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25th March 2017

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Visit

11th June 2017

Grand
Parade

Peterborough

2nd Degree Ceremony

21st October 2017

Grand
Ball

Wicksteed Park Kettering



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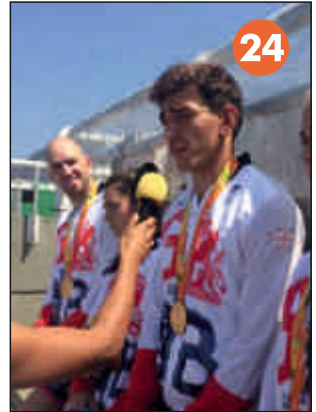
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From the Editor

In our Tercentenary Year, we would like to thank all members of the Communications Team who have contributed to this, the first of our celebratory editions marking this special year.

W. Bro Vince Tindale
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Message From The Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

Our plans for the 2017 Tercentenary celebrations are now in place and we look forward to a very special year ahead. I urge all Brethren to commit their full support to the many events throughout the Province and ensure that we enjoy them to the full, relishing in our membership of this extraordinary organisation.

There are three major events for the Province to join together and celebrate in different ways. We start in March with our Grand Lodge visit and Second Degree ceremony, followed in June with the Peterborough Parade in regalia and service of celebration at the Cathedral and concluding in October, with the Gala Dinner at Wicksteed Park, Kettering.

Also, there are many local events taking place in the various Centres throughout the Province, providing a wide range of

opportunities for all brethren to celebrate 300 years of Freemasonry together at some point during the year.

In the address to the newly Installed Master, he is urged, **`by virtuous, amiable and discrete conduct, to prove to the world, the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient Institution, so that when anyone is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened heart`**and so on.

As such, whilst it is important we all enjoy our celebrations, nevertheless I believe that unless we go out in 2017 and let others know of **`the beneficial effects of our Institution`**, then we will miss a unique opportunity to enhance the public image of Freemasonry and increase our numbers.

In our Province, net membership increased in 2016, which is a significant achievement.

Let us build on this success during the next twelve months and look forward at this time next year, that I can report further growth.

I would now like to mention an important new project that has been launched in our Province. You may have seen in Freemasonry Today an article, **`At The Vanguard`**, where a number of Masons in Lancashire formed a Charity to provide food, clothing, bedding and advice to homeless and destitute people in cities and towns. Led by WBro Ged Dempsey, a group of Brethren have now started a similar **`3 Pillars`** initiative in Peterborough, which has already proved invaluable to so many over the Christmas period and clearly demonstrates to the popular world that Freemasonry really does care. This project naturally has my full support and I would ask if anyone has an inclination to assist in any way, to contact WBro Ged. Further information is shown later in this edition.



At the Three Counties meeting in October, I updated Brethren on progress in respect of our Sheaf Close complex. After a tremendous amount of work by WBro Barry Howard and his team, planning permission has now been granted for the building of a Care Home on the spare land at the side of our building. Whilst this has cost a considerable amount of money, around £50,000, it will prove money well spent as we are now able to offer this as a development opportunity to builders specialising in

this sector. I can report that a serious offer has been made and is now under consideration by the board of directors. I am confident once a deal is concluded, we will have a situation of no debt and a substantial amount in our bank account, thus guaranteeing the financial security of Northampton Freemasonry for years to come.

Within the 2017 New Year's Honours list, I was delighted to see recognition for VWBro James Newman who was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE). James is the Deputy President and Chairman of the new Masonic Charitable Charity and, of course, a member and past master of the Old Wellingburian

Lodge which meets at Wellingborough. I congratulate him on his award and also his work on behalf of us all.

To all Brethren, I send my very best wishes and hope you enjoy the remainder of this season, making the most of the special opportunities our Tercentenary year will bring. I look forward to Provincial Grand Lodge and the Three Counties promotions meetings in May, and meeting with as many of you as I can. 2017 is a significant year in our history and one I am sure we will look back on with great pride.

God bless you all.

RWBro Max Bayes
Provincial Grand Master



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News From Provincial Grand Lodge



Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire 2017 Tercentenary and other Diary Dates



Date	Centre/Venue	Event
Saturday 25th March	Grand Lodge, London	Grand Lodge Lecture/ Buffet Lunch/ 2nd Degree Ceremony
Saturday 1st April	Kettering Masonic Centre	St Crispin Lodge Brass Band Concert
Saturday 29th April	The Core Theatre, Corby	Rock The Decades Charity Concert
Sunday 11th June	Peterborough Town Hall to Cathedral	Parade of Freemasons from all Lodges to Cathedral and Service of Celebration
Weekend 17th - 18th June	Stamford Masonic Centre	Open Days & Mayoral Procession (Sunday)
Saturday 24th June	Wellingborough Masonic Hall	Tercentenary Celebration Dinner
Saturday 24th June	Corby Masonic Centre	1717 Celebration - Georgian Feast
Sunday 27th August	Towcester Racecourse	Start of Classic car 300 Midland Region Eastern Run
Weekend 7th - 10th September	Daventry Masonic Centre	Heritage Open Days
Sunday 17th September	Kettering Masonic Centre	Sunday Lunchtime Event
Saturday 21st October	Wicksteed Park, Kettering	Provincial Grand Ball
Friday 27th October	Sheaf Close, Northampton	Kingsley Lodge 1000th Anniversary Meeting
Saturday 25th November	Stamford Masonic Centre	Stamford Big Birthday Bash



Chairman's Tercentenary Update

The Tercentenary is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our Province and Freemasonry throughout the wider community and our Grand Lodge visit will be significant for many reasons. Firstly, with over 1200 Masons and Non Masons already booked in, it will be a terrific day for all. Then, with the Second Degree ceremony being conducted under the banner of The Three Counties Lodge No 9278, they will be the only Private Lodge permitted to conduct such a ceremony in the Grand Temple in 2017. And finally, with so many Brethren attending and 29 Worshipful Masters assisting, it will be the largest ceremony ever performed in the history of the Province.

Please note the coach transport and buffet lunch options are now fully booked, however tickets are still available for the Lecture and Second Degree ceremony from the Provincial Office. Do not miss out on history in the making !

With the Peterborough Parade and Cathedral service of celebration on Sunday 11th June, then followed by our Grand Ball at Wicksteed Park, Kettering on Saturday 21st October, this Province has really embraced the Tercentenary celebrations and I am sure the fantastic support already shown for our Grand Lodge visit, will continue for the other events enabling us all to look back on this landmark year with great pride.

**WBro William Diggins,
Chairman, Tercentenary Committee**

Those Brethren taking part in the 2nd Degree Ceremony

Brian Bennett, Socrates, 373,
Robert Pengilley, St Peters, 442,
Paul Logan, Lodge of Fidelity, 445,
Tho-Thanh Nguyen, Perseverance, 455,
Daryll Swainson, Chicheley, 607,
Paul Donnelly, Eleanor Cross, 1764,
Andy Walker, Euston, 2283,
Vince Tindale, Fitzwilliam, 2533,
Barry Smethurst, St Ivo, 2684,
Frank Hawson, Pemberton, 3039,
Marco Curren, Hatton, 3041,
Robin Beeby, Cytringan, 4048,
John Simpson, Old Northamptonian, 5694,
Peter Chapman, Lodge of St George, 5978
Derek Watts, Risdene, 6532
John Russell, Thistle and Rose, 6644,
Geoff Sharif, Lodge of St James, 6838
Daniel Day, Piscator, 7557,
Scott Austin, Dr Field, 8158,
Graham Rodger, Ferrara, 8489,
Simon Key, Lactodorum, 8526,
Tony Collins, Lodge of Harmony, 9048
Andrew McWilliam, Corbie, 9155,
John Taylor, Hinchingsbrooke, 9282
Phillip McKeown, Gates of Billing, 9309,
Nick B Hood, Burghley, 9364,
Eddie Storey, Lodge of Unity, 9495,
Kevin C Mackie, Pro Musica, 9547,
Kris Roberts, Scout, 9814

Luke Howard, Eleanor Cross 1764
(Candidate)

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

Update From Provincial Membership Officer

In my previous article, I outlined the role of the Provincial Membership Officer ; I have put a short update below on what has been happening recently.

Over the first couple of months of this season, I have been visiting most of our centres with the Provincial Grand Master and meeting with the Group Officers with a view to understanding membership issues within the different parts of our Province; discussing challenges and listening to success stories.

These meetings have been very productive and are enabling me to create tools and strategies to improve membership.

On our Provincial website, the How To Join section has been

refreshed and simplified so that a prospective member can find all the information that he needs very easily. Additionally, the 'So, You Want To Become A Freemason'



brochure has revised and this is proving to be a very useful document to give prospective members a quick overview of Freemasonry and answer some of the common questions. There will be printed copies of this brochure available in your centres shortly and it

can also be found to download on the Provincial website. As the Tercentenary is now upon us, there have also been many preparations to ensure that we are ready for an increased level of enquiries that may come from media activity both locally and nationally.

I will continue to update you all on developments and, as always, welcome any suggestions that you may have which can help increase membership within our Province and thank you for your continued support.

WBro John Fergusson
Provincial Membership Officer



For more information please visit the Provincial Website
www.northants-huntsmaons.org.uk

A View From The North East Corner

For 19 years Freemasonry has been a part of my life in one way or another; my father was initiated into Trinity Lodge in April 1998 and my interest piqued immediately. "Is there a secret handshake?" "Can you only get in with a password?" were some of the questions I remember asking.

Fast forward to April 2010 to the night of my initiation and at just nineteen years old I joined one of the oldest and largest fraternities in the world.

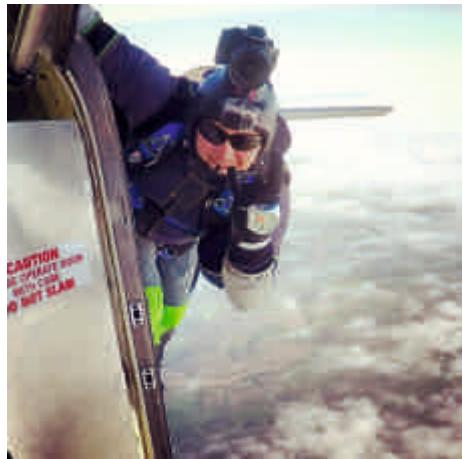
Being a Lewis wasn't my only reason for joining, however. I wanted to develop my knowledge of Freemasonry, how Freemasons conduct themselves and their meetings and the sorts of things they can achieve, as well as developing myself as a person in an ever changing society in which a three hundred year old system of morality still applies.

My first couple of years as a Freemason were, as I believe, the same as anyone

else's, developing an understanding each month but still having more and more questions. I was passed and raised within twelve months and with the help of my Father and other senior members within, not just my own lodge, but the Province as a whole, it all started to come together. I was invited to visit other lodges and even made it down to Great Queen Street.

My life is full of challenges, I jump out of aeroplanes for a living and parachute off of cliffs as a hobby; after landing safely I don my suit and apron and take up the office of Junior Deacon in my lodge. Being a Freemason may be so far from the adrenalin of such sports, but conducting a candidate around the lodge for their raising or

performing a piece ritual in front of an audience who have been doing this since before I was born can certainly get the blood pumping. The fact that Freemasonry can be as much of a challenge as you make it is



one of the many reasons I enjoy being a member and an officer of the lodge. I like to push myself to learn ritual and progress but coupled with all the friends I have made we never fail to have fun, have a laugh and a few drinks and thoroughly enjoy the evening.

`Bro Braden Dimmock is Junior Deacon in Trinity Lodge 9165, Kettering, and is just one of many fine men who have joined Freemasonry in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire in recent years`.

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

The 3 Pillars - Feeding the Homeless Trust

The 3 Pillars Trust has been established following a recent article in 'Freemasonry Today' where two Brethren from West Lancashire set up a charity to feed the homeless. WBro Mick Pescod contacted the two Brethren concerned and joined them in Peterborough with a view to support this initiative. WBro Ged Dempsey then joined WBro Mick shortly after at the feeding station and that's how it all began.

It was clear to both Ged and Mick that there was a real need in the community for this type of initiative and that Masonry could make a significant contribution to supporting this within our Province.

The decision was made to have a standalone charity that would be run by masons and managed by

masons putting 'Freemasonry right into the heart of the Community'. This was a real opportunity for Freemasons to not only contribute financially but to actually do day-to-day work.

A van has been purchased and they hope to have this converted into a 'Catering Van' which will allow them to cook and warm food up on site. At present, the charity operates every Tuesday and Thursday at the Brewery Tap car park in Peterborough City Centre and has been there since September 2016. What started off as a trickle of 10-12 people has now grown significantly, with between 50-60 feeding and are offered

clothes, blankets and sleeping bags. Bro Lee Garner and his wife April have been a major help in getting this set up and they have been there almost every night.

The name is clearly Masonic 'The 3 Pillars – Feeding The Homeless Trust' and the objective is to: 'provide for those people (who are many) living on the streets in towns and cities with food, bedding and clothes'. It is expected that Masons will be the major contributors, however, it will not preclude non-masons from contributing financially or assisting by manning the feeding



stations and with donations of food, blankets, sleeping bags or clothes - this is already happening. Many of the Lodges have made spontaneous financial donations and assistance in other ways.

A number of businesses have agreed their support, as well as continuing to give by donating money, clothing and bedding along with their time. The Charity will also work with other similar organisations who have thus far been extremely helpful in guiding and supporting the start-up of this project, namely Karen Dunn and Nikki Lightfoot-Fulcher – 'Helping Huntingdon Homeless and surrounding areas'.

Wbro Ged said, "We are always looking for additional volunteers who are prepared to help - in particular; nurses,

chiropodists and paramedics, any other people with skills that can help people.

"The plan is to ensure that the first phase is stable and works and that we can extend the cover to do more nights and even weekends once we have the first van converted to a 'Catering Van'. It is planned that the vans will be liveried up with Masonic graphics creating a visible presence in the community for

Freemasonry. Once this foundation is established, we want to acquire more vans and extend this project to cover the major towns and cities within the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire in so doing establish a lasting contribution to people in need and truly taking Freemasonry into the community. **This will be a wonderful legacy to leave in our Tercentenary Year."**



For more information, please go to the website
www.the3pillarsfeedingthehomelesstrust.com

or the Facebook Page

3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

Passing to the Grand Lodge Above of WBro Jim Parker PAGDC

We are very sad to announce the passing of WBro John James (Jim) Parker, PAGDC. WBro Jim was initiated into Old Northamptonian Lodge No. 5694 in November 1974. He was also a member of Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 8995, and founder member of Webb Ellis Lodge No. 9740, and an honorary member of Grand Junction Lodge No. 9775 and England's Centre Lodge No. 2555. He was also a member of Northampton Chapter No. 360.

During his career, WBro Jim held several acting ranks: ProvGStwd in 1989, ProvAGDC in 1993

and ProvSGW in 2003. He became a Grand Officer in 2005 when he was promoted to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. Jim was a Group Officer for Northampton and Chairman of Freemasons' Hall Northampton Ltd. In relation to Holy Royal Arch, WBro Jim was given an acting rank of Prov2ndAGSoj in 1999. He was promoted to PPGSN in 2004.

WBro Jim made a substantial contribution to Freemasonry during his career and his good friend WBro John Denton wrote -

If Jim had a motto it would have been "controlled irreverence". He was great fun. As Master, Director of Ceremonies and Chaplain of the Old Northamptonian Lodge he was superb. As Director of Ceremonies the Festive Board was strictly controlled, interspersed with lots of laughs".



Freemasons Carol Festival at Peterborough Cathedral

On Sunday 11th December 2016, Peterborough Cathedral was again the magnificent setting for the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, arranged by Freemasons from throughout Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.



Amongst the congregation of over 1000, many civic dignitaries and guests were present including Councillor David Saunders, Mayor of Peterborough, Mr Richard Barnwell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire & his counterpart in Northamptonshire, Mr Simon Leatham.

**From l to r:
Cllr David Saunders, Richard Barnwell, RWBro Max Bayes,
Mrs Barbara Bayes, WBro Brian Binley, WBro David Burton
by kind permission of Peterborough ET**

The service itself was led by The Acting Dean of Peterborough, Canon Jonathan Baker, with the Peterborough Cathedral choir in magnificent voice throughout.

The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes commented, 'What a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral and particularly, as we look forward to our Tercentenary anniversary in 2017'.

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

The Life of Alfred Cockerill - Businessman, Philanthropist, Councillor and Freemason.

As we celebrate 300 years of Freemasonry, we reflect on the story of Alfred Cockerill, who in 1858 as a 16 year old, set out from his home near Lutterworth 'poor and penniless' in search of work and through his life's achievements, his legacy lives on in our Province today, over 150 years later.....

Alfred was born in the village of Shawell, Leicestershire in 1842 and unable to find work, walked to Northampton Town with little more than a determination to succeed.

He managed to find a home in Barry Road and started to grow vegetables on land nearby, selling produce on Northampton market. A few years later, he was approached by two prominent local Solicitors, who respecting Alfred's ability for hard work, suggested he take over a vacant shop. Declaring he had no capital, they



**WBro Alfred Cockerill,
Provincial Grand Treasurer 1890**

offered to back him and in 1864 he opened his first shop in the Drapery, soon to become the leading greengrocer in the Town.

Alfred joined Freemasonry in 1875 and was initiated into Pomfret Lodge aged 33, where he progressed through the ranks becoming Worshipful Master in 1888. He was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer in 1890, a post he held for a number of years. As Alfred's

business expanded, he started to purchase land to grow more produce. With the break-up of the Abington Estate in 1892, he acquired significant plots, including a 10 acre field near Abington Lane (now Avenue) and with the Town Cricket Club searching for new facilities, Alfred offered it on a 21 year lease.

Alfred committed to 'fork, plough, level and seed the ground' and in 1886 the first cricket

match took place, two decades before Northamptonshire being admitted to the County Cricket Championship. And so the County Ground was born, with both the `County` & the `Cobblers` sharing the ground.

However, in 1921 when the Sports and Recreation Company encountered financial difficulties, Alfred stepped in providing significant help and creating The Cockerill Masonic Trust, administered by Pomfret Lodge.

Public life beckoned and when Alfred was elected Councillor for Kingsthorpe, then a village, this started over 30 years of public service culminating in him becoming an Alderman of Northampton.

In 1901, having owned land on the corner of Billing Road for some time, Alfred moved to the mock Tudor house he had built there. The Northampton Town

and County Grammar School subsequently moved to the new school built opposite in 1911 and so commenced a close association.

On his death in 1927, Alfred left his house to his nephew with the proviso if sold, it must be offered first to the school. This took place and for many years `The Old School House` was the residence of the Headmaster and still carries the initials AC on its weathervane.

Alfred also owned the

adjacent 22 acre site and again this was offered to and purchased by the school. Today, it is owned by the Old

Northamptonians Association and has developed into one of the major amateur sporting venues in the Town.

There are memorials within the Town to the work, kindness and philanthropy of Alfred, including Abington Churchyard and of course, Sheaf Close.



WBro Bob Fairey and WBro Nigel Morley, WM Pomfret Lodge 360 after making the presentation in December 2016

This is part of the fascinating story of the life of WBro Alfred Cockerill, which has been researched and is presented by WBro Bob Fairey, PM Greyfriars Lodge 4990.

For further information or to request a presentation, please contact WBro Bob.

News From Around The Province

**We Must Never
Forget.....**





**A collection of images
from around the
Province on
Remembrance Sunday -
13th November 2016**

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Corby

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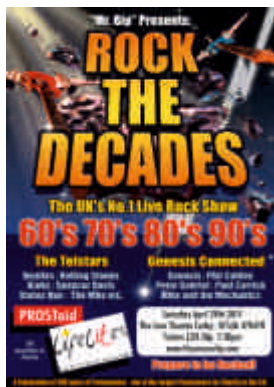
Oh No, if It Isn't The Corby Panto!

On Sunday 15th January 2017, The Corby Masonic Players, put on an extra show of their latest production "Jack & the Beanstalk" for the local community to kick off the Tercentenary events that the Corby Freemasons have planned. This free performance proved very popular, with 160 adults and



children filling the Masonic

Hall. The audience members had no connections with the Masonic community, which was advertised locally. Every child received a festive selection box and free drinks snacks were distributed to everyone that attended during the interval. The Corby Masonic Players had previously held another two packed shows for the Corby Freemasons and their friends and families. During both of these performances a raffle was held which raised £332 for Teddies for Loving Care.



Corby Rocks!

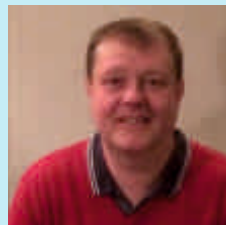
Saturday 29th April will see the UK's Number Live Rock Show come to The Core Theatre at Corby in aid of the charities PROSTAID and LIFELITES as part of the Tercentenary celebrations. All proceeds will go to the above-named charities and promises to be a fantastic night of rock music from the 60's through to the 90's.

Please contact WBro Eddie Storey for more information or to book tickets on 07805 803013 or eddiestorey21@hotmail.com

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3 new Honorary Members -

Old Kimboltonians' Lodge `Special Evening`

The Old Kimboltonians' 2016 Installation meeting was held on 23rd September in the Whitehall State Room of the Castle and it was indeed a very `Special Evening`.

The Lodge was honoured with 147 brethren in attendance including The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master, Sir David Hugh Wootton, The Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Max Bayes, together with 4 other Right Worshipful Brethren including The Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, 40 Officers of Grand Lodge and 10 Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

Concluding a fine Installation Ceremony, Worshipful Master W Bro Michael Herbert welcomed



**The Provincial Grand Master
with WM W Bro Michael Herbert**

RWBro Max Bayes, RWBro William Barrington Hall and VWBro Graham Redman - and with propositions for 2 initiates and 2 joining members, a busy year is assured !

The Assistant Grand Master, replying to the toast to Grand Lodge, expressed his delight at being present on this special evening and that he could see that Freemasonry was very much alive and well in the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

Proposing the toast to the

Worshipful Master, VWBro Derek Young spoke fondly of their days at School together and referred to W Bro Michael's glittering Masonic career in some detail. A truly `Special Evening` concluded with 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony and the Tyler's Toast, after which the brethren stood and warmly applauded as the Assistant Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master retired from the dining hall.



**The Assistant Grand Master,
Sir David Hugh Wootton
with The Provincial Grand Master,
Right Worshipful Brother Max Bayes**

News From Around The Province

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Ceres Lodge Presents Cheque to Cynthia Spencer Hospice

On Wednesday the 14th of December 2016, Ceres Lodge No. 6977 held a very successful and well attended white table meeting.

The Worshipful Master, WBro David Watson, was pleased to welcome Mr John Helm and Mrs Amanda Taylor from the Cynthia Spencer Hospice. The Hospice had been chosen by the now IPM of the Lodge, WBro Richard Cooke, as the main charity he wished to support during his year as Master.

Mr Helm and Mrs Taylor gave an enlightening talk about the hospice and its work in the county. At the festive board WBro Cooke was pleased to present Mr Helm with a cheque for the sum of £1,900.

WBro Cooke thanked the staff of the Hospice for their tremendous work helping those needing palliative care in the county. WBro Cooke had chosen to support Cynthia Spencer Hospice in memory of Ceres Lodge member WBro Jim Pitts who sadly passed away whilst in their care.

A donation of £500 was also sent to the Medical Detection Dogs Charity, the second

charity supported by WBro Richard Cooke during his year as Master. At the festive board, WBro David Watson announced that he wished to support Teddies for Loving Care (TLC) and the Air Ambulance Service during his year as Master. The latter was in gratitude for airlifting his grandson to hospital after receiving a serious back injury whilst playing rugby.



**Mr Helm (left) and Mrs Taylor
receiving the cheque from WBro Richard Cooke**

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Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is a time for giving and in the true spirit of the occasion De La Pre Lodge 1911, in Northampton has contributed 14 boxes to Operation Christmas Child.

Since 1990, more than 124 million boys and girls in over 150 countries have experienced a shoebox of Christmas gifts through the project - run by a Christian Charity called Samaritan's Purse. Churches of several denominations and many schools have been involved around the world.

The project was proposed by WBro Mike Walsh - with the Lodge donating £230, initially to put together 10 boxes. He and Bro Lukasz Kusiak, also of De La Pre, then bought all the items, decorated the boxes and packed them. A combination of canny buying and

additional personal generosity by members and visitors to the lodge took the final tally to 14.

There are no strings attached to the gifts and, significantly for Freemasons, the inclusion of anything of a religious or political nature is explicitly banned. Children in warzones, famine hotspots and other areas of need -

including refugees and those experiencing poverty and deprivation - receive a box that is recommended to include toys and more prosaically basic toiletries.

Northampton as a whole contributes about 2000 boxes annually to the appeal.



Boxes being collated at the collection point in Brixworth.

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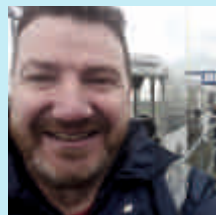
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Provincial Grand Master Leaves WBro Michael Gorrod Speechless

On 7 October 2016, our Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes, surprised the Past Provincial Grand Orator, WBro Michael Gorrod at the Lodge of St James Installation meeting. WBro Michael had been expecting to be part of a Q&A lecture that he has delivered many times with WBro John Harvey.

However, the Provincial Grand Master had other plans and decided that this was a suitable occasion to present him with his Certificate of Merit along with an immediate promotion to Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden. This promotion was made to reflect WBro Michael's massive contribution to Freemasonry in this Province and he was rendered

speechless and not a little surprised by this significant and rarely given promotion.

In 2011, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Barrie Hall appointed WBro Michael as the first Provincial Grand Orator and it was a very challenging role. Over a period of four years he transformed the role and its perception through a range of interesting, informative and educational talks so that Lodges look forward to receiving them as well as putting in place the structure for the Provincial Orations team to flourish.

WBro Michael was initiated into Kirkhill Lodge, No 1230, in the Scottish Constitution on 23 March 1961. He travelled widely as a Sales Executive in the shoe industry and eventually settled in Kettering at which point he recommenced his Freemasonry by joining Willowbrook Lodge in March 1993. In 2005, he became

Worshipful Master and did a two-year term, his performance as Worshipful Master was rewarded by being appointed to Provincial Grand Steward in 2008.

WBro Michael is also a member of Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Lodge of Installed Masters, Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research and Pro Musica Lodge as well as being a Past First Principal of St Crispin Chapter.



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Lodge of Research Banner dedication

On the 16th January 2017. The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Max Bayes and his team carried out a banner dedication for the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research No 9600.

The late Past Provincial Grand Master's son, WBro Dickon Sandbach gave an explanation of the history of the banner and the contents of the Coat of Arms.

The Banner was made, originally, at the time that RWBro Richard Sandbach was Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire and was used to accompany him into Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Banner depicts the Armorial Bearings, or Coat of Arms, in its Scottish matriculation of RWBro Richard Sandbach and the formal description is as

follows:
[A Shield] Vert, a saltire engrailed and on a chief Or a stag's head Caboshed Proper, between two garbs Gules. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Vert doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a stag's head proper attired Or, within six

garbs alternately Or and Gules, and in an Escrol; over the name, this Motto "Fight On".

The motto was his personal motto, and represents the need to "Fight On" and not be subdued by adversity, which he adopted during the war.



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A Masonic Circle

In 2010, at the age of 18, James Fox of the Peterborough City Rowing Club was selected to represent Great Britain at the 2016 Olympics in Rio De Janeiro. This required him to train for 16 hours a week over 6 days and consume 7000 calories a day to maintain his strength and fitness.

To enable him achieve his goals, his mother Claire, who was employed as a waitress at the Peterborough Masonic Centre, asked whether the Lodges would be prepared to help towards the costs of his training, which they duly did and presented Claire with a cheque at the Masonic centre in Peterborough.

However due to a car accident whilst at University he could not train for 2 years, but his coach found out during that time that he was eligible for the

Paralympic Squad. He is the current world champion, successfully retaining the gold medal for the last three years, and winning the gold medal in Rio in the GB Rowing Team LTA mixed coxed fours.

James has now returned to his old club to coach the junior section and to inspire them to follow in his footsteps. Their training boat

“On the Level” was donated by the Fitzwilliam Lodge in 2015, thus completing the circle.

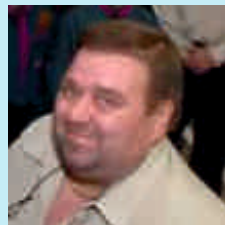
In the 2017 New Year’s Honours List, James has been honoured for his services to his sport with an MBE.



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PGM rededicates Coritani Lodge's Banner

On Tuesday 22nd November, almost the entire Provincial team turned out at Sheaf Close in Northampton to support our Provincial Grand Master in conducting the ceremony of rededicating the banner of Coritani Lodge no. 8079, as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations. Over 110 Brethren were in attendance, including all of our Provincial Executive as well as 22

Acting Provincial Officers. Coritani Lodge was consecrated on 3rd May 1966, but it was another 6 years before they had designed and sourced a banner, which was formally dedicated at their meeting at the Wheatsheaf Hotel Daventry, on the 26th October 1972, by the PGM at that time, RWBro Richard Palmer.

Coritani's Mother lodge, Beneventa Lodge no. 2380 had been named after the early Roman settlement of Bannaventa, situated at the North end of Borough Hill, on the outskirts of Daventry, which ultimately became the present day village of Norton. In his dedication address, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro Rev'd John Simmons, explained the design of Coritani's banner which reflected the similar thought processes followed when the name 'Coritani' was chosen.

The Image on the banner portrays Boudicca in her chariot whilst the Motto, 'KERENSA BRODER' translates as 'Brotherly Love'.



**WBro Dale Gilbert ProvGDC, WBro David Burton AsstProvGM,
VWBro Trevor Boswell DepProvGM,
Coritani's Worshipful Master WBro David Smith PPrJGD,
RWBro Max Bayes ProvGM and WBro Charles Bennett AsstProvGM
along with many members of Coritani Lodge.**

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Daventry Freemasons support Breast Cancer Charity

During his year as the Worshipful Master of Coritani Lodge, one of the five Masonic Lodges which meet in Daventry, Max Reynolds held a number of social and sporting events to raise funds in support of

several national and local charities which are close to his families' heart.

One of his chosen charities, was Breast Cancer Care, as Max's wife, Muriel, considers herself fortunate to be a survivor of this terrible illness, after almost eight years ago, having undergone a mastectomy and reconstruction

surgery and so they were pleased to be able to present a cheque for £1500 to Nikki Swindell, the local area representative for Breast Cancer Care.

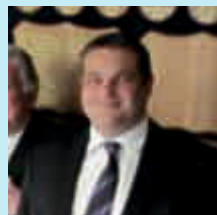


Pictured WBro Max Reynolds, Nikki Swindell, and Muriel Reynolds

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Deputy President of our new Charity in New Year's Honours List

VWBro James Newman, Deputy President and Chairman of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) as well as member of the Old Wellingburian and Three Counties Lodges in this Province, was named in the New Year's Honours List, having been appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE). The citation reads 'for services to Business, the Economy and Charity in Yorkshire.'

James said, 'Naturally, I am absolutely delighted to be honoured in this way and particularly pleased with the 'charity' part as it reflects my work

at the RMBI and will assist in my work for the MCF going forward.'

VWBro James is a Chartered Accountant by profession and a successful businessman. During his career, he has held the positions of Chairman or Non-Executive Director for a number of public companies and other organisations, which include the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board, where he played a leading role in the development of the Northern Powerhouse concept.

He has a long history in Freemasonry, having been initiated in 1974 and was Worshipful



Master of the Old Wellingburian Lodge in 2013. He is currently a Grand Steward and will become Worshipful Master of the Three Counties Lodge in October 2017.

We extend our sincere congratulations to James and look forward to hearing about the Investiture at the Palace.

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Double Celebration for Lodge of Prudence

The Lodge of Prudence enjoyed a double celebration at its recent Installation Meeting. For the second time WBro Eddie Hilton PPJGD was installed into the Master's Chair, on this occasion however the outgoing Worshipful Master, WBro Renaud Fossil de Belerd, kindly allowed WBro

Eddie's son, WBro Anthony Hilton to conduct the 'Inner Working' and to put his father into the Chair.

The second cause for celebration was to see WBro Arthur Jolly PPJGW receive a certificate from the Province celebrating his 50 years of service to masonry. The Provincial Grand Master's Representative, WBro Jerry Higgins PAGDC, presented the certificate to WBro Arthur. In making the presentation,

WBro Jerry referred to WBro Arthur's long and varied Masonic career, making particular reference to his receiving Provincial Honours in three Provinces, including our own of Northants & Hunts.

WBro Arthur made a heartfelt reply, thanking the Brethren of the Lodge of Prudence and the Province for honouring him with the presentation of this special certificate.



WBro Eddie pictured with his son, WBro Anthony, WBro Renaud Foussal de Belerd and the Provincial Grand Masters Representative, WBro Jerry Higgins PAGDC.

News From Other Orders

Brethren of Earl Euston Lodge MMM No.1458 receive MBF Awards.

At the regular meeting of Earl of Euston Lodge of MMM No.1458 on Friday 25th November 2016, the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, WBro Brian Bell, was in attendance to present nine brethren with Award Certificates and Collarettes for their contributions to the

Mark Benevolent Fund. The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro George Bonham, was also in attendance and he received a cheque from the Lodge for £600 toward the Northants & Hunts Mark Benevolent Fund for use by the charity 'Hope for Tomorrow' providing mobile

chemotherapy vehicles. Of the nine brethren due to receive either Patron or Grand Patron awards, seven were able to be in attendance.

Pictured Left to right WBro Jim Clement, WBro Jim Burt, WBro Roly Edwards, WBro Brian Bell (ProvGChStwd), RWBro George Bonham (ProvGM), WBro Jeremy Allen, WBro Alan Edwards, WBro Ged Dempsey and WBro Alex Allan.



News From Holy Royal Arch

An Evening With The Grand Director of Ceremonies

On Thursday 1 September 2016, the Holy Royal Arch Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire and the Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire Chapter of Installed First Principals, in particular, was honoured to extend a very warm welcome to the Grand Director of Ceremonies, E Comp Oliver Lodge, TD at their September Convocation.

E Comp Oliver gave the Companions attending an insight into the world of the Grand Director of Ceremonies from the day to day duties of the role for Quarterly Communication, Grand Chapter Convocations and

Annual Investiture ceremonies. Equally, having been in post since 2009, he shared some interesting anecdotes from his time in post.

It is fair to say that all Companions left with a far better appreciation and understanding of what our Grand Director of Ceremonies does and our Most

Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, took the opportunity to express the gratitude of all those present to E Comp Oliver for a most informative and insightful talk. More than 100 Companions then sat down for a very enjoyable Festive Board.



Assistant Provincial Grand Master Installed As Gildenburg Chapter's First Principal

On Thursday 20 October, a rather special event occurred in the calendar of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire's Provincial Grand Chapter. Almost the entire Team, led by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, accompanied by his Executive team and a veritable plethora of Grand Chapter and Acting Provincial Grand Chapter Officers, descended upon Peterborough Masonic Centre for the first team visit of the season, which was hosted by Gildenburg Chapter.

It was a very special occasion, W Bro David Burton, PSGD, one of our Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, was duly installed as MEZ in a most exemplary manner by E Comp

Nick Cesare, which was a splendid conclusion to his very successful term a MEZ. There was such a magnificent number of Companions attending that the convocation was held in the main temple and was filled almost to capacity. The Gildenburg Chapter team were congratulated on producing such fine work in the temple. Notably, Organist, E Comp Mike Flanagan, provided

excellent musical accompaniment throughout the ceremony.

A very warm and convivial atmosphere pervaded the whole evening, both in the temple and at the excellent Festive Board, culminating in an extremely happy and memorable evening for all present, but especially the MEZ, E Comp David Burton, for the ensuing year.



News From Holy Royal Arch

An Enjoyable Bristolian Convocation...

On Thursday 2 December, a party of five Royal Arch Masons, namely: the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, the Provincial Grand Master, E Comp Max Bayes PAGSoj, 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp George Clayton, PGStB, 3rd Provincial Grand Principal, E Comp Mark Constant, and E Comp Mike Green, PGStB, visited the Chapter of Charity, Bristol to experience an Exaltation ceremony, Bristol style!

The Bristol Masonic Hall itself is a most impressive building, commanding a most imposing position in the old town. On arrival, the Northampton visitors were warmly welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Bristol, E Comp Alan Vaughan and his Deputy, E Comp Christopher Williams. Following refreshments after the considerable journey, the party enjoyed an extensive tour of the building which was most impressive. Dating back over two hundred years, the building was

almost totally destroyed by enemy bombing in 1940 when, a "few burned out relics were recovered".

Restoration of this very beautiful and unique building was finally completed in 1957.

The Chapter of Charity No. 187 (formerly No 9 prior to renumbering in the far and distant past) was consecrated in 1769 and is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, continuously working Chapters in existence. The current Bristol Royal Arch workings contain passages very reminiscent of surviving 18th century manuscript rituals, and every Exaltation ceremony includes a ceremony of 'The Passing of the Veils'. Hence, the Bristol Royal Arch workings are not only very old but therefore unique and substantially different from all other English Chapter Workings.

The visiting companions from Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire were privileged to witness a truly outstanding Exaltation Ceremony, perfectly executed by the MEZ, E Comp Terence Cole and his team.



An unexpected item was the presentation (pictured above) of a certificate to Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, by his very good friend and fellow Grand Superintendent, E Comp Alan Vaughan, to mark his presence on this very special occasion. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, was delighted to respond to a very generous Visitors' Toast, thanking all present, particularly the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E Comp Alan Vaughan, and his Deputy for their welcome, their companionship and splendid hospitality throughout the day. The obvious special relationship that exists between the two Provinces is most apparent and long may it continue.

A Most Memorable Day At Installation Of Warwickshire's New Grand Superintendent

On Tuesday 18 November 2016, E Comp Phil Hall was installed as the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Warwickshire. While it was a very special day for E Comp Phil, it was also a very memorable day for our very own Grand Superintendent, E Comp Wayne Williams, who was invited to act as the

2nd Grand Principal for the installation meeting; he was part of the installation team which was very well led by E Comp Russell Race, Grand Director of Ceremonies, E Comp Oliver Lodge, and included his very good friend, E Comp Peter Kinder, Leicestershire & Rutland's Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, who acted as 3rd Grand Principal.

It was a most enjoyable day and the Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire wishes E Comp Phil every success as Grand Superintendent and look forward to welcoming him over the border in the not too distant future.



Social Media Links



Our Province continues to develop its Social Media presence via Facebook and Twitter.

While Social Media is not something that everyone wants to use, we are trying to ensure that those who would like to keep up to date with all Provincial matters through Facebook and Twitter have all the details that they need.

The official Provincial Twitter account can be found by clicking on **www.twitter.com/NHMasons** and if you want to stay

updated on all Royal Arch matters then their Twitter feed can be found at **www.twitter.com/nhpgchapter**

Equally, there is a Provincial Facebook group that gives access to news and updates. This group is private and hidden from public view. If you would like to join this group then please add **www.facebook.com/john.fergusson.5** the Social Media member of the Provincial Communications

Committee, as a friend and he will then add you as a member to the group.

Northants and Hunts Masons Lodge:
@nhmasons

Lodge (Provincial Charity Steward):
@GerryPrGChStwd

Chapter: **@nhpgchapter**

W Bro John Fergusson looks after Social Media for the Provincial Communications Committee.

Roll Of Honour



Many congratulations to all the Brethren featured on our Roll of Honour. Our best wishes for the future are included with this public recognition of your valuable service.

60 YEARS

W.Bro Michael Anthony Rich

Old Kimboltonians' Lodge

50 YEARS

W.Bro William Matthew Reason

St John's Lodge

W.Bro Robert John Gibson

Whytewell Lodge

Bro Frank Bewley

Trinity

W.Bro Michael John Peters

Vale of Nene

W.Bro George Barry Daniel Cole

Thistle & Rose

W.Bro Arthur Jolly

Lodge of Prudence





2017 / 2018 Acting Officers

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David John	Burton	AsstProvGM	Petriburg	8767
Charles Anthony	Bennett	AsstProvGM	De la Pre	1911
Martin Frederick	Dimmock	ProvSGW	Trinity	9165
David John	Butt	ProvJGW	Coritani	8079
John	Simmons	ProvGChap	Scout	9814
David Charles	Watson	ProvGTreas	Lodge of Perseverance	455
Paul Roger	Winchester	ProvGReg	Grand Junction Lodge	9775
Michael	Caseman - Jones	ProvGSec	Waynflete	4452
Dale Robert	Gilbert	ProvGDC	Risedene	6532
Edward	Fitzgerald	ProvGSwdB	Petriburg	8767
Robert Dorrien	Coombe	ProvGSuptWks	Vale Of Nene	7006
Paul James	Slater	ProvDepGDC	Lodge of Perseverance	455
Thomas Simon	Webster	ProvDepGDC	Petriburg	8767
William Bernard	Wright	ProvGAlm	Abington	8041
Gerald Raymond	Crawford	ProvGChStwd	Grey Friars	4990
Charles Richard Peter	Brice	ProvGMen	Lactodorum	8526
William Murray	Caswell	ProvGORat	Lodge of Perseverance	455
Mark Andrew	Deane	ProvSGD	Pomfret	360
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David Nairn	Perkins	ProvSGD	Ailwyn	3535
Andrew Mark	Thomson	ProvSGD	John Pyel	5195
John Michael	Whittingham	ProvJGD	Pemberton	3039
Clifford Caleb	Summers	ProvJGD	Hinchingsbrooke	9282
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Garth Harold	Coward	ProvGSIB	St Crispin	5627
Paul Adrian	Evans	ProvGSIB	Lodge of St George	9578
Angelo	Miracco	ProvAGSIB	England's Centre	2555
Terence Francis	Sadler	ProvGPurs	Waynflete	4452
Peter Thomas	Godfrey	ProvGStwd	Lodge of Fidelity	445
Craig Warren	Bunday	ProvGStwd	Fitzwilliam	2533
Abstar Morris	Moussi	ProvGStwd	St Ivo	2684
Keith	Riddle	ProvGStwd	Cytringan	4048
Christopher Glen	Prosser	ProvGStwd	Waynflete	4452
Kevin Charles	Mackie	ProvGStwd	Medeshampstede	6104
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