came together to celebrate the installation of our new Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, which was led by the Pro Grand Master, MW.Bro Peter Lowndes, and saw 12-visiting Provincial Grand Masters in attendance. The full story, plus a gallery of pictures appears on the Provincial Website.







# News From The Light Blues

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W.Bro Milan Crooks

## LIGHT BLUES EASTER EGG ROUNDUP

The Peterborough Light Blue Club would like to thank all Ellindon based Brethren for their generosity; a total of 300 Easter Eggs were donated by Brethren and local businesses including Tesco, Waitrose, and the Coop.

The eggs were distributed as follows:

Amazon Ward/ Children's Unit and Accident and Emergency Unit PCH  
Little Miracles  
Perinatal Team/CPSL/Mind & Families/Women's Refuge (Barnardo's)



The residents of Oakfield were over the moon as they opened their Easter Eggs from the Wellinborough & Rushden Light Blues.

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

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**Northants & Hunts NYMC**

Following on from a recent Race Night organised by the committee of Roman Light Blues, with a special thank you to Alan Sparham too, the team were able to make donations to the MCF, The Lewis Foundation - Helping cancer Patients and South Northants Youth Engagement - Working with Young People. It was a great night full of fun and fellowship.



A wonderful evening at the Huntingdon Light Blues Horse Racing Event. Thank you to all Light Blue members who attended and a special thank you to WBro Michael Caseman-Jones - APGM, for supporting us.



Around 65 Brethren, wives and friends visited the Peterborough Beerfest 2022 on Tuesday 23rd August and had a fantastic time doing so. A big thank you to everyone that turned up and all that made it happen.



N&HNYMC held their inaugural "Inter-Light Blue Club" Tournament where the Light Blue Clubs from across the Province were competing against each other to be the first holders of the trophy. The event was held at Paintballing at Skirmish Central, Hinwick. Congratulations to The members of Northampton Light Blue Club who were victorious on the day.

Graham Milton Lodge 9796 continued the tradition, inherited in 2005, of the annual Ray Alderson Memorial Easter Egg Run 2022.

They donated Easter Eggs, supplied by Northants & Hunts New and Young Masons, to Creating Tomorrow Trust, which encompasses Wren Spinney and Isebrook Special schools in Kettering as well as Daventry Hill school Daventry, also in the Province. The Trust was represented by Mrs Linda Saunders, Chair of Governors of Wren Spinney and a Trust Board member.



**Coming Soon**

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



# News From Around The Province

## Kettering & Thrapston

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**At the end of the 2022 Masonic Season**, the Charity Steward at Cytringan Lodge, was moved to support a local appeal by the Kettering Food Bank after reading that their shelves were running very low, that he approached the other Lodge Charity Stewards in Kettering asking if they had the funds or ability to combine with our support. Lodge of Perseverance and Trinity Lodge were able to combine with Cytringan to pledge a total of £650. They only had 3 days in which we could prepare an application and present it before the trustees of the Provincial Grand Charity for consideration.

The Provincial Grand Charity very kindly approved the application for additional support and generously matched the original pledges. This meant we were able to present a cheque to the Kettering Food Bank for £1,300.

The Kettering Food Bank were incredibly grateful explaining that they continue to be desperate for regular donations. They are often in need of tinned goods, especially tinned meats which tend to be more

expensive. They are also in need of volunteer support even though they regularly have around 10 people helping out.

**Pictured right - the three WMs together with W.Bro Kevin Williams from the Provincial Grand Charity.**



### The Worshipful Master of Chicheley Lodge, W.Bro

Chris Gauntlett, accompanied by the Lodge Charity Steward W.Bro David Redden have been on the road again; presenting cheques to local registered charities that have been generously match funded by the Provincial Grand Charity.

Amongst the charities benefitting were The Souster Youth, which is on a mission to transform the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of young people. They work with those aged 11-19 years in the North Northamptonshire area. facing a host of challenges including mental health, family and relationships, and

academic achievement. If not addressed effectively these can lead to poor outcomes in later life including criminal behaviour, poverty and increased mental health needs. They work with young people in schools and community organisations to bring clear thinking and innovative approaches to these issues. Details of the other charity presentations can be found on the Provincial Website.



## Corby

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### A lovely evening at Thistle & Rose Lodge in Corby.

It was one of the theme nights - St George's night BUT a really special night for Brother Marty Lambert which had been delayed due

Covid.  
Marty was presented by W.Bro Steve Burton a group officer in T&R a 60 year medal and a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Marty was initiated into Lodge of St Aethans 1277, Burghead, Moray on the 21st December 1960. Passed on the 14th February 1961 & Raised 15th March 1961. Moving to Corby he joined T&R in March 1975 and never looked back. He has served the lodge as Charity Steward for 12 years but the role he thoroughly



enjoyed was the Almoner for 18 years. Alongside W.Bro Arthur Barlow they were a formidable team in maintaining the fabric of the then Masonic centre. To say Bro Marty was overjoyed would be an understatement. Always enjoying his Masonry and this night was no exception.



**Members of Corbie Lodge and their partners enjoying a night out.**



# News From Around The Province

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### As a special interest Lodge, Saturday 13th August saw the Lock Stock and Barrel Lodge meet at

The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne.  
The meeting followed a very  
successful 50 Bird clay shoot  
and sporting flush at the  
nearby Silverstone Shooting



School in wonderful hot, sunny  
conditions. There were a high  
number of visiting brethren  
from this, and three other  
Provinces - as far afield as the  
province of Somerset and  
Gloucestershire.

The Lodge is always delighted  
to welcome non-shooters to  
our shoots and lodge meetings  
afterwards. We are proud to  
say we have our very own  
qualified shooting coach,  
W.Bro Bruce Marks, who was  
on hand to instruct, coach and



encourage several novice  
shooters again this weekend. If  
you are interested in trying out  
clay pigeon shooting, please  
contact the Lodge Secretary,  
W.Bro Martin Cannon  
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be delighted to offer you further  
details of the next shoot and  
meeting.

Worshipful Master, W.Bro Albert  
Bareham who was the guiding  
light in forming the Lock Stock  
and Barrel Lodge had torn  
loyalties at the end of the shoot,  
being a Past Master of the Lodge  
of True Aim 9930 from the  
Province of Hertfordshire. Both  
Lodge's pitted their three highest  
ranked shooters against each  
other in a shoot out. The  
gauntlet was down, and Albert  
oversaw a resounding victory for  
the home team with the  
proceeds being donated to the  
Air Ambulance Charity.

At the ceremony following the  
shoot the WM was able to  
initiate his youngest son, Bro  
Joby Bareham into  
freemasonry. On hand to  
witness the ceremony was  
VW.Bro Charles Bennett, Deputy  
Provincial Grand Master and  
RW.Bro Max Bayes, Past

Provincial Grand Master.  
Following the initiation  
W.Bro Bareham accepted  
a handmade gift from the  
Lodge of True Aim, a  
holder in the shape of a  
Cartridge for our Warrant  
to ensure it doesn't get

damaged  
during its  
travels across  
the Province.

And finally to  
round off the  
day a truly  
magnificent  
festive board  
was delivered  
by the staff at The Boat Inn, Stoke  
Bruerne.



**Thank you to all our guests  
and members that attended  
both the shoot and ceremony  
making it a truly wonderful,  
enjoyable day for our  
candidate and all who  
attended.**



## Northampton

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### On 2nd July the WM of Kingsley Lodge,

W.Bro Neil Baker, hosted a garden party & BBQ for Kingsley Lodge members, family and friends at his house to raise funds for Northamptonshire Mind. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all, even a short period of rain didn't stop the fun!

As such, on 9th August W.Bro Neil was able to present a cheque for £500 to

Northamptonshire Mind thanks to the generosity of the Kingsley Brethren, friends and family.

Mind do amazing work supporting people with a whole range of mental health issues. They

provide crisis centres, drop in chats, activity sessions, education sessions and more across the county. W.Bro Neil believes it's important to raise awareness about mental health especially among men, who are unlikely to admit they need help, or indeed to seek it.

Northamptonshire Mind is one of the largest mental health providers working in Northamptonshire.

They work in partnership with Local Minds, Northamptonshire Health Foundation Trust and other Mental Health providers to support the mental health community through service provision, campaigning and influencing.

They also provide education and learning



opportunities for people completing professional qualifications in Social Care, Counselling and Psychotherapy'.

Mind's vision is to improve mental health and wellbeing in Northamptonshire and its purpose is to listen, support, take action and help build resilience for better mental health. The donation from Kingsley Lodge will help Mind to achieve its important goals.



# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

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### W.Bro David Turner, The Master of De la pre Lodge made a

presentation in June 2022 totalling £5000 to Re:Store Northampton, a charity which provides support to the Northamptonshire community by provision of thirteen different services ranging from a food bank and drop in café to assistance with getting housing, employment and the correct benefits, through to sensory classes for disabled children. Vulnerable people, including many who are reluctant to seek help, are referred to them by many local charities and agencies.

The donation started with £250 from De La Pre and a further £200 from individual members of the lodge; following an appeal to other lodges in Northampton, who had already met their 2024 festival target, further donations of £250 were made by Pomfret Lodge, Grey Friars Lodge and Dr Field Lodge. An application was then made to the Provincial Charity for

matched funding which resulted in a grant of £1300 and their support in submitting a request to MCF for matched funding of the £2500 raised to that point, which was also successful, hence the total of £5000.

Alex Turtle of ReStore said that "demand for their services had never been greater and the donations, will make a massive impact to the vulnerable people of Northampton that we work with on a day-to-day basis. As discussed, it has kindly been agreed that there are no restrictions on the funds, allowing Restore the freedom to apply the funds where there is the most need currently and where existing funding is not in place. That being said, here are a few examples of what such a significant amount would fund, to give you an idea of the impact: - Approximately 2.5 months Food Bank or Growbaby provision,

or - 20 Allotment Project sessions, or - Multiple CAP money advice courses for our guests, or - 9 months Citizens Advice provision at our crisis projects. Thank you".

For full details of their work see

<https://www.restorenorthampton.org.uk/projects.html>



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### In February 2022 the Peterborough Masonic Hall hosted a Ball for some very special people.

Little Miracles is a charity that supports families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions. The children wanted to attend a ball and Michelle King, CEO of the charity aspired to provide an event coinciding with Congenital Heart Awareness week (Feb 7th - 14th 2022). Without a budget and with just three weeks to secure a venue, disco, food and decorations an assistance plea was made on social media.

The Peterborough 'Light Blues' responded with a proposal to arrange and host the 'Little Miracles Congenital Heart Awareness Week Ball' at Peterborough Masonic Hall. The ball was an excellent illustration of how

Freemasons can pull together, as they were instrumental in the organisation of all the aspects, including provided the venue, catering, decoration, and the entertainment – a disco donated and compared by a local Mason. One hundred happy guests attended on the 12 February 2022 and Little Miracles



rocked Peterborough Masonic Hall. Michelle said she was "amazed to see what could be achieved in such short timescales.". Peterborough Light Blues assistant secretary W.Bro Roy Stockbridge said "The event was only possible following the generosity of the Vale of Nene and Fitzwilliam Lodges along with significant donations received from a select few Brethren across the province, plus a donation from the Province too".



**Members of The Vale of Nene Lodge** split into two groups to present cheques of £500 to two worthy charities in the local area. At the end of March this year, the current Master Gary Lewis, accompanied former Master Tom Watts to present the cheque to Vicki Lunn, Community Fundraising and Operations Officer at Sue Ryder. Vicki also showed Gary and Tom around the gardens and explained where the money would be used (above). On



the same day, previous Worshipful Master Geoff Frisby and the Lodge's Charity Steward Gerry Kelly, presented a cheque to Deepings Men's Group Charity organisers Gordon Young and Andy Yates.





# News From Around The Province

## Wellingborough & Rushden

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### In March 2022 the Wellingborough and Rushden Light Blues

enjoyed a visit to the Risdene Lodge where they were treated to a wonderful initiation ceremony. The club was joined by RW.Bro Max Bayes in his capacity as Patron of the N&HNYMC along several members of Light Blues committee including the current chairman W.Bro Rueben Freeman.

The visit was the first of what is hoped to be a biannual event and was supported by over 20 members of the club - one of which was the club's

newest member Bro Jack Churchman who received his club hankie from the RW.Bro Max and W.Bro Reuben.

The evening was a huge success with the brethren being treated to things not seen in every lodge



including, the mode of preparation and the famous firing glasses. Bro Marcus Humpriss Chairman of the W&RLBs said " We would like to thank all the brethren of Risdene for the warm welcome we received, it was great to see so many light blues enjoying themselves and we are already planning our next visit for the end of the year"



### Prior to lock down Wentworth Lodge regularly held a venison

bangers and mash night hosted by W.Bro Bob Smith and his wife Helen and this year saw a return of the event.

Wentworth members were joined by friends and family to raise funds for the Lodge.



The evening was enjoyed by all in wonderful company and a fantastic view as well as a super raffle, and has raised £610 for the lodge. Grateful thanks to everyone who attended for their generosity and W.Bro Bob and Helen for hosting a fantastic event and Bob for getting up early over the last few weeks to "catch" the sausages.





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### It is with great sadness

that we learned of the unexpected passing of Joseph Guy Manners on 7th June 2022, after a short illness, having celebrated his 90th birthday on 19th March.

'Guy', as he was known to everyone, spent his working life in the Royal Air force having joined in 1950 as a National Service airman. He eventually achieved the rank of Squadron Leader before retiring in 1990 after 40 year's service.

Guy was initiated into Horsburgh Lodge in February 1969 whilst serving in Singapore. Guy was exalted into Singapore Chapter in

November 1969. He returned to the UK in 1984 and was posted to RAF North Luffenham. He joined Vale of Welland Lodge, in Stamford, in November 1987 and then joined Montagu Chapter in September 1994.

Guy was to become a founder member of four Craft lodges in the Province and was also a member of the Provincial Chapter of First Principles. In addition, Guy was active in Mark and many other orders holding high rank.



In Craft, Guy received the Provincial Grand Master's Certificate of Merit in 2012, and was awarded his 50 years Craft Freemasonry certificate in February 2019, and then in Chapter a year later.

For a full record of Guy's career, please log onto the Provincial Website.

To raise money for the MCF 2024 Festival (and to allow every Brother to look the part), Provincial Ties and Handkerchiefs are available for purchase. The Ties are £15 each and the top quality silk Handkerchiefs are £10 each.

They can be purchased from the Assistant Provincial Charity Steward, W.Bro Mick Warren:  
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# News From Around The Province

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**W.Bro Rob Ballinger (WM Buckby Castle Lodge)** presents the Daventry Joint Lodges' cheque for £3000 to Brenda Davies from DemCafe, able supported by W Bro's Stephen Henley (WM Coritani Lodge), David Markham (WM Danetre) and Mick Tipper (Danetre Lodge), with Senior Group Officer W.Bro R Godwin operating the camera. The Dementia Cafe is run by volunteers who all have experience of caring for people with memory

problems and are all passionate about helping

in any way they can.



On Saturday 27th August, Daventry Masons were delighted to accommodate and support Scout Lodge's Charity Steward, W.Bro James Nightingale and his two assistants W.Bro Barry Potter and Wellingborough Masonic Centre's Dining Provider, Justine for a lunchtime break. W.Bro James' Masonic Steps Fundraiser is raising money towards the Provinces' 2024 Festival effort involving the ambitious task of walking between ten different Masonic Centres across our Province over the August Bank Holiday weekend totalling 72 miles and finishing at Scout Lodge's base camp the Wellingborough Masonic Centre on Monday 29th August.

# Jubilee and other Celebrations



## Wollaston

Members of Wilavestone Lodge No. 9829 participated in the Wollaston Jubilee Celebrations on 5th June 2022, organised by the Wollaston Events Committee.



## Graham Milton Lodge

A Sunday afternoon tea event was held by the Lodge at the home of Steve and Linda Saunders, raising £500 for the 2024 festival.

## Palmer Court

Palmer Court's residents had a great afternoon of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday afternoon with an event attended by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VW.Bro Charles Bennett, and his wife Adele; W.Bro Dale Gilbert and his wife, Ruth.



## 1960s Jubilee Pageant Bus

Adding colour to the Jubilee Pageant in London, the swinging 60s Bus was driven by a member of our province and a member of the Mulliner Lodge. W.Bro David Cooper.



# Roll Of Honour

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



## 60 YEARS

**Norman Louis Papworth**

Pictured on the occasion of his certificate presentation by W.Bro Gordon Cox (Almoner) and W.Bro Richard Koronowski.

## Lodge

Sothius



**Colin Ivor St John-Browne**

Medeshamstede

## 50 YEARS

**David Richard Jackson**

**Robert Joseph Farey**

**William John Capell**

**John William Allen**

## Lodge

Willowbrook

Grey Friars

Wentworth

Coritani

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

## Message from The Grand Superintendent

Dear Companions,

The 27th July 2022 was indeed a red letter day for this Province when the Pro Grand Master, and Pro 1st Grand Principal, Peter Geoffrey Lowndes visited to Install W.Bro. Mark Constant as Provincial Grand Master. We send RW.Bro. Mark our heartiest congratulations safe in the knowledge that the special and close relationship that has existed between the Craft and the Royal Arch within this Province for many years will not only continue but be strengthened even further.

During the course of his address the Pro. Grand Master/Pro 1st Grand Principal re-iterated previous statements made by the Grand Master/1st Grand Principal that all Master Masons see Exaltation into the Royal Arch as their next step after Raising before exploring the wider Masonic experience that is to be found in other Orders.

Companions, as we now

move into a new Masonic season let us with renewed vigour resolve to support the Grand Master/1st Grand Principal by actively encouraging all those Master Masons within our Lodges, Centres and indeed the Province, who are yet to complete their journey through Pure Antient Freemasonry, to seek Exaltation into the Royal.

Let us also resolve to make contact with those Companions whom we have not seen at our meetings, making sure that all is well and that they have been missed. If we can deliver polished Ceremonies involving as many Companions as possible we may be able not only to retain with enthusiasm our new members but also re-engage with those whom we have missed thereby



increasing attendances and the enjoyment of a Chapter meeting.

Companions, as ever I look forward to the season knowing that wherever I visit I will be among friends. Take care and may the True and Living God Most High be with you and your loved ones.

Jim Boughton

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)



### News Flash

On the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 the

**Pro. Grand Master**

stated that in his opinion

**All Master Masons**

should seek Exaltation into

**The Royal Arch**

before exploring other Orders in Masonry





# News From the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch

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## Provincial Grand Chapter Golf Day

On the 28th August 2022 sixteen intrepid Companions, accompanied Brethren who fancied a days golf, ventured deep into darkest Warwickshire to endeavour to wrestle back the Peter Kitson Trophy from the grip of the indigenous Royal Arch Companions. This annual match against Warwickshire Provincial Grand Chapter has been keenly contested for many years but sadly the trophy has for the past three years been retained by Warwickshire.

So it was then that on a fine July day the two teams met at the Maxstoke Golf Club,



Coleshill with the best twelve stable-ford scores from Companions on each side to count. The course was a fine example of a true Parklands course with tree lined fairways ready to punish a wayward shot. The greens were fast but true and proved to be a stern test of putting skills.

Overall winner for the day was WBro. Barry Ball of Ferrara Lodge and the Lodge of Unity.

The match itself was keenly contested with Northants and Hunts scoring 319 points to Warwickshire's 326. The Trophy was presented to

Warwickshire's captain by our Grand Superintendent at the end of not only a fine meal but a most enjoyable day spent in good company.

Thanks go to EComp Ray Lewis for his part in the organisation of the day and we look forward to next year when we will again endeavour to regain the Peter Kitson Trophy.



## 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, Peterborough and Corby Masonic Centres.

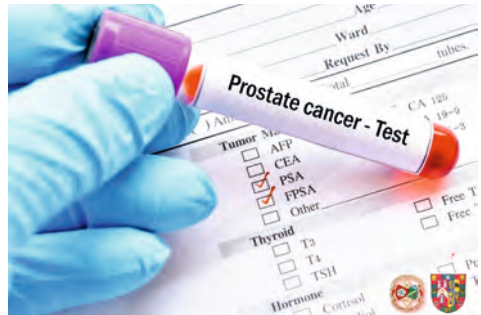
This will be jointly funded once more by the Craft and the Royal Arch, and every member in the Province will receive a letter in the coming weeks which will

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).



## Provincial Grand Chapter Meeting

This year's Provincial Grand Chapter of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire meeting was held at Sheaf Close, Northampton on Thursday 23rd June 2022.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E.Comp James Boughton was pleased to receive over 190 Companions including 11 visiting Grand Superintendents, 14 Deputy Grand Superintendents, and a host of our own and visiting Grand Officers and

Distinguished Guests for other Provinces. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent was particularly delighted to receive The Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge VV.Bro Charles Bennett and the Provincial Grand Master Designate W.Bro Mark Constant along with Heads of other Orders present.

In total, 60 Companions were either re-appointed to Active Office or received a first appointment or a Promotion in past ranks. We congratulate them all.



### Perseverance Preceptory Centenary Meeting

Members of Perseverance Preceptory No218 were delighted when over 50 Knights and Visitors attended this Special Centenary Celebration Meeting at York Road, Kettering on 31st March 2022.

The Provincial Marshal, Stuart Morgan was admitted into the Preceptory and formed a procession, including the Provincial Sub-Prior Stephen Churchill, together with other distinguished Knights, who processed under the Preceptory Arch-of-Steel.

The Provincial Sub-Prior welcomed everyone and explained that the Provincial Prior Roger Wortley was unfortunately unable to attend due to Covid and that he was pleased to attend and carry out the Provincial Prior's duties along with the other Provincial Officers.

A Centenary Warrant Escort was formed and paraded around the Preceptory, before handing it to the Preceptory Registrar Peter Watts, who displayed it on his desk.

William Caswell then gave a short history of the Preceptory, which he did in a very accomplished manner. He gave details of the Consecration Team and many of the Distinguished Members, who had served under the Perseverance Preceptory Banner over the last 100 years. His talk was complimented by a Centenary History Booklet, which was given to all Attendees at the Festive Board, which followed the Meeting.

The Prov. Marshal was pleased to unfurl the Preceptory Banner and the Prov. Prelate Tony Avery gave an Oration, detailing the significance of Banners in general and of the Perseverance

Preceptory Banner in particular, before the Banner was then paraded and rededicated.

Knights of the Perseverance Preceptory then formed 3 rows and the Prov. Sub-Prior, aided by the Prov. Chancellor, presented every Knight with his Centenary Jewel.

The Eminent Preceptor Robert Civil requested the Registrar to record the Preceptory's thanks to the Provincial Sub-Prior, Provincial Prelate and all other Provincial Officers, who assisted in the Ceremony. He also offered his own personal thanks to all the Knights who had assisted him in the last 4 long years of preparation for this Meeting, including Neil Langford, who like our Provincial Prior, was unable to attend the Celebrations due to Covid.

A very special Centenary Festive Board followed to conclude a most memorable evening.



# Provincial Grand Master's



## “Bonus Ball Lottery”

THE COST IS £10 PER NUMBER FOR A 10 WEEK PERIOD.

“BE IN IT TO WIN IT”

THE PRIZE IS £30:00 TO BE DRAWN ON EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT  
BASED ON THE NATIONAL LOTTERY BONUS BALL

ALL PROFITS WILL GO INTO THE  
2024 FESTIVAL

**3 WAYS TO ENTER**

**(1) SCAN ON PHONE  
TO ENTER**



**(2) FILL OUT THE FORM & SEND A CHEQUE**

Please make cheques payable to:-  
“NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & HUNTINGDONSHIRE PROVINCIAL  
GRAND LODGE”

Please write on the back of the cheque “Bonus Ball”

Send to:  
Steve Storey  
4 Woodford Chase  
Sywell  
Northants  
NN6 0AR



Total Number of Numbers: ..... £ Total

**(3) ENTER ONLINE**

Or enter on line via the Provincial website

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