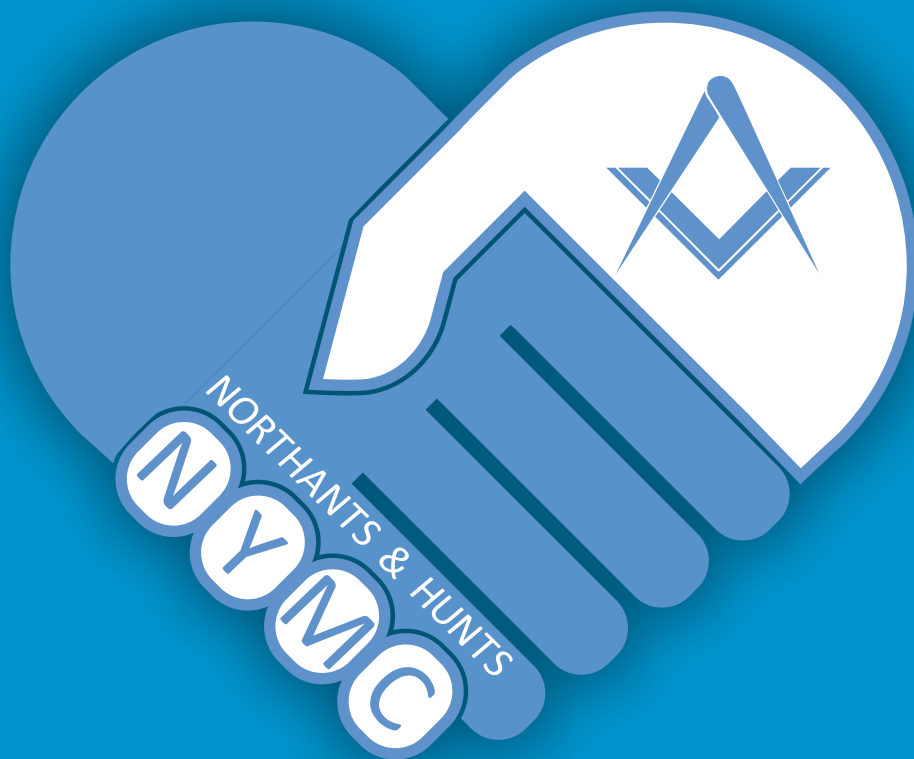


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# From the Editor

Dear Readers,

As a new season opens, we turn our attention to continued enjoyment in our Masonry, of course underpinned by the three principles we hold dear. The importance of a brother getting as much as he can out of his membership is so important, and the growth of the **New and Young Masons Club** in our Province gives focus to those who are beginning their journey. The Club, also known affectionately as 'The Light Blues Club' is now established in every centre in the Province, as you can read elsewhere in this edition.

As always, please keep your Local Communications Officer advised of any item of interest. It is only by doing so, that he will be aware of what is happening in your Lodge or centre, and have news of it published in this magazine, on the Provincial website, via social media or wider publications.

Best wishes.

**Craig Bunday**  
**Editor**

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## Notable Events

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The Provincial Demonstration Team  
 Lock, Stock and Barrel Lodge No 9984  
 Dr Oliver Lodge No 3964  
 Three Counties Lodge No 9278  
 Pomfret Lodge No 360  
 Lodge of Perseverance No 455

St John Lodge No 3972

`Lodge Night 1759`  
 Consecration of new Lodge  
 100 year Anniversary Meeting  
 Installation meeting and Address by PGM  
 200 year Anniversary Meeting  
 `English Freemasonry During the Great War`  
 by Prestonian Lecturer Mike Karn  
 100 year Anniversary Meeting

Sheaf Close – 9th October 2019  
 Sheaf Close - 19th October 2019  
 Ellindon - 25th October 2019  
 Sheaf Close - 28th October 2019  
 Sheaf Close - 7th November 2019

Kettering - 16th December 2019  
 Date to be advised in 2020

# Message From The Provincial Grand Master

**Brethren,**

I am writing this in August and hope that you are enjoying the summer break. I do believe that this is necessary so that we can collect ourselves and prepare for the new season beginning in September.

It is also a time to reflect back on the preceding year and I can do this with much satisfaction. We had a wonderful day for our Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on 16th May and we were honoured with the presence of The Most Worshipful Brother, The Marquess of Northampton. Our many visitors were also

pleased to meet him and, although we do not see him often, he remains a member in our Province and always offers me much support.

The 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Trust continues with its vital work in Peterborough. Similar homeless problems exist in other towns in our Province and the Trust is now also operating in St Neots. The next expansion will be to begin a similar operation in Wellingborough. This is very much a case of Freemasonry in the Community and I, as ever, thank the members and volunteers who help with the project. Look out for the next issue of

Freemasonry Today as I am expecting an article about the Trust.

We now have a monthly half page spread in the Peterborough Evening Telegraph called The North East Corner. This gives a report on what is going on in the Province, particularly in the Peterborough area and serves to inform the public of our existence. The success of this venture is very much down to W.Bro Craig Bunday, and I thank him for his hard work.

The 2024 Festival Appeal for the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) is progressing satisfactorily and we are approximately half way towards the target. I am confident that we will eventually exceed that target by a significant amount, but to do so we all need to continue to support our Charity Stewards. There are various events planned and these will ensure that we have a lot of fun whilst we are raising funds.





In early July, a Classic Car Show was held at Sheaf Close. The attendance, both Masonic and non-Masonic was extremely high and many visitors took the opportunity to have a tour of our Lodge and dining rooms. The event also raised over £2,000 towards our Festival.

I must briefly talk about numbers. In the year to 30 June 2019 our net membership number increased by six. Not a lot, I agree, but it demonstrates that we are progressing in the right manner. The team set up by W.Bro David Watson to deal with resignations is beginning to produce some important results. We already have instances where a man has resigned but, after talking with the team, has felt able to change his mind. In one case a

member joined a Lodge in a different centre, in another, an elderly member was able to join a Lodge nearer to his home to alleviate travel problems. There is also an instance where a member has been introduced to a different Province. The team is carrying out this important work very satisfactorily and we must all give them our support. The other innovation that I am sure will help with retention is the formation of the New and Young Masons Club, often referred to as the 'Light Blue Club'. There is much said about this new Club in other sections of this issue of Password so all I need to say is that I fully support the Club and know that it will be effective in retaining younger members and



also assist in the recruitment of new members.

Brethren, enjoy the break and return refreshed in September. We have a progressive Province that is enjoying a growth in membership numbers and continues to set examples for others to follow. We must all enjoy our membership and that means everyone, especially our newest Initiates.

I look forward to meeting you all on my visits to Lodges during 2019/2020.

God bless you all.

RW.Bro Max Bayes  
Provincial Grand Master

## "This Club will be effective in retaining younger members and assist in the recruitment of new"



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## New Appointments at Provincial Grand Lodge

At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May, the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes took the opportunity to express his gratitude to the outgoing Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro David Burton PSGD, on his retirement, thanking him for serving the Province "impeccably" in that role for the past four years.

The PGM went on to say that although he hoped W.Bro David would be able to take a well-earned rest, he had asked him to join the Peterborough Group Officers, where he expected him to make a significant contribution.

The Provincial Grand Master was then pleased to appoint, obligate and invest W.Bro Mark Constant JGD as



**W.Bro Mark Constant JGD, APMG**

Assistant Provincial Grand Master to serve as a member of the Provincial Executive in the coming year. W.Bro Mark is both well-known and well-respected in the Province having served with distinction as Senior Grand Warden and a past Third Grand Principal in the Holy Royal Arch.

The meeting also witnessed the retirement of W.Bro David Watson PAGDC as Provincial Grand Treasurer.



**W.Bro David Watson PAGDC**

After seven "exemplary" year's service in that role, W.Bro David has been appointed to head a group of experienced brethren to oversee future membership retention.

W.Bro Paul Sparks PPJGW was duly elected to serve as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the coming years. W.Bro Paul is a Past



**W.Bro Paul Sparks PPJGW  
Provincial Grand Treasurer**

Master of Dr Field lodge and a founder member of Silverstone lodge. He has been a board member of Freemason's Hall Northampton Ltd since 2013, acting in the capacity of Finance Director, including the financial aspects of the premises move to Sheaf Close.

The PGM was also delighted to appoint W.Bro Graham Minett as Provincial Senior Grand Warden and W.Bro Gilbert Williamson as Provincial Junior Grand Warden. He also took the opportunity to thank the outgoing Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, W.Bro Bob Cox and W.Bro Tony Elsey, for their support during a very successful year. The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint those other brethren who were receiving active or first appointments to Provincial Grand Rank.

## The Past Assistant Grand Master reminisces

After 4 very happy years holding the position of Assistant Provincial Grand Master I have been asked to provide a short article for Password. It is of course impossible to describe the enormous sense of pride that goes with holding such a position and I am extremely grateful to our Provincial Grand Master for granting me this privilege.

I remember attending a Barbeque at Kimbolton Castle in the Summer prior to my appointment and being asked by the Provincial Grand Master if I would accept the position. A few days of soul searching followed before I accepted and set off on a journey which has allowed me to make so many good friends across the Province and beyond.

Official visits in the company of our Directors of Ceremony are so enjoyable and provide a working

knowledge of our very happy Province. The welcome received at every meeting has been wonderful and I wish to put on record my thanks to all Brethren for their enthusiastic support during my time in Office.

There have been many highlights during those 4 years and perhaps the most memorable, the Tercentenary celebrations both here and in London. I was privileged to be part of the organising committee, Chaired by W.Bro William Diggins, whose members demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment for all our events. I still remember with so much pride the turnout at the Cathedral and walking from the



**W.Bro David Burton PAPGM**

Town Hall to the West Front through the guard of honour formed by every Lodge in our Province, complete with their banners.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the Province during the past 4 years. A huge thanks to all those that have been instrumental in guiding me during my time in Office and to the Province and members of the Executive for your help and support.

With Best Wishes  
David

## New Grand Officer Appointments

Following the announcement in March 2019 by The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes with regard to those brethren in the Province who had received First Appointment Honours from Grand Lodge, we are delighted to report



**W.Bro Mark Constant JGD, APMG**

that the investiture of W.Bro Mark Robert Constant to Active Grand Rank as Junior Grand Deacon took place

at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London on 24th April 2019.

In addition, the investiture of W.Bro Timothy Almond of Towcestrian Lodge, W.Bro Robert (Bob) Smith of Wentworth Lodge and W.Bro Andy Pickwick of Waynflete Lodge (through Oxon PGL) as Past Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies also took place at the same meeting.

We congratulate all these distinguished brethren on their preferment.



**W.Bro Tim Almond PAGDC**



**W.Bro Bob Smith PAGDC**



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**The Spring 2019** edition of Password mentioned the implementation of the membership pathway and development of good practical guidance to help lodges. We must aim to recruit and retain new Masons and ensure they have an enjoyable and rewarding experience in the Craft, therefore lodges should have relevant and helpful material to work with.

Over the past few months W.Bro John Ferguson, W.Bro David Watson and I have made plans to implement these initiatives for the next Masonic season 2019/20.

For Lodge mentors and general Lodge use, detailed guidance notes will be distributed to expand upon and complement information already available on the Mentor section of the website and in booklet form. These guidance notes will provide sensible, practical support to Lodges.

Together with John, we also plan to hold three Mentor workshops in Autumn 2019, likely to be based in the Corby, Peterborough and Northampton masonic centres. These workshops will enable us to implement information available to Mentors and lodges, including the new support notes currently under preparation.

We will in addition introduce standardised Provincial Initiate's packs, to include information lodges would normally provide, plus other details which will be most useful to all initiates.

The Provincial New and Young Masons Club (NYMC) continues to develop, with recent presentations in the Stamford and Towcester centres. It is pleasing to see newer Masons are meeting socially and visiting Lodges as a group, which must help newer Masons enjoy their

Masonic experience. Province recommends each Lodge appoints a 'Light Blues' representative to help promote their local club and ideally report on the third rising. The representative's details could be added to the lodge summons.

The use of the online learning resource Solomon [www.solomon.ugle.org.uk](http://www.solomon.ugle.org.uk) is highly recommended. If you have yet to register, please look out for the Solomon link on the Provincial Website.

The United Grand Lodge now issue a weekly bulletin called bUGLE. These are distributed by e-mail to each masonic centre, but are also available to view on the Provincial website.

The Provincial Membership Officer John Ferguson and I remain keen to offer our support to lodges and will be willing to assist in any way we can by telephone, email or attendance at a masonic centre or lodge meeting.



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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## Pathway – Building Freemasonry for the 21st Century

We all often talk about how much we love Freemasonry and how much it has enriched our lives to the point that we would be all the poorer without it. So, in the season ahead, let's work together and each do our bit to build a platform for Freemasonry to thrive and flourish in the 21st Century.

**What's the plan?** Our strategy to build Freemasonry for the 21st Century is to use the Members' Pathway as a framework while adapting it for our own needs. We have a number of people producing an action plan and strategy across the different parts:

**Lodge Planning & Introducing A Man into Freemasonry:** As Provincial Membership Officer, I will focus on helping Lodges

plan as well as attract and introduce gentlemen into Freemasonry.

**Mentoring:** W.Bro Duncan Childs, our Provincial Grand Mentor, will be leading a number of initiatives to make sure that Brethren are looked after at all stages of their Masonic journey.

**New & Young Masons Club (NYMC):** Our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Mark Constant, will continue to support and encourage the development of our NYMC strategy as well as handling the Province's approach to Solomon

**Retention:** W.Bro David Watson, will continue his strategy to reduce the number of resignations in the Province.

**Holy Royal Arch:** The Grand Superintendent and his team are working on a number of initiatives to introduce the Holy Royal Arch to new and existing members.

We can all support this work whether we have been a member for a month or 50 years; Freemasonry belongs to all of us. So, let's all do our bit to ensure that it thrives, our members enjoy their Freemasonry and Freemasonry is built for the 21st Century.

### THE MEMBERS' PATHWAY

A guide to help lodges attract, introduce and retain members



[www.solomon.ugle.org.uk](http://www.solomon.ugle.org.uk)



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There is no denying it, whether we like it or not, we're all getting older. In this Province, around 40% of members are aged 60 years or more.

The most important task at the heart of the Almoner's role is maintaining support and contact with all present and past lodge members, widows, partners and their families,

We receive around a dozen enquiries for support each month. Most are dealt with from local resources of either the Lodge concerned or Provincial Grand Charity. Since January 2019, 48 grants have been awarded totalling £83,000. Most are for health or care related, closely followed by those suffering a financial crisis. The remainder relate to help with education or nurturing the talent of our young people. The MCF have continued to expand their capacity and capability, and we have built a solid team of well-trained advisors within the Province aimed at improving access to both Masonic and Non-Masonic support.

## Devonshire Court Briefings

Some 60 Lodges were represented at our recent seminars held at RMBI Devonshire Court by Robert Price of the MCF Almoner Support and Jeannette Bates of Independent Age, together with Juliet O'Conner and Michelle Giles of Devonshire Court. Almoners were also treated to a guided tour of the facility. Together with my counterpart in Leicestershire and Rutland, David Highton, we now meet monthly with management at Devonshire Court in order to strengthen links and improve ease of access to those wishing to avail themselves of the facility.



## Improving Support for Widows, Partners & Past Lodge Members

Having launched a programme to update our data base of Widows at the end of 2018, we are still awaiting information from some 30+ Lodges. That said, our Local Support Officers have been busy helping Lodges locate those they had lost contact with and provide immediate support. Mrs Ann James has worked tirelessly on this, even to the point of scaling a locked gate at a remote farmhouse to bring much needed support to a widow when her Almoner had lost contact.



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## 2024 MCF Festival Update

As we enjoy our well earned summer break we are well into the second year of our 2024 MCF Festival. The Festival thermometer pictured here and on the Provincial website shows our progress. We have made a flying start. This, however, is not a sprint but more of a marathon. We therefore need to maintain our superb efforts evident in the first year of the Festival.

The major fundraising initiative of the first year has been the wine raffle and raised in excess of £9,000. The winning tickets were drawn by the Provincial Grand Master at Three Counties Lodge on 22 May.

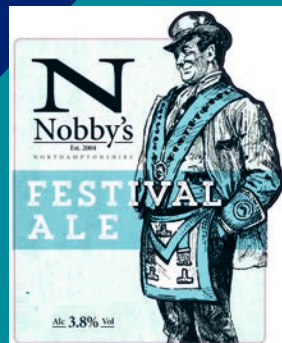
The lucky winners, W.Bro Richard Collins (Salcey Forest Lodge) and Bro Jim Allison (Lodge of St Giles). They receive, respectively, one year's supply of fine wines and two month's supply. We wish them good health in the year to come!

Although our support for the Festival does not solely rely on

alcoholic support, Festival Ale is now on sale at centres in the Province and available in both draft and bottled form. Every time you drink a pint of this excellent, locally produced beer 20p is donated to the Festival. Orders now being taken for Christmas.



(L-R) Mark Innes (Hallgarten Druiitt Wines), W.Bro Richard, Bro Jim , and VW.Bro Charles Bennett







If you have an idea for a fundraising event, please contact us below, and we will be able to help you with planning and publicity for your event.

## 2024 MCF Festival Progress

**Goal**  
£ 2 024 000



**£ 877 702  
Raised**  
(as at Aug 2019)

The Classic and Supercar show held at Sheaf Close in July was a great success - as was the very brave abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth by Bro. David Chisholm of Pemberton lodge in August (above and full article on Provincial website). Other Festival fundraising initiatives are planned, including a skydive, and a cycle or walk from the Province to Grand Lodge. Please see the Provincial website for further details.

The MCF has simplified its publicity material. Copies of the new publications will be available at Masonic centres from the beginning of the new season. Please have a look at them and be proud of the fraternity to which we belong and its outstanding support for Masonic families and good causes in the wider community.



**For more information please contact your Lodge Charity Steward, local member of the Festival Committee or the Provincial Grand Charity Steward - [pgchstwd@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk](mailto:pgchstwd@northants-huntsmasons.org.uk). Alternatively, log on to the Provincial website [www.northants-huntsmasons.org.uk/2024festival](http://www.northants-huntsmasons.org.uk/2024festival), @GerryPrGChStwd @2024festival**



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

**The Province's inaugural Classic and Supercar Show** took place on Sunday 7th July 2019 at Sheaf Close,



Northampton raising over £2,000 in support of the ongoing MCF Festival. The show was well-attended by many Masons, friends and family, all of whom enjoyed a lovely warm summer's day whilst viewing in excess of 85-

vehicles dating from 1933 to 2018. There was no doubt it was a resounding success.

From a Rolls Royce Phantom II to Aston Martin's latest Zagato model, the vehicles on display included no less than six Aston Martins, five Ferraris, five Jaguars, four Rolls Royces, three Porsches and a Bugatti Veyron. More down-to-earth but nonetheless treasured classics included MGBs, Renault 5 Turbos and two Morris Minors.

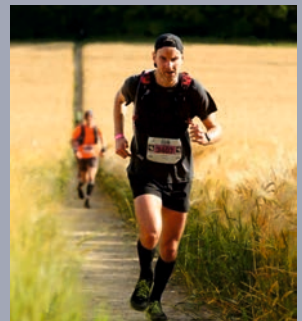


However, it wasn't all about cars. A VW Camper Van, WWII US Chevrolet army truck, and even a Routemaster London bus played their part as well. For many more photographs, please take a look at the full article on the Provincial Website, 'A Car Show and Then Some'.



**Congratulations to Bro Shannon Driscoll** of Chicheley Lodge who ran 'The Race to the Stones' on 13th July 2019. This is a 100km event with competitors running along The Ridgeway -

Britain's oldest pathway, finishing at the iconic Avebury Stone Circle, in Wiltshire. Shannon raised the terrific sum of £721 for The 3 Pillars Feeding The Homeless Charity.



**A year ago, Lifelites CEO, Simone Enefer-Doy**, raised over £100,000 when she visited every Masonic Province including our own.

This year Simone repeated the exercise, when on Saturday 11th May she arrived at The Boat Inn, Stoke Bruerne on the second day of

her 15 day marathon. She then enjoyed a canal boat trip courtesy of W.Bro Andrew Woodward, where V.W.Bro Charles Bennett DepPGM presented her with a cheque £5,000.



Simone was later driven away to her next stop by W.Bro Mark Constant APGM, in an immaculate 1933 Rolls Royce Phantom II. Although in Festival, the Province is pleased to support this most worthy of children's charities.

[www.lifelites.org](http://www.lifelites.org)



**Provincial Grand Charity Steward** Gerry Crawford recently visited Centre 33 Charity at their head office in Cambridge to make a Grant presentation to Meg Platt,

Centre 33 Director of Operations and CEO Beth Green on behalf of the MCF.

The grant of £89,000 will be spread over 3 years and is specifically to develop a Young Carers support group and drop in facility for 'someone to talk to' aimed at 13 - 25 year olds in Huntingdon and St Neots areas.  
[www.centre33.org.uk](http://www.centre33.org.uk)



# News From Provincial Grand Lodge

## 300 plus 400 equals Great Celebrations in Corby

Two Corby Lodges, Corbie and Ferrara, celebrated significant milestones within 6 days in March 2019 resulting in two fantastic evenings. Corbie Lodge kicked off the celebrations with their 300th meeting on Thursday 14th March, 2019. W.Bro Lou Orsi APGM was the Official Visitor on the night. VW.Bro Wayne Williams PAPGM also attended, being an honorary member of the Lodge. During the evening Bro Ronan Keegans was raised in a great ceremony which was led by Corbie lodge WM W.Bro Ian Lapsley. Corbie Lodge's two remaining founder members W.Bro Mike Coleman PPJGW and W.Bro Peter Konarczak

PPJGW were presented with a commemorative glass and a comic printed on the day of the Lodge consecration. The festive board included a quiz about Corbie Lodge, which was won by a Wellingborough Mason, W.Bro John Marlow! W.Bro Mike Coleman gave a superb toast to the visitors and recanted on some of the characters of the Lodge.

With only a few days of rest in between, Ferrara celebrated their 400th meeting on Tuesday 19th March. VW.Bro Charles Bennett DepPGM, was the official visitor on the evening. Ferrara lodge WM W.Bro Richard Skillen took charge of a very enjoyable ceremony where Bro L Crozier was passed

John Hallum PPSGW were presented with a gift vouchers from the Lodge and W.Bro Hallum recanted some memories of his time in the Lodge in his thank you speech. The Festive board was a special 70's style meal based on the first Ladies Night of Ferrara's Lodge back in the 1970's.

At the end of the evening, visiting the Master of Corbie lodge, W.Bro Ian Lapsley presented W.Bro Skillen with a framed copy of both their original consecration summons alongside the evening's 400th summons, pictured below.



**Corbie Lodge 300th Celebrations**



**Ferraria 400th**

to the Second degree. Ferrara's two remaining founder members W.Bro Barry Cole PJGD and W.Bro



## Freemasonry Today visit Sheaf Close for 'Digital Workshop'

You may have seen a digital monitor displaying information at places such as your local railway station, doctor's surgery or car showroom.

A similar device has now been installed at Sheaf Close. The primary purpose is to provide information about the 2024 MCF Festival, but it can also be used for a multitude of uses.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W.Bro Gerry Crawford, said:

"In the Province we try to make use of all the channels of communication open to us. The more channels available, the better we should be at communicating with our members. The installation of this new digital display gives us another way of getting our messages across.

In respect of the Festival, this provides another way of showing up to date

information and videos that should help members fully appreciate the wonderful work of the MCF and the importance of our Festival and support. The potential for its use is limited only by our imagination."

Coincidentally, on Thursday the 25 April 2019, Michelle Worvell, Director of Communications & Marketing at UGLE, visited Sheaf Close together with Dean

Simmons, Freemasonry Today Editorial Manager, and Shaun Butler, UGLE Communications Executive, to run a seminar on digital communications, which had been arranged by W.Bro Peter Robinson, Provincial Communication Officer. This proved most helpful and informative for all who attended.



**Peter Robinson and Gerry Crawford  
with Dean, Shaun, and Michelle from UGLE**

## Help from Freemasons for KGH Rainbow Bags

The Province has been able to support the amazing Maternity Bereavement team at Kettering Grand Hospital (KGH), who have been fundraising to buy Rainbow Bags for mums who have just had their Rainbow baby.

"We talk about Rainbow Babies. This is a baby born after a miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death. Because after the storm of losing a baby, the next baby is the rainbow that follows" says Carolyn Rowbotham, Bereavement Support Midwife.

For many women being pregnant and the idea of giving birth may fill them with excitement and trepidation. For others, being pregnant can cause anxiety and worry. The Maternity Bereavement team at KGH understand the concerns of women when they become pregnant following the loss of an infant due to stillbirth or a neonatal death.

"For those that have



**Stephanie Fretter, Gerry McLaughlin  
and Carolyn Rowbotham**

experienced the loss of a baby at birth, the idea of having another is exciting; but they may be wary of stocking up on baby essentials. It's almost like tempting fate" says Stephanie Fretter, Bereavement Midwife. "That's when we developed the idea of the Rainbow Bags. We wanted to provide women with essential items that they may have been nervous to buy"

The Rainbow Bag contains a rainbow blanket, vests, sleep suits, hats, nappies and cotton wool. All gifted in a Rainbow tote bag.

The team had been

fundraising to buy supplies for the Rainbow Bags since August 2018. They have now been kindly supported with a generous donation of £2,885 from The Provincial Grand Charity. Stephanie says, "We had previously ran a similar scheme using a donated item. However, we wanted to be able to provide the same supplies to all of the women our team met. We established what essential items we would need and how much this would cost. We had been fundraising to buy the supplies for some time, when last year we became aware of the

charitable arm of the Freemasons of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire'.

Gerry McLaughlin, Provincial Almoner for the Freemasons in Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire said "Stephanie and Carolyn approached us to look at the potential of funding this project for a year. Our Provincial Grand Charity provide grants and support organisations across the local area. Our committee met in November and we discussed the proposal. The committee voted unanimously to support this project".

The Freemasons of

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire donate to charitable causes across the Province. "We admire the work done by the Maternity Bereavement Team and KGH as a whole. We see this as the beginning of a relationship with KGH" said Gerry.

Gerry is in regular communication with Stephanie and the Maternity Bereavement team and will give regular updates to the Province through the year.

"Our team are led by feedback received from the woman and families who come through our doors" says

Stephanie. "The feedback for the Rainbow Bags has been overwhelmingly positive and we're very grateful for the support offered to us by Gerry and the Freemasons".



**'Rainbow Bag'**  
sponsored by N&H Freemasons

**'Giving Time' is a joint initiative** between our Province and Leicester and Rutland. It encourages individual Freemasons and their Families to give one or two hours, visiting the RMBI home Devonshire Court in Oadby, with the aim of providing or facilitating an entertaining or interesting interlude for residents. Anything from providing short entertainment

interludes, to talks on holidays or facilitating a craft workshop or a basic computer skills session. "Time Donations" would be made via direct contact with a member of Devonshire Court's Management Team who would control the "Time Bank", scheduling and provide any other support to Donors. Regular monthly updates will be fed back to the Province/PGA. More details on this newly

launched initiative will appear on the Provincial Website and in future editions of Password. For more information please contact Gerry McLaughlin, PGA.



# News From Around The Province

## Light Blues Club come together

The Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club (NYMC) now operates across the Province following largely our Provincial group structure and its appointed Officers are;

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| <b>Chairman</b>                    | Bro Dan Cooke                 |
| <b>Vice Chairman</b>               | W.Bro Paul McGregor           |
| <b>Secretary</b>                   | Bro Matthew Horton            |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                   | Bro John Russell              |
| <b>Membership Officer</b>          | Bro Reuben Freeman            |
| <b>Events/Meetings Coordinator</b> | Bro Stuart Cooper             |
| <b>Communications Officer</b>      | Bro James Prince              |
| <b>Patron</b>                      | RW.Bro Max Bayes PGM          |
| <b>President</b>                   | W.Bro Mark Constant APM       |
| <b>Vice President</b>              | W.Bro Duncan Childs PG Mentor |

There are now satellite NYMC clubs in Peterborough, Stamford, Corby, Wellingborough and Rushden, Kettering and Thrapston, Northampton and Towcester covering the South West, with further interest in other towns.

Membership is open to every Freemason who is either a member of our Province or who lives in our Province and who is yet to receive Provincial Honours, hence these clubs are commonly known as `Light Blues Clubs` and anyone from an Entered Apprentice to a Past Master is eligible to join.

The clubs have been established to provide a forum to bring New and Young Masons and their families together by sharing social experiences to build friendships and networks both inside their local lodges, across the Province and beyond.



**Chairman Dan on right  
with Vice Chairman Paul**







Members benefit with events that complement their Freemasonry, not replace it, and help them to feel part of the wider masonic community, spreading the good name of Freemasonry along the way.

The NYMC or each satellite Light Blue Club will arrange both local or wider events and so far these have included Five a side football, Pool Nights, Partners Curry Nights, BBQs, picnics, visit to T20 cricket, helping at the Classic Car Show and many more....

Plans are in place for trips to UGLE and the Museum, to Lodge Number 0 in Scotland, a Saturday Lodge Meeting in London with the Old

Kimboltonians, plus challenges from Warwickshire Light Blues to a Rugby Match and Essex Light Blues to an Endurance Karting Competition!

Social Media plays an important link for `daily news` information sharing, with The Northants and Hunts NYMC Facebook group and others, growing rapidly in membership. Work is also nearing completion

for a new website - [www.nhnymc.co.uk](http://www.nhnymc.co.uk) - with online registration and membership payment fee (£5) facility.

All in all, a terrific amount of ground has been covered in a matter of a few months and all those involved are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication. We are sure 'The Light Blue Clubs' will go from strength to strength in the coming season and beyond.



**For further information go to [www.nhnymc.co.uk](http://www.nhnymc.co.uk)**

## The Rise of Freemasonry in Ancient Rome

Freemasonry is one of the richest and most unforgettable experiences of life. It offers great joy and satisfaction to all men who believe in it, and apply it to accomplish creative values in life. It could be a source of inspiration. It is not only to be loved, but to be lived. It is a way of giving, rather than receiving. It is a way of cooperating, helping and sharing. It improves a Mason's relationship with others and helps to make him a person of greater usefulness and

extended influence. It is a way of cooperating, helping and sharing. It improves a Mason's relation with other people and makes him a person of greater usefulness and extended influence.

We are reminded that we go forward together in brotherly love, mutual respect and understanding, with active concern for the noble landmarks, established by our founding fathers, and of which we are justly proud. According to Proverbs in Scripture, 'Let us not remove the ancient landmarks which our forefathers have set'. By their noble and glorious example and unstinted service the torch has been

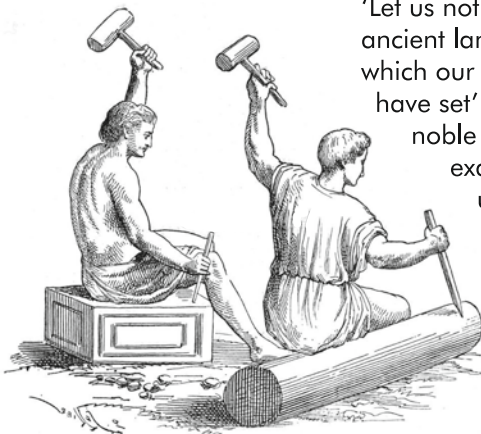


by **W.Bro John Matthew  
PM Fitzwilliam Lodge**

handed down, still alight and burning brightly to guide us in the ancient spirit, dignity and purity of Freemasonry, so that peace harmony and concord prevail.

But what in fact, is Freemasonry? Where and how did it originate? What are the progressive and distinguishing factors that have led to its development and to its growth in most parts of the world and what benefits may be derived from it?

Freemasonry is the oldest and most widely spread Order in the world. Its mission is to exalt and ennoble humanity and make life more radiant. Freemasonry is an organised system of moral philosophy



derived from Divine wisdom, veiled in allegory and illustrated by Symbols. It is traced initially to the building of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

But the origin of Freemasonry as we know it today goes back to the 10th century and can be expressed as a philosophic or speculative science- a peculiar system of morality developed and inculcated by the science of symbolism.

It started in Rome and schools of Masonic art existed from the 10th - 15th centuries.

In Rome at that time, there were certain guilds or corporations of workmen, called Stonemasons or Freemasons, as they sometimes called themselves.

In the course of time, the Monastic orders formed an alliance with these guilds and as a result, the guilds were afforded certain

privileges. These privileges distinguished them from the ordinary Stonemasons, who were not members of the corporations. This alliance made it possible for persons who were not operative masons to be admitted as members. These included wealthy nobles, high Ecclesiastes, together with men of science and professions.

They were not competent to engage in the labours of building and were therefore, confined to philosophic speculations on the principles of the Craft and symbolising its labours and implements. This then resulted in the division of the membership into two classes; those practical, comprising the ordinary Stonemasons who were termed 'Operative Masons'.



And The Theoretics, comprising those as previously described and referred to as 'Speculative Masons'.

These 'Speculative Masons' by their higher culture, education and social position exerted greater influence, with the result that the labours of the 'Operative Masons', their implements, tools and technical language, were assimilated by the 'Speculative Freemasons' and taken forward as symbols of moral and religious truth.

And of course today, we are all encouraged 'to apply these tools to our morals' in our everyday life.

# News From Around The Province

## Kettering & Thrapston

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### The First Meeting of the Lodge of St. Paul's Afternoon Tea

for Lodge widows and elderly brethren was held on Friday 5 April. The event was hosted by WM W.Bro Jason Harris, and his Lady Carla at the Kettering Masonic Complex. Twenty-seven attendees enjoyed a variety of homemade sandwiches, cakes and scones. The highlight of the afternoon was being entertained by 'Cantilena', a vocal quartet, that greatly enhanced the event. The lodge was also indebted Lodge Almoner, Bro Trevor Pywell for his efforts and assistance with this event.



**Members of the Town and Country Lodge**, were delighted at their April meeting to see the Installation of the lodge's first ever 'Lewis', W.Bro Jack

Hughes into the chair of King Solomon. The term 'Lewis' denotes son of a Mason.

The ceremony was excellently led by W.Bro Jack's father, W.Bro Jeff

Hughes, ably supported by WM W.Bro Geoff Hill. It was witnessed by the lodge's latest 'Lewis' Bro Jack Duff, and his father, W.Bro Geoff Duff.

### On a very hot Saturday in

June members of Chicheley Lodge from Thrapston manned a stall in the High Street for the fifth year running as part of the Annual Thrapston Charter Fair.

Their goal was to let the general-public know that Freemasonry is thriving in Thrapston. Indeed, during the three hours that the fair was open, several visitors to the stall



expressed a serious interest in joining.

They have in turn been duly invited to attend an Open evening to be held at Thrapston Bowls club on Monday 7th October 2019.

## Corby

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### On Friday 22nd March 2019,

Bro Lewis William Harman, was initiated into the Thistle and Rose Lodge No. 6644 at Corby Masonic Complex. Proposed into Freemasonry by his father W.Bro Glen Harman PPGReg and seconded by the Lodge's current Worshipful Master W.Bro Steve Burton.

The initiation ceremony was also conducted by his father W.Bro Glen Harman, who is currently the Director of Ceremonies and was Master of the Lodge in 2006. W.Bro Glen was very proud to initiate his youngest son Lewis

Harman into Freemasonry.

Bro Lewis, a Health & Safety Manager, has been keen to join freemasonry for some time. In his youth he represented both Corby and the County playing football and is a keen supporter of both Manchester United and Scotland.

Both Bro Lewis and W.Bro Glen are both looking forward to the Lodge's famous Burns night ceremony & festive board in January 2020, as that will be the occasion of Bro Lewis' passing ceremony. However, before that Bro Lewis has had another important ceremony to take part in, when he married his long time girlfriend, Rochelle in June!

### Pen Green Children's Centre in Corby

offers a vital service helping local Children who are living with adverse complexity more often than not in poverty. Local Corby masons and the Provincial Grand Charity have team up to donate £1800 to the centre in order to provide a break for number of the children at a specialist holiday centre.

The presentation took place on July 5th with W.Bro Steve Burton handing over the cheque to Sophie Branston from the Pen Green Centre., in attendance were W.Bros Milan Crooks, John Russell, Martin Branston, George Peel on a lovely sunny day.





# News From Around The Province

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## Members of Toseland Lodge have handed over a cheque for £1500 to The St Neots Acorn Carers to

support the work they do in the area. The cheque was presented by the WM of Toseland Lodge, W.Bro Jim Clement to Mr Malcolm Freeman the Chairman of Acorn and the Treasurer Mr Bill Fradim. Also present holding the banner is Bro Chris Eddy.

Mr Bill Fradim from Acorn outlined the uses the money would be put to in supporting the carers of cancer sufferers, which includes regular social meetings to share the problems of caring, special treat outings and some admin costs.



More information about Toseland's charity giving appears on their Website.

## In November 2015

Lynnette and Alexis Ellison received quite possibly the worst news any parents could receive. Their joyful, happy and beautiful 3-year old son, Samson, was diagnosed with an incurable/terminal condition: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). Upon hearing of Samson's condition, the members of Euston Lodge in St Neots, were

pleased to donate £400 in support of the Ellison family's Strong For Samson appeal, which supports Action Duchenne. W.Bro Steve Barrett ProvGStwd, on behalf of the Lodge, was thrilled to be able to catch-up with Lynnette and Alexis and present them with



the donation. For more information about DMD and how to donate to the 'Strong For Samson' appeal, please visit the Provincial Website.

## Northampton

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### Members of Dr Field Lodge

attended a first-aid course in April 2019, organised by W.Bro Scott Austin and taught by Bro John Atkins, both of whom are members of the Lodge.

John is a paramedic tutor with over 20-years' experience working with the ambulance service. He has taught first-aid around the country and currently works at the Silverstone Circuit as a Medical Services Manager. John also keeps his skills up-to-date by working on the frontline with East

Midlands Ambulance Service. The aim of the course was to give the brethren an understanding of basic first aid tailored to incidents that might happen during a meeting, at a festive board, or at home.

These included putting people into the recovery position, applying cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), using a defibrillator, and clearing a person's airways to stop choking. John proved to be an excellent tutor whose first-hand experience in dealing with medical emergencies helped the brethren to understand the



simple steps that can save people's lives. All-in-all it turned-out to be a very informative evening.

Together Scott and John plan to roll-out the course to the various centres of the Province with the aim of encouraging at least one person from every lodge to attend the course and learn basic first-aid, the benefits of which are clear. More information will follow, and it is hoped that brethren from across the Province will support this very worthy initiative.



# News From Around The Province

## Northampton

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### De La Pre Lodge Support for Kings Pre-school.

The dire state of the pre school's play area was brought to the attention of lodge Charity Steward, W. Bro Ron Reid, by Bro Lewis Chowney, whose child attends the pre school, and then to the lodge Committee in Autumn 2018.

Kings is a charity run pre-school based on the site of All Saints CE Primary school, but they have no connection with the school. The premises is a mobile classroom leased from Northamptonshire County Council. This is an old mobile classroom and the up keep and repair is all at their own cost from an ever reducing central fund.

The Headmistress has been running Kings Pre-School for 24 years with a core group of staff who have worked with her for over 10 years. The Pre-school received an outstanding Ofsted inspection in March 2017 and any past fundraising has been ploughed back into resources and staff professional development. The fees are in line with the local area and kept as low as possible to make the school accessible to all

families. The only government funding received is the national free entitlement for 3-4 year olds which equates to roughly £3.80 per hour, per child, which is all that is passed on to fee payers. To this end the repair and the maintenance of the building and gardens often leaves them financially strained.

When the school approached De La Pre Lodge, there was one large shed and one smaller shed in the garden that are both in desperate need of replacing. The Lodge helped purchase smaller sheds so that the children can access the equipment themselves. Our funding also helped provide a covered shaded area for sunnier days and outdoor play in all weathers."



VW, Bro Charles Bennett, Headmistress Jane Codner, and Bro Lewis Chowney



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**Scholia Regia Lodge were out in the community** this summer, standing shoulder to shoulder with other community leaders to show their support in remembering the Armed Forces.

On June 9th the current Mayor of Peterborough, Counsellor Gul Nawaz and Andy Moore, - Past Master of the Lodge, attended the 75th Anniversary of the D Day Landings at All Saints Church, together with members of the Lodge, including W.Bro Langford

Smith, who was also representing past Officers of The Armed Forces. As well as laying a wreath in commemoration, Andy also 'timed the silence' before the bugler played. The bugler incidentally, was a current student at The King's School in Peterborough, from where the Lodge gets its name and many members are ex pupils.

To commemorate National Service Day on 30th June, WM Richard

Parsons, Andy and Langford were in attendance at All Saints, as were Labour Group Leader in Peterborough, Counsellor Shaz Nawaz, and representatives from many others cultural communities.



**St Wilfrid Lodge have made a number of cheque presentations** over the summer months. The current Worshipful Master, W.Bro David Bland, Bro Alan Welsh and W.Bro John Grubb visited Devonshire Court on 12 July to present a cheque for £500. They presented the cheque to Mrs Juliet O'Connor, the Devonshire Court manager and her assistant, who extended an open invitation to visit for coffee and look around.

The Lodge were also pleased to present a cheque for £310 to Alan Williamson and Trevor Brant of Heartstart Oundle on the 4th of July, as proceeds from recent raffles. For more information on the charity, which offers Emergency Life Support Training for the people of Oundle and the District, and their contact details, please see the full article on the Provincial Website.





# News From Around The Province

## Wellingborough & Rushden

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### Palmer Court held its Annual Garden Party

on the 25th of July 2019. Entertainment was provided by the Caribbean steelpan soloist, Mighty Jamma, and The Palmer Court residents enjoyed an exciting afternoon!

Palmer Court is a sheltered housing scheme for those still able to live independent lives. It was

founded by RW.Bro Peter Palmer in 1984 and is registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefits Society Act 2014. It is located in the Hatton Park area of Wellingborough



and enquires are always welcome.



**The summer meeting of The Old Wellingburian Lodge** is always a well-attended event, but the meeting held on the 12th of July 2019 enjoyed additional support from fifteen 'Light Blue' members of the N&H New and Young Masons Club (NYMC).

In addition to the 'Light Blues', a very special lodge-guest was present in the person of the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Max Bayes, who commented how important it was for us all "to look after our new and young members." The Worshipful Master, W.Bro Stephen Wood, and his OW team welcomed Bro Michael Cantello into Freemasonry with a superb

initiation followed by a wonderful summer festive-board to match! Responding on behalf of the abundance of visitors to the toast, W.Bro Paul McGregor, Vice Chairman NYMC, thanked the members of Old Wellingburian Lodge for their

welcome and hospitality. He explained that the Lodge had hosted the original launch-meeting of the Wellingborough Light Blues Club, so it was particularly fitting that they return.





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### In common with other centres in the Province,

if you are a recent recruit to Stamford Freemasonry and are looking to experience more, then now's your chance with our own New and Young Masons Club (NYMC). W.Bro Mark Constant asked W.Bro Robin Hainsworth to instigate the new Stamford 'Light Blues Club' (LBC) and he began by inviting all those qualifying brethren from the Stamford membership to a launch meeting, with

Mark and Bro Dan Cooke, Chairman N&H NYMC also attending. The meeting was a tremendous success and so the new Stamford LBC committee was formed, including;

Chair: Robin Hainsworth  
Vice Chair: Lyn Howells  
Secretary: Stuart Biggs

For more information on the Stamford LBC you can contact Robin on email: [robinhainsworth@sky.com](mailto:robinhainsworth@sky.com)

The 'Light Blues Club' has arrived in Stamford, so look out for further information in the coming Masonic season. It promises to be a great way to involve new Initiates and their families and strengthen Stamford Freemasonry in the years to come.

### In February W.Bro Guy Manners PPSGW

celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry. He spent his working life serving in the Royal Air Force having joined in 1950 as a National Service airman and eventually achieved the rank of Squadron Leader before

retiring in 1990 after 40 years service. It was during a posting to Singapore in February 1969 that he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Horsburgh Lodge and then Exalted into Chapter Singapore in December 1969.

In 1984 he was posted to RAF North Luffenham and managed to restart his masonic career by becoming a joining member of the Vale of Welland Lodge and Montagu Chapter. Guy was also a Founder Member of Burghley Lodge in 1990, Founding Secretary of



Nantahala Lodge in 2005 and Founding Master of Terpsichore Lodge in 2012. In the same year he was awarded the RW PGMs 'Certificate of Merit'. He is still a very active member of all the Orders that he is in and is working towards the chair in several that he has joined in the latter years. Sadly, his wife of 63 years passed away some two years ago. They have three sons, one of whom is also an active mason, and pictured to the right.

# News From Around The Province

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## **On Monday 15th July**

W.Bro Mick Tipper, WM of Danetre Lodge presented a cheque for £1,314 to Ms Carella Davies, CEO of the Daventry Volunteer Centre – proceeds raised at Mick's recent Ladies' Night.



group which provides an infrastructure supporting, promoting and directing local service needs through volunteers. Also present was W.Bro Dick Godwin, Senior Group Officer.

The Centre is a local

**This year's donation from the 'Joint Daventry Lodges'** was made to The Friends of Danetre Hospital (FODH), with the three Daventry lodge's £500 individual donations being generously matched by a donation from the Provincial Grand Charity.

Ian Robinson, the FODH Treasurer, said "This donation will help with our aim of providing Fall monitors for every bed in wards at Danetre Hospital.

Fall Monitors are alarms that indicate when vulnerable patients are either in danger of, or are actually falling from a bed or chair. Their necessity became apparent from an analysis of previous incidents and their aim is to give an early warning so staff can react

speedier and prevent further problems. They are not required by everyone, but need to be made available for all ward beds".



## Message from The Grand Superintendent

Congratulations and thanks to all for the dedicated work last season that resulted in an increase in the conversion rate of Master Masons of this Province who have joined us in the joyous completion of the Third Degree in the Craft.

Companions, the Craft and the Royal Arch are two inextricably linked parts of one order, Pure Antient Freemasonry, and as such we should do all in our power to support each other. The Craft are already implementing the Pathway scheme where the Craft and the Royal Arch are introduced to prospective Freemasons as a complete journey. We must support this by gently continuing to keep this concept in the minds of Brethren as they pass through the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, eventually seeing the Royal Arch as a natural progressive step. Your Executive will continue to present information evenings for Master Masons of six months and upward and I urge you to support them in their efforts by chatting to Master Masons within your Lodge, sowing in their



minds the thought that joining the Royal Arch and completing the journey is something that all Freemasons should do, a sentiment echoed publicly by the Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent.

You will be well aware that our Craft Province's 2024 Festival is progressing well and I have no doubt that you are all supporting your Lodges in attaining their targets. As we have taken that extra step in becoming Companions can we also take that extra charitable step by each Chapter showing its' support of the Craft with a donation to the Festival via our own Office and Provincial account. Each Chapter will be publicly recognised for its' contribution.

The new season will also see a second PSA testing programme; a simple blood test that screens for indications of possible Prostate Cancer, a programme welcomed by the Urology Department at Kettering General Hospital during a conversation last year. Our previous programme detected several Companions and Brethren within the Province who had no idea that they had a problem, but went on to receive treatment. We are grateful not only to those Chapters that responded so well to the call for donations to replenish our funds, depleted as a result of our last testing programme, but also the Craft for their generous donation made at Provincial Convocation. Companions, I only intended to write a few words but, hey-ho, so much is happening, so much for us to do, with so much of that which we should be proud. Take care, and I look forward to seeing you at some point during the season.

Jim Boughton  
Most Excellent Grand  
Superintendent (MEGS)

## A Jolly Fine Royal Arch Day



**LR with MEGS, Neil Handley, DepGSupt, John Payne, 2ndProvGPrin, Mike Coleman, PDepGSupt, and David Brown, 3rdProvGPrin**

Some 250 Companions attended this year's Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter at Sheaf Close, Northampton on Thursday 27th June 2019. Sixteen neighbouring Provinces were represented including 12 MEGS. Jim Boughton, MEGS, opened proceedings in due form, welcoming the visitors and also Northants & Hunts Companions. A significant part of the agenda included changes in the Executive team. Neil

Handley was installed as the new DepGSupt replacing Mike Coleman, standing down after 4 years in this office. John Payne replaced Neil as 2ndProvGPrin and David Brown replaced John as 3rdProvGPrin. Mike Binsted was appointed Scribe Ezra. Mike Coleman was presented with a token the Province's esteem by Jim Boughton and Wayne Williams, PGSupt, acknowledging Mike's 12 years service in Provincial office.

In addition, MEGS appointed or reappointed 25 Companions to Active Office. There were 11 first appointments and 27 promotions in Past Rank. In his address, MEGS thanked all Companions for their tireless work for the Province and announced a new programme of PSA testing, acknowledging the strong support from the PGM and the Craft. The jovial nature of the day was perhaps summed-up best by David Butt, ProvGSN when he proposed the toast to the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent at the Festive Board. In reminding all present that MEGS had a long and successful career as a teacher, David couldn't help but wonder whether his own toast would be subject to marking by MEGS after!

**All of the Companions that attended** the Installation Convocation of Piscator Chapter in Northampton on 8th February 2019 were treated to a 'double header' with the Exaltation of Bro Peter Walton, prior to the Installation Ceremony. The Chapter was honoured to receive E.Comp John Payne, Third Provincial Grand Principal who was escorted

by E.Comp Tim Almond, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. E.Comp Michael Howells was installed as First Principal and E.Comp Gary Robins as Third Principal. The Robes and Sceptres were presented by Acting Provincial Officers; E.Comp Jason Brice, E.Comp Scott McNeil and E.Comp David Smith all of which were delivered to an excellent quality of ritual.



**Rutland Sailability is a very special Charity** that encourages and assists disabled people to enjoy freedom afloat – by providing specially-adapted sailing craft in order to help them to learn to sail, to sail for fun or sail competitively. Chicheley Chapter 1st Principal, E.Comp. Mark Ashley, is a regular user of the Rutland Charity's sailing facilities at Rutland Water; indeed, sailing plays a



significant part in his life and he loves the immense pleasure that it gives him despite his incapacity. It was, therefore, very fitting

that the Chapter should support the Charity and, on Thursday 8th August, a very proud E.Comp. Mark, accompanied by the Chapter's Charity Steward, E.Comp. John Horrell (himself a keen sailor), presented a cheque for £400 to Andrew Painter (Treasurer – Rutland Sailability and himself a Leicestershire Mason) to facilitate the purchase of a new battery for one of their sailing craft.

**At the Ailwyn Chapter Installation on the 1st April 2019** E.Comp Neil Handley and his escort, E.Comp Mick Smith, ProvAGDC, gathered together at the Abbey Rooms in Ramsey to witness the Installation of the Principals elect. Everyone

enjoyed a wonderful ceremony with the installation of E.Comp David Perkins and E.Comp Esmond Edwards albeit that, sadly, E.Comp Michael Pearce was not well enough to attend on the evening for his induction as Third Principal.



**For full details on all of these stories, please visit the Provincial Website**



# News From Other Orders

## The Graftonian Lodge RAM present Tracing Board Lecture

The Royal Ark Mariner Tracing Board Lecture is a piece of ritual that is not often heard in our Mariner Lodges, but at their February 2019 meeting, The Graftonian RAM Lodge rectified that situation in a superb presentation by eleven members of the lodge. The lecture portrays not only the origins of the RAM Degree but also episodes and symbols relating to the many masonic degrees being worked in masonic lodges in the 18th century.

The lecture was subsequently revised in the late 1950's by two Hertfordshire freemasons after diligent search amongst the records in the archives of Mark Masons' Hall. The RAM Ritual Book No.1 defines the presentation into four parts but The Graftonian Lodge divided the work into eleven parts in a well

thought out and choreographed delivery under the direction of W.Bro. Tim Almond. He was assisted in presentation order by Bro. John Westlake, W.Bro. Tony Pointing, Bro. Gene David, Bro. Michael Fraser, Bro. Jack Hirst, W.Bro. Gilbert Williamson, W.Bro. Andrew Woodward, Bro. Simon Key, W.Bro. Norman Pope and

completed by the WC, W.Bro. Richard Hill. In thanking the brethren for their presentation, Brian Elliott, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master remarked that the use of a team of eleven had worked extremely well making for a very enjoyable and enlightening experience for all.



**W.Bro. Richard Bedells RAMGR, ProvGDC (back row far right)  
W.Bro. Brian Elliott, RAMGR DepPrGM (front row third from left),  
together with those who assisted in the presentation**

Since this meeting W.Bro Richard Bedells was involved in a serious accident that left him hospitalised. The Mark Province have advised us that Richard has at last been released from hospital and is now very happy to be back at home with his wife Denise again. It has been requested, however, that we leave him in peace for a few weeks to regain his strength. Our thoughts and best wishes remain with Richard and his family.

# News from The LAMS

## The Society of Lady Associate Members

### Peterborough

Our year started with the usual New Year's party for LAM's Members and their friends. There have been a number of fascinating speakers on topics ranging from The River Nene through Peterborough, Clinical Trials by Donald Smithers and more recently an absolutely enthralling evening by Nick Penny playing his music and on his work making instruments.

Our annual Summer Supper was a little bit different and a first for us. We had a superb BBQ held in a Marquee in the grounds. The food was delicious and

we were thoroughly entertained by the Upwood Ukulele Band who 'volunteered' our guests to take part. Luckily the rain held off until late evening when the heavens opened and we were relieved to find that the Marquee was water tight!

The next item in our diary is our outing to the Suffolk Coast which will include visits to Southwold, Aldeburgh, & Thorpeness with a fish & chip lunch at the famous Flora Tea Rooms on Dunwich Beach.



### Rushden LAMs donation to Cransley Hospice

Every year Rushden LAMs divide the money they make at their Coffee mornings and other fund-raising events between projects for the upkeep of Rushden Masonic Hall and a chosen charity. This year they decided to make a donation to Cransley Hospice, a cause close to the hearts of many of their members. The sum available

was £1000, which the Provincial Grand Charity were pleased to double to support their efforts. A presentation of the £2000 cheque was arranged at a recent Coffee Morning to which Debbie Grant, Fundraising Assistant at Cransley Hospice, and W.Bro John Rivett, Secretary to the Provincial Grand Charity were invited.

Cancer organisations, particularly Hospices, and gave some examples of previous assistance that had been given. He also spoke about the work done by Lodge Almoners and how Masons and their families are helped financially. Debbie Grant then outlined the work done by Cransley Hospice. She particularly mentioned the Hospice at Home initiative whereby sufferers are visited and cared for at home rather than at the hospice. It is this kind of area in which the money is likely to be used. Since the presentation, Rushden LAMs have made a donation of £250 towards the work of the Provincial Grand Charity, which was much appreciated.

John addressed the members present and explained how donations from lodges are enhanced by the Trustees to the benefit of local charities. He said that the Provincial Grand Charity is always keen to support the various



## Summer Events Round Up



'St Crispin Brass' playing for residents at the Strawberries & Prosecco afternoon at Devonshire Court, Oadby



MEGS Jim Boughton at the start of the N&H HRA Inter Province Golf competition at Peterborough Milton GC.



£430 was raised by the Brethren of the Lodge of Perseverance, at its Summer BBQ for both the Provincial Grand Charity and 'Harry's Fund'.

Kettering Inter Lodge Golf Day Winners 'Lodge of St Paul' with organiser W.Bro Alex Robertson on left



The Square Wheels Club at the annual Castle Ashby Classic Vehicle Show.



N&H Masonic Golf Association match v Leicestershire & Rutland Left:  
Organisers Barry Goulding (N&H), Ashok Patel and Paul Cave (L&R)



# Roll Of Honour



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

## **60 YEARS**

### **Edward Charles Lyles**

Pictured being presented his certificate by W.Bro David Watson PAGDC and Lodge Almoner W.Bro Graham Rogers

Lodge of Perseverence



### **John Cunningham**

Vale of Nene

## **50 YEARS**

**John Morris**  
**Arthur French**  
**David Husbands**

Hamtune  
Old Northamptonian  
Dr Oliver

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



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