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Dear Readers,

It has been wonderful preparing for this Autumn 2021 edition of Password with so much activity returning, right across the Province. Based on the theme 'Welcome Back', we have been able to highlight through the many photographs available, that Freemasonry is very much 'alive and meeting' again! Our thanks to Craig Bunday for his graphic skills once more on the completion of this edition.

We are delighted to have welcomed Dan Cooke to our team, working alongside Trevor Cook in Wellingborough & Rushden.

Also, we have a vacancy for an Assistant Webmaster with a technical background, to help with the posting of news articles – contact me initially for more information.

Welcome back!

Peter Robinson

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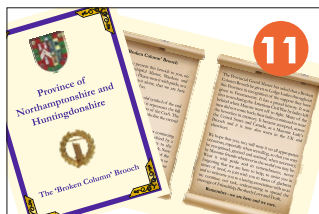
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The N&H Lodge of Installed Masters No.3422 (I)
Peterborough Cathedral
AGM
AGM & Appointments
Promotions to Past Ranks

Wednesday 27th October 2021
Sunday 12th December 2021
Saturday 12th March 2022
Sheaf Close 19th May 2022
Sheaf Close 25th May 2022

Message From The Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

It is with great pleasure that I write this foreword to the Autumn 2021 edition of Password. As I write we are all preparing for the commencement of Masonic activity within our Province, and, of course, the rest of the country.

I am sure that, like me, you have all been missing your Masonic meetings. I feel that it brings home to us just what a special privilege we enjoy as Freemasons and the enforced suspension has reminded us how important our membership is to each of us. In the

future I believe that we will all enjoy ourselves even more having had to miss out for so long.

The responsibility for the safety of our various centres clearly rests with the management team from each centre and I know that they have done everything that has been advised to make those centres safe. We do need to practise care when we meet and I will fully understand if some brethren decide not to attend for the time being.

We have, inevitably, lost a number of members during



the period of suspension and it has been sad that restrictions dictated that we could not pay due respect to departed merit. I would suggest that those Lodges that have suffered losses to the Grand Lodge above make due reference to these men at their first meetings.

I do believe that most of our Lodges are to be extremely busy in catching up with the ceremonies of those men that have been awaiting Initiation together

with those that have had ceremonies of Passing and Raising suspended. We must also remember that Grand Lodge will soon be launching a membership campaign on the back of the excellent publicity that Freemasonry has earned during these difficult times. The future

for Freemasonry is exhilarating and I intend that our Province will enjoy our share of this future. We are fully prepared for this exciting time and much behind the scenes work has been carried out by those officers responsible for education and training.

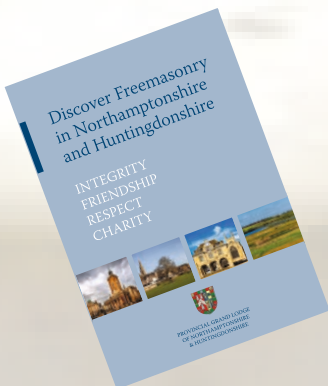
This issue is all about the long-anticipated return to Masonic activity. Let us go forward, enjoy meeting with each other once again, practising



our rituals and celebrating that unique relationship that binds us together. I look forward to meeting with you all as I travel around our wonderful Province.

God bless you all.

RW.Bro Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master



“The Future For Freemasonry is exhilarating...our Province will enjoy a share of that future”



Teddies for Loving Care reaches milestone

Peterborough City Hospital has been presented with the three millionth bear from the 'Teddies for Loving Care' initiative, a nationwide scheme which provides teddy bears for children who attend hospital.

North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, which operates both Peterborough City and Hinchingsbrooke Hospitals have been part of the scheme since 2003 and share the bears with children to comfort them, reward them for their bravery and demonstrate procedures.

The three millionth bear was presented to Jackie James, Play Specialist at



the hospital, in it's Amazon Children's Garden, by Dr David Staples a hospital clinician and CEO of the United Grand Lodge of England - pictured above.

Joel Harrison, Chief Finance Officer for North West Anglia NHS, said: "It is an honour to receive the three millionth teddy bear on behalf of all hospital trusts across the UK. It's wonderful to know that so many bears have been shared with children, across the country, who are receiving care from our hospitals.

Dr David Staples added: "As a doctor, who also works at this hospital, I know how important these bears can be; both for the children who receive them and the staff who give them."

This simple but effective idea was started by Masons in Essex in 2001 and since then has been rolled out across England and Wales. The appeal also benefits the community through the A&E departments that serve them.

The bear was presented to Edward and his mum - pictured right, together with W.Bro Mark Constant APMG and Bro Arthur Briggs -TLC representative for Peterborough.



New Grand Officer Appointments

At the Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Grand Charity, the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, made his customary announcement detailing the 2021 Appointments and Promotions to Grand Rank.

First Appointments to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies PAGDC

W.Bro Steven Philip Brown.



W.Bro Steve was initiated into John Pyel Lodge in Wellingborough in 1988 before becoming a founder member of Sartoris Lodge in Rushden in 1993. W.Bro Steve served as

the Worshipful Master of Sartoris Lodge twice: first in 1996 and then again in 2018, the Lodge's 25th anniversary year. He is also a member of Northants and Hunts Lodge of Installed Masters and Whytevell Chapter.

Steve received his first Provincial appointment in 2002 when he was made active Provincial Junior Grand Deacon.

In 2019, he was appointed as a Group Officer for Rushden & Wellingborough, and has also been a long serving director of the Rushden Masonic Hall Company.

W.Bro Paul Anthony Sparks.

W.Bro Paul was initiated into Dr Field Lodge in Northampton in 2001, serving as Worshipful Master in 2006 and again in 2011.

In 2013, W.Bro Paul became a founder member of Silverstone Lodge, and after having

served 6-years as Lodge Secretary, is now Assistant Director of Ceremonies.

A chartered accountant by profession, Paul has been a board member of Freemasons Hall Northampton Ltd since 2013. He oversaw the financial aspects of the move from to Sheaf Close during the same year.



In 2014, Paul authored 'A Guide for the Masonic Treasurer', a book providing help and guidance for lodge treasurers.

We congratulate these Brethren on their first appointments, together with those re-appointed and promoted.

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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Plan, Attract, Engage & Retrieve...

The public profile of Freemasonry with all the recent work from UGLE, has not been better in the last 100 years. This presents the opportunity for

Freemasonry to exit the pandemic period with enthusiasm and vigour.

The revised and updated Members' Pathway provides the platform upon which we can build.



Plan: Lodges should be asking themselves questions such as what sort of Lodge are we, what is our current membership, how will we attract new members, are we succession planning for non-progressive offices? Lodges will not be alone as there will be support in many forms.

Attract: The UGLE marketing campaign, along with our attraction campaigns which include the Discover Freemasonry brochure will generate interest. Collectively, we need to respond to this interest in Freemasonry promptly and in the right way so that we can be sure that Freemasonry is right

for the gentleman and that he joins the right Lodge.

Engage: There is a collective responsibility on us all to make sure that new Freemasons are looked after both inside and outside of the Lodge. Take the time to help them understand Freemasonry, introduce them to the network of Light Blues clubs, involve them with social activities.

Retrieve: Keep an eye on members who stop attending and give the Brother a call. Watch for a loss of interest and think how the interest can be rekindled. These are a couple of the warning flags on which to act as both can be a step

away from a resignation.

I am very much of the opinion that every single member should be able to contribute to ensuring that Freemasonry thrives, both as individuals and in our own Lodges. Let's get to work to build Freemasonry for the 21st century and for a new generation of Freemasons!

Yours sincerely &
fraternally,

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Masons in this Province will be very familiar with the Peterborough booklets,

which were last updated in the 1990's. Lodge Mentors also use Provincial material last updated in 2017.

The Provincial Grand Master has also traditionally forwarded a fourth booklet, 'Guidance for the Master – Elect' to those newly elected or appointed to the office of Worshipful Master.

The booklets contain a great deal of very useful information, but duplicate some of the Mentor

material and omit many recent developments in Freemasonry.

To consolidate the old booklets, Mentor guides and handbooks and bring the information provided up to date, I have produced four new booklets, from 'Initiation to Installation'.

The new booklets are now formally titled 'The Peterborough Booklets'.

The three Degree ceremony booklets will continue to be distributed via Lodge Secretaries, with the first batch of booklets now available which will be in full use for the new season 2021/22.

The Provincial Grand Master will continue to distribute the fourth new booklet to Masters - Elect as they are elected or appointed throughout the Masonic year.

The new booklets are noted as the 2021 edition, but because of progressive changes in Freemasonry, it is envisaged a 2023 edition may be needed in due course.

In addition, Lodge Mentor support and guidance notes, together with the Mentor Co-ordinators handbook are also being re-written to fit to the new booklets, which will be distributed over the coming weeks.

Your feedback and suggestions for inclusion in the next version of the booklets are always most welcome, with The Peterborough Booklets continuing to be an invaluable guide for our newer Masons.



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The broken column has long been symbolic of the end of our earthly life.

Surrounding the broken column are acacia leaves, which are symbolic of our eternal life. In Freemasonry, the broken column is emblematic of the fall of one of the principal supporters of the Craft.

The Broken Column Brooch was first used in the American Civil War for the ladies of those Masons who had gone off to war. As so many of their men did not return, the ladies continued to wear their brooches in their memory and it soon became accepted as a Masonic Lady's Brooch throughout North America and Canada. It is now also worn by many Masonic Ladies throughout the UK and further afield.

The Provincial Grand Master wishes it to be provided to all our Lodge Ladies throughout this Province in recognition of the past support given to Freemasonry by both them and their loved ones. It is also a reminder to our Ladies in their time of loss that they will not be forgotten by us, that they need never feel alone and that we are always here to help them in times of difficulty.

Your Masonic "Broken Column" Brooch

This brooch was created as an emblem to symbolise our continued concern and honour for the widow or loved one of a Brother Mason, a Brother whose name added lustre to the Craft as he laboured with us in his Masonic work.

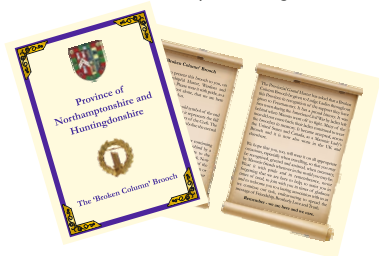


Now that his name has been entered upon the Roll of the Grand Lodge Above, we cannot forget him or those things which he loved so deeply; nor can we be unmindful of our duty to him and his family.

It is my privilege to present this brooch and accompanying booklet to you, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Lodge, that you may wear it with great pride. It is our desire that it be to you a reminder of your ties to us; a relationship wherein you will find friends who will assist you in times of need, join with you in times of gladness and welcome you to a lasting association with us as we continue our labours of

Friendship, Brotherly Love and Truth.

Be assured that you are not alone. When moments may cause you to doubt, look at this emblem and be assured that we are here and we care. This brooch was created with the hope that it would be worn by the widow or bereaved loved one of a Mason on all appropriate occasions, especially when travelling, so that she may be recognised,



greeted, and assisted when necessary, by Masonic friends, including those similarly bereaved, throughout the world. May she who wears this emblem find that she is not alone.

We are here and we care.



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News From Provincial Grand Lodge

UGLE Universities Scheme Freemasons Challenge – Walkers Do the Province Proud



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SUN



PS - 'Password' would like to state the rumours that the Past Chairman of The Light Blues and The Provincial Senior Grand Warden spent all weekend in the pub were totally unfounded!



Over the weekend of August 7th and 8th 2021, Brethren and supporters of St John's Lodge No 3972 - which meets at Sheaf Close, Northampton and is a member of the Universities Scheme - did the Province proud by conveying the Universities Scheme Travelling Loving Cup, the DKW Cup, from The Freemasons' Arms, Market Harborough to Rugby Masonic Centre, a journey of 28-miles by foot.

Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro Mark Constant took possession of the DKW Cup from W.Bro Dr Andy Green, APGM of Leicestershire and Rutland, on Friday.

Then, on Saturday the intrepid group of Northants and Hunts walkers took the cup on the first stage of its journey, from Market Harborough to Freemasons' Hall, Sheaf Close, Northampton, and on Sunday the Cup complete its journey by arriving safely at

The Arnold House at Rugby, where W.Bro Mark was pleased to hand over the cup to RW.Bro Phil Hall, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire

The walks have been to raise funds to donate to the Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Fund which recently donated £300,000 to help over 30,000 young people with physical or learning difficulties to complete their Duke of Edinburgh award



News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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As I write, legal constraints on our meetings have been lifted. However, because of continued risks, we are asked to be cautious - something that will come naturally to Freemasons. So, after enjoying what is left of our traditional summer break, we can look forward to the new season.

Whilst we eagerly anticipate resumed face to face companionship,

we must continue to exercise appropriate care, especially in respect of our more vulnerable members - many of whom have been supported through the pandemic by our Masonic charities.

As we are past the half way mark of our 2024 MCF Festival and are tentatively getting back to business as usual, we will be relaunching the Festival. This will be a celebration of progress so far and, after our enforced break from Freemasonry, an encouragement to make the second half of the Festival really tell by making sure we raise as much as possible. This will ensure the MCF is able to give aid where it's needed - both to Masonic families and the wider community.

Look out for the relaunch brochure packed with Festival information which, as a member of the Province, you will personally receive at the start of the new season.

The relaunch will include the briefing of Lodge Charity Stewards, Group Officers and Acting Provincial Officers. New MCF leaflets and merchandise will also be distributed to our centres. Traditional fundraising will resume. For example, N2HQ, the twice postponed walk from the Province to Grand Lodge is planned to take place in April 2022.

The main relaunch event will be at the meeting of the Installed Masters' Lodge on Wednesday 27 October 2021 at Sheaf Close.

There will be contributions from the Provincial Grand Master, a guest speaker from a charity benefitting from a substantial MCF grant and the MCF's Chief





Executive, Les Hutchinson. I congratulate the Lodges that have already reached their targets and hope those with funds destined for the Festival but tied up in Relief Chests will soon be able to freely transfer those funds to the Festival.

A commitment of as little as £7 a month (say, of two pints of beer) from the beginning of the Festival (with gift aid), would qualify the donor for a Festival jewel. It is never too late to start. Through our joint efforts, we can really make a difference and improve lives.

Any Lodge or individual planning to fundraise through a sponsored event should contact me at an early stage as I will be able to advise on the most effective way of doing this.

Don't forget, if you are buying from Amazon, you

are helping increase the Provincial Grand Charity's income, without any additional cost to yourself, if you make your purchases using smile.amazon.co.uk rather than the usual login page. The Provincial Grand Charity has already received hundreds of pounds by this means - thank you.

If you fancy a flutter, you can give yourself the chance of winning weekly cash prizes through the PGM's Bonus Ball. At the same time, you will be helping support the Provincial Grand Charity. It is now possible to reserve a specific Bonus Ball number in advance and make regular

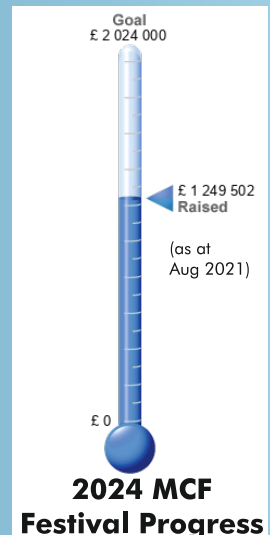
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payments to keep your favoured number.

Thank you for your continued support of charitable causes.

I hope to see you in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe.

Gerry Crawford
Provincial Grand Charity
Steward



A hole in one for PGC Golf Day!



The inaugural Provincial Grand Charity Golf Day took place on Monday 16th August 2021, and was hosted by the N&HNYMC. 40 players - both Brethren and Non Masons - started the day with bacon rolls and coffee before enjoying 18 holes of Texas scramble, which was started with a shotgun start supplied by W.Bro Bruce Marks

Once the Golf was finished they were treated to lunch and prize giving

followed by a raffle and head and tales.

The final amount is still to be confirmed, but currently the total raised by the event is over £1200. Thanks to all the

sponsors and also Rushden Golf Club for their hospitality. Special thanks to the organisations team W.Bros Dave Chisholm, Paul McGregor, Milan Crooks and Dan Cooke.

Congratulations to all the winners:

1st Place Team

Ady Cadd
Tony Card
Sean Kilbane
Danny Tong

2nd Place Team

Gareth Lavery
Martin Inwood
Chris Byne
Richard Martin

3rd Place Team

Steve Vasiliou
Jeff Coinsbee
Derek Hornbuckle
Paul Colins



Passing to the Grand Lodge above

W.Bro Christopher Martin Smith PAGDC

Chris was initiated into Kingsley Lodge No. 2431 subsequently reaching the Chair of King Solomon in 1989.

Chris was appointed as Past Provincial Grand Steward in 1991, Past Provincial Grand Registrar in 1995 and Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden in 1998.

In 2003, Chris was appointed to Grand Rank as PAGDC. He also became a Northampton Group Officer and was subsequently appointed as Provincial

Information Officer and Chairman of the Communications Committee, serving as such for 3-years.

In addition to Kingsley Lodge, Chris was a member of several other Craft lodges. Interested in local Masonic history, he made a valuable contribution to the tremendous task of completing the Provincial history for the Bicentenary Celebrations.

He joined Kingsley Chapter in 1983, becoming MEZ in 1996. Chris received his first Provincial Grand Chapter appointment in 1999 when he was made acting Provincial Grand Registrar. He



subsequently received a promotion to Past Provincial Grand Scribe N in 2004.

Chris was also a Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Bedfordshire as well as a member of numerous other orders in both Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire.



W.Bro Ken Briers PGStB

Over the years, W.Bro Ken was a regular visitor to the Provincial Office having served as acting ProvAGSec for a brief period, Provincial Information Officer for several years in the late 90's, and more latterly, the role

he was perhaps best known for, that of secretary to the Board of Freemasons' Hall (Northampton) Limited, an office which he filled with distinction and a calm authority before standing down earlier this year due to his failing health.

Ken was promoted to Grand Rank in 1994 and also served as a Group Officer in Northampton.

W.Bro Ken served this Province well - a mentor to many a young Mason, an enthusiastic and dedicated

member to all those Lodges in which he served, and a good and true friend to so many of us.

Ken also served as verger of All Saints Church in Northampton and as parish treasurer for many years. He would often lead worship and welcome those visiting the Church; he will be greatly missed by all.

Ken's widow, June, does not enjoy the best of health herself. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this very sad time.

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.



A Daily Advancement

The Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No. 9600 would like to offer this article to those keen on pursuing their 'daily advancement' of Masonic knowledge. Look out for further articles in future editions of Password.

The Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire from 1730 to 1842



In 1717 four London Lodges met for the first time near St Pauls Cathedral to hold the world's first Grand Lodge. They were to publish their own constitution and develop a particular style of Freemasonry. Older London lodges disagreed with these changes, and

ten of them formed a rival Grand Lodge in 1751. They named themselves the 'Ancients' and called their rivals 'Moderns'. The two were to be bitter contemporaries until the Duke of Sussex was to establish the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813.

The Moderns George and Dragon Lodge had existed in Northampton since 1730 but disappeared before the county became a Province. The Earl of Pomfret was appointed Moderns PGM for Northamptonshire in 1798, consisting of Harmony lodge in Northampton and St Peters lodge in Peterborough.

The Moderns St Peter's lodge had been constituted in 1803, from an Ancients lodge that had only arrived in the city less than a year before. This occurred as the Duke of Sussex was working to merge the two rival Grand Lodges.

Many Lodges were not to survive the transition. One was the Harmony lodge, which failed in 1806, leaving the PGM with just St Peters.

Another to fail was Ancients Military Lodge No.982 attached to the 48th Northamptonshire Regiment under the Irish Constitution, which was erased in 1815.

The Napoleonic wars ended with the Battle of Waterloo, also in 1815. Having returned from military service, men from the defunct military



lodge No.982 approached United Grand Lodge for a warrant to form a new

lodge in Northampton. They were successful and Pomfret lodge met in the town for the first time in late 1819.

Sadly, in 1822, the St Peters Lodge was erased from the United Grand Lodge roll for failing to provide annual membership returns, although they continued to meet irregularly. Still, it meant the PGM was back to having just one lodge in his Province, which was to remain the case until his death in 1830.

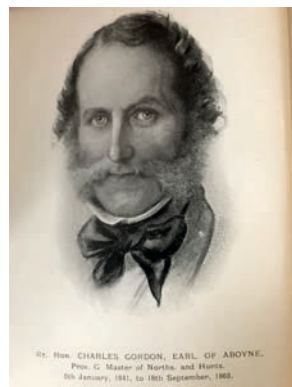


Regular freemasonry was to return to Peterborough in 1836, with the formation of a new lodge from the remnants of the old. The

members wanted to call themselves the Crucifix lodge, in honour of the JGD of England who had fast-tracked their petition. The Duke of Sussex offered an alternative name, and they became the St. Peters lodge, which still meets today.

Up until then Pomfret Lodge was instrumental in establishing three new lodges, Fidelity in Towcester, Perseverance in Kettering and a further lodge in Northampton, called Merit.

In 1841 the United Grand Lodge announced the formation of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, with the Earl of Adoyne as PGM. This brought with it Socrates lodge from Huntingdon. Thus, our first Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, held in Northampton in 1842, could boast six lodges.



Charles Gordon The Earl of Adoyne

It is testimony to those early pioneers that all six still meet today. From those early beginnings, up to the present day, they would be joined by a further 87 lodges.

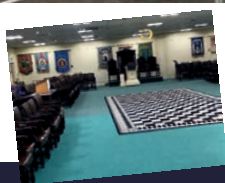
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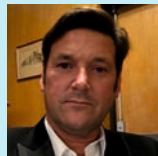
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W.Bro Milan Crooks
Bro Reuben Freeman
W.Bro Alex Thurlow
Bro Bryan Walters
Bro Thomas Campbell

Brethren,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor W.Bro Dan Cooke for his excellent work and in laying a great foundation for our Light Blues.

Whilst it is a real honour and a great pleasure to follow on in his footsteps, I appreciate I have very large shoes to fill but I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Now we are entering a new 'Normal' from Covid-19, I am excited at the prospect of visiting once again and meeting all of the new and young masons that I have had the pleasure in meeting over the various Zoom calls we have attended and also building on our membership numbers.

It pleases me that we have some very well established light blues clubs within the Province that are arranging events on their own and I will make it my goal to assist those clubs that maybe need a little help in stabilising.

We have already planned further events over the coming year from Remembrance Sunday to NHNYMC Summer Ball – May 2022 with all events advertised over the coming weeks through our communications channels

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Vice Chairman Bro Reuben Freeman from the Lodge of St. James in his elected role of Master Elect.

Thank you all for your continued support, I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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W.Bro Milan Crooks

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The NYMC Roman Light Blue's (RLB's) held their first post lockdown dinner at the Boat Inn Stoke Bruerne on the 5th August 2021.

The dinner was well attended by a mixed group of Light and Dark blue guests numbering 34 in total.



The dinner was superb, with smoked salmon followed by filet of beef, with dessert and coffee to follow. Great value at £20/head.

The introduction and farewell was given by Bro John line the RLB's Chairman, with Bro Weston Charlesworth remembering absent brethren at 9pm and Bro Allen Smith giving a brief presentation on Masonic Relief in the real world, and the newly formed RLB's committee. benefited with a donation of £120 worth of food.

The star of the evening was our NYMC President Mark

Constant, with his rendition, of "What have the Roman's done for us", everyone was in fits of laughter, and he very nearly got a standing ovation.

In the spirit of cross NYMC club support the raffle first prize was a pair of tickets to the Northampton NYMC

club Race Night at Towcester racecourse, the tickets were sponsored by Bro Mike Bennett the RLB's secretary, with the £160 being donated to the MCF festival fund.



What a fab day out on the Wellingborough & Rushden Light Blues Club Annual Treasure Hunt 2021.

The day, which starting out from the Rushden Masonic Centre was looking a little overcast, but that soon cleared for sunshine all the way!



Having navigated our way around the directions and spotted the clues.... We arrived at our destination at Stanwick Lakes.

The BBQ was lit, and everyone enjoyed a social around the BBQ whilst cooking. In total, there was a magnificent turnout of 15

cars consisting of Brethren, Friends and Family.

The worthy winners were presented their prizes by W.Bro Dave Chisholm (W&RLB Chairman)

In 1st place were Kevin Gardiner and his partner Kim – a sumptuous Ham per for 1st place. Runner up was Bro James Banaszak– A nice cool bottle of wine.

And finally....Brother Martin Fletcher receiving the "Masonic Wooden Spoon" Which made a change from the Chairman wining it!

The Committee of Wellingborough and Rushden Light Blues Club would like to thank the following people contributions: W.Bro Steve Brown – Donation of BBQ Coals
Bro Marcus Humpriss – 1st Prize hamper
Bro Mark Waples – Donation of wine
W.Bro Dave Chisholm – Donation of the "Masonic Wooden Spoon"

W.Bro Paul Astbury – for the use of the splendid meadow at the finishing post
W.Bro Dan Cooke : Photographer
W.Bro Ewen Rennie for once again providing a magnificent route and top clues.



Coming Soon

Roman Light Blues' Christmas Dinner - Saturday 11th December 2021 at the Boat Inn.

News From The Light Blues

Easter 2021 saw New and Young Masons Club members busy distributing over 5,800

Easter Eggs to charities (including several children's charities), families in difficult circumstances, and hospitals.

This fantastic initiative to bring a little happiness into the lives of children- and adults-in-need was the brainchild of Peterborough NYMC members, Bro Roy Stockbridge and Bro Phil Scrannage, whose original idea was to collect 100 Easter Eggs to donate to the Amazon Children's Ward at Peterborough City Hospital. The Easter Eggs have been very kindly donated by

brethren, individuals and businesses from across the Province. Having successfully achieved the original

target, news of the project spread rapidly resulting in NYMC members from across the Province securing further Easter Egg donations from many different sources. Their success was evidenced by the collection of over 1,500 Easter Eggs in just 2-weeks with 5,800 eggs collected in total - a fantastic achievement



indeed! The hard work, commitment and support of all involved was outstanding, particularly given the difficult circumstances in which they were forced to operate. The eggs were delivered to over 55 recipient



organisations. W.Bro Milan Crooks, Chairman of the NHNYMC, explained: 'We are so grateful to all the businesses, individuals and brethren who have provided support by making donations in such great numbers. We will ensure that all the Easter Eggs are put to good use,

thereby spreading a little bit of Easter happiness to children and adults in need.'

We send our congratulations to all the Light Blues involved in this wonderful project. Well done to you all!



Thank you from Pottersbury Lodge School

March 2021
Dear Sirs,
Thank you so much for the very kind donation of Easter eggs for our students.
It was very kind of you and greatly appreciated.
With best wishes
Claire M. Burns - Of the manager





Devonshire Court, Leicester

For those of us who would like to see what a fabulous place **Devonshire Court** is, you can watch a video, highlighting many of the activities and facilities there are at this Masonic Care Home, go to www.vimeo.com/579897670.

The video includes interviews with residents and an overview from Home Manager Juliet O'Connor.



"They (Devonshire Court) do everything possible to keep residents safe and yet still offer stimulation with the many activities on offer. It's so comforting to know my Mum is in the best hands possible and receiving excellent care during these difficult times." Daughter of a resident. Carehome.co.uk review.



Palmer Court – Summer Garden Party 2021

A wonderful time was had by residents and visitors alike at the Palmer Court Summer Garden Party in Wellingborough.

Palmer Court is a sheltered housing scheme, developed and owned by the Masonic Housing Association. For more information visit www.masonichousing.co.uk



News From Around The Province

Kettering & Thrapston

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In January 2020, Thrapston-based Chicheley Lodge was approached by a young lady, Zantay Revell, who requested financial assistance so that she could take part in a volunteering trip to Borneo organised by Camps International on behalf of her school.

Zantay outlined that she would be involved in rural community projects aimed at improving access to education, healthcare and clean water; also, projects tackling environmental issues.

Notwithstanding that she had already raised £800 towards the trip, the Lodge Committee agreed to provide additional funding by sponsoring her t-shirt, which was to have displayed the Masonic logo together with

wording approved by the Provincial Grand Master.

Regrettably the trip, which was due to have taken place this year, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

To her absolute credit, Zantay decided to support local charities instead. In particular, a much-needed storage facility for the Thrapston Food Bank.

Consequently, a joint donation of £300 comprising £150 from Zantay plus a further £150 from the Lodge was topped-up to grand total of £600 by the Provincial Grand Charity.

On Thursday the 24th of June 2021, W.Bro David Redden, Chicheley Lodge's charity steward, was pleased to present Zantay with a cheque for the total amount made payable to Thrapston Food Bank.

She further explained that she hoped the money raised would prompt further donations from local businesses and elsewhere.

We congratulate Zantay and Chicheley Lodge for supporting such a worthwhile charity, one that greatly benefits the local community.



Corby

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Work has continued at The Corby Complex over the summer and as these pictures show, it is now ready to welcome back Brethren for the season ahead!
Well done to all involved.



Donation to Red Kite Special Academy

Having been impressed with the work of the Red Kite Special Academy, Corby Masons decided earlier this year that they would like to provide further support with a donation of £3,000, including help from the Provincial Grand Charity. Photographs show W.Bros Jim Spence, Alex Henderson and Steve Burton making the presentation.



News From Around The Province

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The work of The 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Charity continues, as shown in these pictures, and thanks to everyone involved in making this year's Annual Charity draw such a success.



The Charity's two vans with two supporters who supplied the charity with unlimited amounts of Disposable Masks



W.Bro Mark Upex , going out on a Delivery



The vans all loaded for Monday's fresh food bag delivery service, extra special at Easter



`The 3 Pillars team` St Neots, with the prizes for the annual draw

Northampton

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Northampton Light Blues tried not to lose their shirts at a recent greyhound racing meet at Towcester Racecourse



The event was organised by Bro Tom Williams (pictured left, far right), and was attended by many Brethren and family, included RW.Bro Max Bayes PGM and W.Bro Mark Constant APM (pictured above left)



News From Around The Province

Northampton

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Some of the comments of members and guests

at the meeting of Grey Friars Lodge held on Monday the 26th of July 2021 - the first since February 2020 – said it all. “Great to be back!”; “This beats Zoom any day!”; “I’ve been so looking forward to this!”

The meeting, which was held by dispensation, saw the passing of Bro Ashley Burton and was an opportunity for the Lodge to make a start on clearing the backlog of work that had accumulated during lockdown. It was not only the first to be held at Sheaf Close since COVID lockdown restrictions were

relaxed, it was also the first ever meeting of the Lodge to be held in the month of July.

At the Festive Board, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro David Crossley, presented a bottle of champagne to the new Fellow Craft, Bro Ashley Burton, to help him celebrate his imminent marriage.



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Can you imagine what it is like to be deaf or blind? Or to be both deaf and blind?

The difficulties are enormous, the isolation ever present - exacerbated by COVID.



People with deafblindness are often left alone with their thoughts. With no radio or television for entertainment, no access to information or world news, with little ability to exercise safely, no opportunity to read a book or relax listening to music. Their mental wellbeing suffers as they are in a constant state of fraught emotions, thanks to not knowing what is going on around them.

There are just over 12,000,000 registered deaf or hard of hearing people in the UK and 2,500,00 registered blind. There is no official register of the deaf and blind but they are thought to number 500,000. With headquarters in Peterborough, the charity



Deafblind UK is the principal national provider of support for those with a sight and hearing loss. With no central government help, it is funded by voluntary contributions.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) has made a grant of £42,000 to Deafblind UK to support those identified through their helpline as needing additional support relating to their mental health. Specially trained counsellors will use a six week intensive wellbeing and emotional support package to help those in extreme distress. They will have access to someone they can speak to, who can understand their needs and help them to identify the additional support they need. Where necessary, the charity will signpost to other support (e.g., concerning housing or access to more specialised counselling).

In April, Peterborough Freemasons Senior Group Officer, David Burton, and Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Gerry Crawford, presented the cheque at Deafblind UK in Peterborough and met with resident Jimmy, who uses



sign language and speaks through his support worker (pictured). Deafblind UK's Director of Fundraising, Shirley Scotcher, said: "This grant from the Freemasons is marvellous. It will make such a difference to many deafblind who otherwise would continue to have great difficulty in dealing with constant isolation, loneliness and lack of self esteem. We are most grateful."

Also in April, Scholia Regia Lodge raised £1630 in their Easter Raffle. The prize was a luxury hamper, which the winning Freemason kindly donated to the Oncology Department at Edith Cavell Hospital. This year's Lodge Master, Richard Parsons, delivered the hamper to Michelle Mariner of the Oncology Department for 'distribution and enjoyment as they saw fit' in recognition of their tremendous work on the ward, and indeed all wards at the hospital during the past 14 months.



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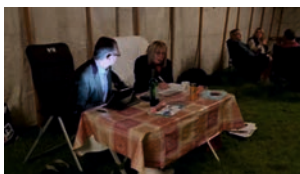


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August bank holiday saw the annual Wentworth Lodge lake weekend, where members of the lodge were joined by Brethren from other lodges across the Province and their friends and family to enjoy camping, live music and a quiz.

On Saturday evening W.Bro Dale Gilbert and his wife Ruth hosted a quiz which was enjoyed by 8 teams (pictured above right) and was won by the "lamp lighters" team.

On Sunday the BBQs were lit and some 70 plus sat and enjoyed each other's company beside the lake,



later in the evening they were treated to live music from the "GeriPatricks" of which Bro Kevin Marion of Eleanor Cross lodge is 50% of the duo.,The night was top off with Bro Reuben Freeman providing a disco.

This event has been hosted by the lodge since 1983 only missing last year due to Covid and in years gone by the lodge has used it to raise money for charity however this year the Worshipful Master W.Bro Dan Cooke

wanted to concentrate on just being able to be back together.

W.Bro Dan said how great it was seeing everyone back together and it looked as though fun was had by all.



The Millies from Wellingborough organised a picnic on Sunday 5th September.

It was attended by over 40 people at the lake at Stanwick. A raffle was held along with a cake stall and an afternoon of good company and weather was enjoyed by all. Many thanks go out to those who attended and also those involved in making this event happen



Stamford

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On 7th August the Stamford Masonic Centre held an afternoon tea to

celebrate the formal reopening of the centre to Freemasonry and showcase the improvements completed during the lockdown.

In early 2020 the SMC committee resolved to improve the centre from front-to-back. Being aware Stamford masons pay for this work, it was resolved that this be done by committee members and willing volunteers. The project was completed by Alan Swan, Andy Binder, Ryan Porter and Paul Johnstone.

The dining room curtains have been cleaned and relined and the popular ceiling drapes replaced. Front and back doors have been repaired, as have the external walls. The damp areas on the internal walls in the entrance foyer have been stripped, treated and replastered, and the roof

repaired. The ladies' toilets have also been improved.

The Velux windows in the Dyer Room have been replaced and new carpeting laid throughout. The Wi-Fi system has been upgraded to high-speed broadband and the sound speaker system has been rewired.

But the biggest change is in the bar area. It has been completely remodelled. Peter Froment kindly donated the oak shelving and the lighting has been changed to give the

whole area a fresh and inviting ambience.

In recognition of Guy Manners' many years of unstinting support to the centre, the bar area has been named the 'Manners Lounge'. Guy was invited to unveil an oak plaque, made by Peter Froment and engraved by our late and much missed brother, Andy Adamson. Guy said afterwards, "This came as an immense surprise, and what an honour."

The centre is now ready for the restart of our Freemasonry, with grateful thanks to all those who helped to make it so.

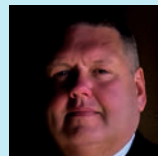


News From Around The Province

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Lock Stock and Barrel is

a very new Lodge in the Province being consecrated on 19th October, 2019.

It is a special interest lodge, specialising in clay pigeon shooting.

The format for the meetings being a clay shoot in the morning followed by a ceremony and Festive Board in the afternoon.

The Lodge meets four times a year and each meeting is at a different location within the Province.

The Installation meeting took place on 8th

February, 2020 proceeded by the shoot.

The Lodge then fell foul of Covid Lockdowns and have not had a regular meeting since.

To keep the cohesion of the Lodge, regular informal shoots have been arranged by the Lodge Secretary, Martin Cannon and these have helped greatly to keep members spirits up during these difficult times.

The recent meeting has a special significance as during lockdown the Lodge Charity Steward, Andy Adamson passed to the Grand Lodge



above on 2nd January, 2021.

He had always promised his family that he would invite them to one of the shoots and on 26th June 2021 his son, Adam, his daughter, Victoria and his granddaughter, Melody were ferried from the "Wild East of England" to make good this promise at a shoot in Brackley.

As you can see from the photographs, a good time was had by all and The Lodge think Andy would have been pleased by the result.



Message from The Grand Superintendent

Hooray, we are back!

In the last edition of Password I wrote of great hope following the development and roll out of a vaccine. That hope turned to reality and this Autumn we began to experience those joyous moments when at last we saw Brethren and Companions in the flesh and not as a tiny image on a 'zoom screen'.

It will take time for the dust to settle and initially time will be spent in getting the house in order, making sure that all the admin is up to date. Hopefully there will be many Master Masons eagerly awaiting Exaltation to begin the final stage of the journey that is Pure Antient Freemasonry. However, we must also plan for the future. Craft Masonry will be commencing a marketing campaign

which it is hoped will bring many new members. The Pathway scheme, which begins prior to Initiation and runs through 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees, consistently talks about a four stage journey in the hope that, in future, Exaltation will be seen as a natural next step for a Master Mason.

With all this going on it is important that we play our part.

We must ensure that the delivery of the Exaltation ceremony not only inspires the Exalte but also retains him and our existing companions. Before lock-down, Chapters had begun to act upon my suggestions and I again urge you to include as many members as possible in the ceremony. There are pieces that can be read, work shared out,



rubric modified to add drama etc. The Royal Arch is the joyous ending, the culmination, of Pure Antient Freemasonry so let us strive to deliver it in a manner befitting its' status.

Companions, I look forward to meeting with you once more in open Chapter. Until then, take care, stay safe and may the True and Living God Most High be with you and your loved ones.

Jim Boughton
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)

2021 Royal Arch Golf match versus Warwickshire

On Tuesday 10th August 2021 our Grand Superintendent led a team of 16 against Warwickshire Royal Arch in the annual golf match for the Peter Kitson Trophy.

The match this year took place at Daventry and District Golf Club. The match was keenly contested with Warwickshire scoring 334 points to Northants 331, Warwickshire retaining the Trophy



which they won back last year.
Winners on the day were;
Best score - Northamptonshire's W.Bro Alf Chessum
Nearest the Pin on 7th- Northamptonshire's W.Bro Barry Ball
Nearest the Pin on 11th - Warwickshire's E.Comp David Evans
Longest Drive on 18th - Warwickshire's E.Comp Cliff Bull

A number of Craft Brethren had joined the days golf and afterwards the all sat down to a hearty meal of ham, egg, peas and chips followed by apple crumble and custard.

After dinner Northant's captain and organiser, E.Comp Ray Lewis, presented the winners with their prizes and then



handed over to Northants and Hunts Grand Superintendent, E.Comp Jim Boughton, who presented E.Comp Gerry Logue of Warwickshire with the Peter Kitson Trophy.

Congratulating Warwickshire on a close victory he said how nice it was to be able to meet old friends again after the lock-down and hoped the matches would continue. Warwickshire Captain, E.Comp Gerry Logue, thanked MEGS and Daventry Golf Club for their hospitality inviting all present to the 2022 match in Warwickshire, venue to be announced.

Welcome Back!



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The Provincial Grand Chapter, September 2021 in pictures



Certificates of Merit are like hen's teeth – and rightly so. They are a recognition of outstanding service over many years.

MEGS has awarded his Certificate of Merit to E.Comp Stan Goakes, PGStB. Stan had been Exalted in to St Peter's Chapter 442 in September 1975. He was a Founder of Dr Oliver Chapter 3964, becoming its MEZ in 1984. MEGS remarked that Stan had seen so many changes in Peterborough Masonry during his 46 years of service, and indeed had been part of most. Suffice it to say, E.Comp Stan's list of duties and achievements would be enough to make many lesser companions go weak at the knees.

In receiving his certificate, an astonished E.Comp Stan was – unusually – lost for words! He was seen with a broad smile on his face throughout the remainder of proceedings – and may still be beaming now!



History repeats itself

In 1985 the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Province of Bedfordshire was constituted as an independent Mark Province having been previously part of the Mark Masonic Province incorporating Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, the origins of which date back to 1894. When the Bedfordshire Province was constituted, the remaining parts of the old Province was constituted as The Masonic Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

The two Provincial Grand Lodges continued to maintain close links with regular exchanges of Provincial Team Visits and representation at each of their respective Provincial Meetings. As with many Orders, however, membership in both of these Provinces has fluctuated over the 35 years of separation and, on the proposed retirement of the current Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, R. W. Bro. Russell Howard, The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has

decided to reunite the two Provinces under their original name. It is believed that this is the first time such an amalgamation has taken place. This decision has, as one might expect, caused considerable interest amongst the members and, as part of communicating the intentions of the Grand Lodge, The Grand Secretary, RW.Bro Ryan Williams held a Zoom question and answer session which was attended by several hundred members of the two Provinces. They were delighted when it was announced that the Provincial Grand Master of the new Province would be RW.Bro Robert Stokes (pictured above), the current Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

The new Deputy Provincial Grand Master will be W.Bro J David Sowerby, who is currently the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Province and, because of



the size of the new Province, there will also be an Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro David Snape, PGSD, who is a member of Lodges in both of the two amalgamating Provinces. The new Province will consist of 24 Mark Mason and 18 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges, and its new Provincial Officers will be drawn from all of its three constituent parts. Work is being carried out to construct a website which will enhance the knowledge of both Mark members and potential candidates. The Amalgamation Ceremony will take place on 6 November 2021 at Sheaf Close in Northampton and will herald a new and exciting stage in the development of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Masonry in the area.

Roll Of Honour

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



60 YEARS

Michael Anthony Gorrod

Pictured on the occasion of his certificate presentation by RW.Bro Max Bayes PGM at Wellingborough.

Lodge

Willowbrook



50 YEARS

Gordon Joseph Percival

Peter Thomas Griggs

Allan William Edgar Breeze

Andrew Robert Bryan Mackenzie

Lodge

Risdene

Hatton

Lodge of Merit

Eleanor Cross

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



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