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PASSWORD

Festival target reached

MCF 2024 Festival

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

...and still counting!

2024 Festival Special

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From the PGM

Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

R. W. Bro Mark Constant **Provincial Grand Master**

Dear Brethren,

I am very pleased to announce the Province has reached its 2024 MCF Festival target of £2.024m. I send my congratulations to all concerned.

However, it is not over. We are just 80 days or 2½ months away from its conclusion. We have made great progress. I sincerely thank you and your members if your Lodge has already reached its target. I know others are close to doing so - and this is without counting the notional interest which will not be added until the Festival is concluded. I trust that, if you have not yet reached your target, you are making every effort to do so.

The 97 Lodge Relief Chests across our Province currently hold over £600,000 - an average of over £6,500 per Lodge. It is highly likely some of this was donated for the Festival.

How much do you have in your Lodge Relief Chest? How much of this has been donated by your members for the Festival?

You may consider your Lodge has done its bit and funds in your Relief Chest should now be rebuilding for other charities (or even the next Festival). However, if members have made donations to your Relief Chest for the Festival, those funds should be transferred without delay. Releasing such funds requires no further contribution from your members as they have already donated.

Remember, the beneficiary of the Festival is our own national charity, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). This, in turn, means many Masonic families in distress are also the beneficiaries, as are numerous good causes in the wider society. In the last three years, for example, the MCF has made 343 long term grants to Masonic families in distress in this Province amounting to £778,751. In addition, there are currently 13 non-Masonic charities across the Province receiving a total of £128,322 in support from the MCF.

Please act now, before it is too late. Determine how much is in your Lodge's Relief Chest, how much of that has been donated for the Festival and transfer it as soon as possible.

I would also be most grateful if, in any event, you are minded to boost your Lodge's Festival contribution by transferring to the Festival any charitable funds you are able.

Much effort has so far been put into the Festival by Lodges, fundraisers, and individuals. I rely on your support to ensure it culminates in a total that does credit to us all and provides much needed support for the MCF.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

R. W. Bro Mark Constant
Provincial Grand Master

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Dear Readers,

We are fast approaching the end of our 2024 MCF Festival and this edition pays tribute to all involved in making this such a success. It is with great sadness that we have seen the loss of Ian Nelson from our team in Northampton last year. We however welcomed John Napper covering the Huntingdon area and Alex Thurlow for Instagram and thank both Simon Perry and James Prince for their work over many years. Our Communications team is ever evolving with Social Media playing an increasing role, particularly supporting our Membership work. If you have an interest in these areas and would like to find out more about becoming involved, please do drop me an email and we can take it from there.

As always, please do keep us up to date on events coming up in your lodge or centre.

With kind regards
Peter
Peter Robinson
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Notable Events

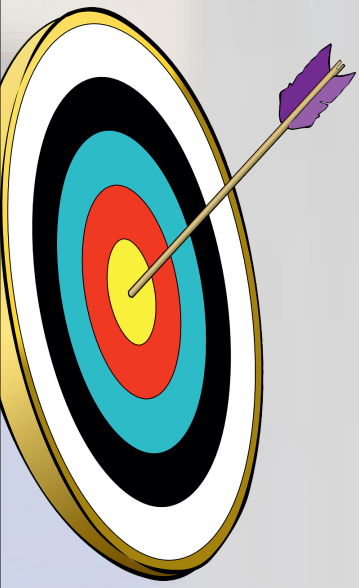
Go to 'Notable Events' on the Provincial Website for further information on these and many other forthcoming events

Provincial Grand Charity	AGM	Griggs Centre - Saturday 9th March 2024
Provincial Grand Lodge	AGM & Appointments	Griggs Centre – Thursday 16th May 2024
Three Counties No.9278	Promotions to Past Ranks & MotoGP Raffle	Griggs Centre - Wednesday 22nd May 2024
Family Fun Day	Silverstone	May 2024
UGLE	Quarterly Communications Meeting	Great Queen's St – Wednesday 12th June2024
Provincial Grand Chapter	AGM and Appointments	Griggs Centre – Thursday 27th June 2024

Message From The Provincial Grand Master

Brethren,

The river Welland runs at the bottom of my garden, as the boundary between Northamptonshire and Rutland, and is currently in full flood across the fields. As I marvel at the power of the water and how quickly it rises if the conditions are right, it reminds me of our membership which 'year on year' is currently 37 up - not quite a flood, but a good steady flow. I am however soon reminded that on any day the sluice gates down stream will open and we will see the mighty flood return very quickly to a steady river. If they are left open too long the river becomes a stream and then a brook and then a dry riverbed. As it is with our own sluice gates of resignation, exclusion and death. As every sluice is never 100% watertight, we will also always lose members to that Grand Lodge above, but with a reasonable flow of initiates and if we keep members engaged and reduce resignations, we can expect our memberships like the river to flow and steadily refill.



I congratulate all brethren who have done and continue to do so much to attract new members, via our open days, information evenings, community events and digital marketing. Please continue as we need the in flow of good men into our order. In addition we must now really turn our attention to developing and deepening our fellowship with our fellow members, enjoying each others company, as well as continuing to maintain our excellent ritual, have fun and engage with our Brethren. Our Lodge Mentors and Almoners carry the main load in this regard, but we are all responsible and equally Mentors and Almoners. If we work at both ends to build interest and initiate more good men whilst retaining and keeping the gates closed to Brethren drifting away, we will meet our growth targets I am sure.

As we have now entered



2024, our MCF Festival is drawing to a close and I am delighted to say we have reached our target set of £2,024,000 and so discharged our duty.
I thank and congratulate you all, but especially I must thank our hard working Provincial Grand Charity Steward WBro Gerry Crawford who has successfully led our fundraising campaign throughout this Festival. Also many thanks to those who



have abseiled, walked, cycled, and done all manner of things to raise money during the Festival and I look forward to properly acknowledging everyone at Provincial Grand Lodge in May 2024 when we unveil our final total.

I must however mention that during those 7 years we have received over £2,128,000 in grants and donations to our members and charities within Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, not to mention the similar amount pro rata for the 5 years



preceding the Festival, meaning we have received much more from the MCF, than we are paying back during this Festival period. I do therefore feel we still owe the MCF something in addition to our target figure, to help us repay the support members of our Province and community have received over the last 7 years.

As such, I urge every Lodge to consider giving a little more to the Festival so we can hold our heads up as a Province which makes a positive contribution to, rather than being recipients of, the Masonic Charitable Foundation. With substantial funds remaining in Lodge relief chests across our 97 Lodges, I am sure we can do a little more, and so ask for those who do have balances in their relief chests, to free up some of these funds and make a further donation to the Festival Appeal in these last closing months.
In real terms a balance in a bank account doesn't help or assist anyone, and we raise the money to be charitable, not to accumulate wealth. Also any good our funds can do, is always eroded by time and inflation, so funds collected now should be dispersed now in order that they can be the most effective and obtain the best value for the recipients.

It has been a great honour and privilege to have been your Provincial Grand Master over the last 18 months, the enthusiasm and energy shown towards our Membership Challenge has been exceptional and the work and commitment by members towards reaching our Festival target has also been superb. I see ritual improving across the Province, the average age of members reducing, membership numbers increasing and everyone having fun and enjoying their Freemasonry.
Long may this continue, I thank you all for your commitment and support.
I look forward to being with you in our various Lodges across this wonderful Province very soon.

God Bless you all.

RW.Bro Mark Constant
Provincial Grand Master

January 2024

"Many thanks to all those who have abseiled, walked, cycled, and done all manner of things to raise money during the Festival"

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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As I began typing this article, I received the latest Festival figures from the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) - we have just reached our £2.024m target. Very well done to all who have made that possible. What a finale for us all !

However, now is not the time to draw down the shutters. As they say, it is not over until the rotund lady sings. There is still more we can do.

We have responded magnificently to the challenge of the Festival in



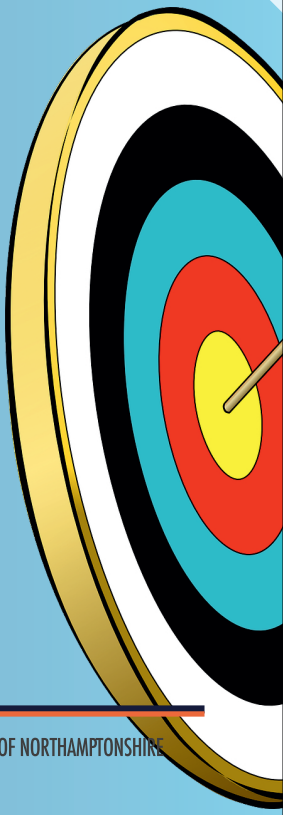
difficult times. Despite a snow storm making local roads impassable, it was successfully launched on 2 March 2018 at Peterborough and the following evening in Northampton. The last six years has seen significant challenges with many potential obstacles to us achieving our target. As we were getting into our fundraising stride, Covid struck. This led to the suspension of face-to-face Masonic activity for over a year and the subsequent loss of events and other opportunities for fundraising. There have also been general economic problems with sharp inflation rate rises, putting more pressure on household finances and the scope of members for charitable giving. Fewer members have been able to support our charitable aims.

Regular Payment Promises continue to raise the bulk of our donations. Contributions have also come from a multitude of fundraising events. Some, who perhaps have not been able to donate financially, have supported the overall effort by giving their time in supporting various events. I sincerely thank all who have contributed in whatever way - whether through donations or through organising, taking part in or supporting fundraising events.



I repeat, the Festival is not yet over. We still have a few weeks left in which we can really make a difference by making sure we raise as great a sum as possible for the MCF. If your Lodge has reached its target, why should it now go the extra mile in making any further contribution? Why should you, as an individual, consider making an extra donation?

Well, the MCF is OUR national charity - your's and mine.



Every day, in Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, 24/7, 365 days a year, in or out of Festival, it is supporting Masonic families as well as non-Masonic charities in our area.

Since the start of the Festival, the MCF has supported Masonic families in this Province with grants totalling about £2,000,000.

The MCF is currently supporting 13 non-Masonic charities across the Province with grants totalling of £128,322. For example

- **Thomas's Fund**, which provides music therapy across Northamptonshire for children with life-limiting illnesses has benefitted from MCF funded management consultancy support from Cranfield School of Management, greatly aiding the management of the charity
- **The 3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless** charity has received a grant of £21,500, helping sustain the growing demand for its services
- **The Eve Family Refuge** has received £59,000 helping them to support more women and children affected by domestic abuse in Northamptonshire
- **Volunteer Action** has received £15,000 enabling them to enhance their community transport and befriending services in East Northants (see page 25)

These are just a few examples - there are many more.



MCF 2024 FESTIVAL PROGRESS



£2,028,930 raised

(as at 31st December 2023)

OUTSTANDING - Let's Keep It Going!

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

As Masons, we can all be proud this all-embracing support is always there for us and our families, as well as enhancing the lives of countless numbers in our local communities. The MCF also offers us other services such as a free confidential counselling and will writing services.

The Provincial Grand Master has made a final Festival appeal (see page 2). He asks that, where any Lodge still has funds in its Relief Chest that have been contributed for the Festival, these be paid into the Festival without delay.

The final Festival total will be announced at Provincial Grand Lodge on 16 May 2024. Let's make it one of which we can all be proud, safe in the knowledge we have pulled out all the stops. By everyone playing their part, we can ensure the song that the lady sings is 'Congratulations.'

This is my last Password article as Provincial Grand Charity Steward (after that pun you may say, thank goodness). I am stepping down at Provincial Grand Lodge. What an honour it has been serving the Province. I offer my grateful thanks to Lodge Charity Stewards (and those supporting them) with whom I have had the privilege of working over the past 11 years. You have worked to uphold the finest traditions of Masonic charity of which we should all be so proud.

Gerry Crawford
Provincial Grand Charity Steward



Changes to the Executive and at Provincial Headquarters

The Provincial Grand Master announced in October 2023 that **VWBro Charles Bennett** will step down as Deputy PGM after some 13 years service as part of the Provincial Executive, with





WBro Tim Almond, APGM taking over that role. He also explained that this will leave a gap in his Executive and one that **WBro Dale Gilbert, PAGDC**, well known as the Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, will be delighted to fill as our second APGM. In addition, the Provincial Grand Master announced that **WBro William Diggins, PAGDC** will step down as Provincial Grand Secretary, with **WBro Kevin Forman** taking over as his replacement, all changes effective from Provincial Grand Lodge in May 2024. We send our best wishes to all those named.



W.Bro Neville Hugh Manning PAGDC PProvGDC

It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of W Bro Neville Hugh Manning PAGDC PProvGDC to the Grand Lodge Above on November 5th 2023 aged 85 years. WBro Neville was initiated into Eleanor Cross Lodge No.1764 on 12 December 1980, becoming Master in 1990. He served for many years as Director of Ceremonies and became Master again in 2011. The former Northampton Saints rugby player, was also a founder of Webb Ellis Lodge No.9740.

Neville was born in Milton Malsor, educated at Towcester Grammar School and served in the Royal Marines before becoming a building society manager. He was married to Denise with whom he had two daughters.

Commenting on a long and illustrious career in Freemasonry, WBro William Diggins, Provincial Grand Secretary, said "Neville was a man of great honour and dedication, leaving an indelible mark on our Freemason community. His commitment to our principles was evident during his six-year tenure as the Provincial Director of Ceremonies from 2000 to 2006. His leadership and service have left an enduring legacy that will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him."



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



The Province Remembers















Pictures from around the Province on Remembrance Sunday 2023, plus Brethren supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal

Your Group Officers

For reference, here is a 'who's who' of Group Officers across the Province:





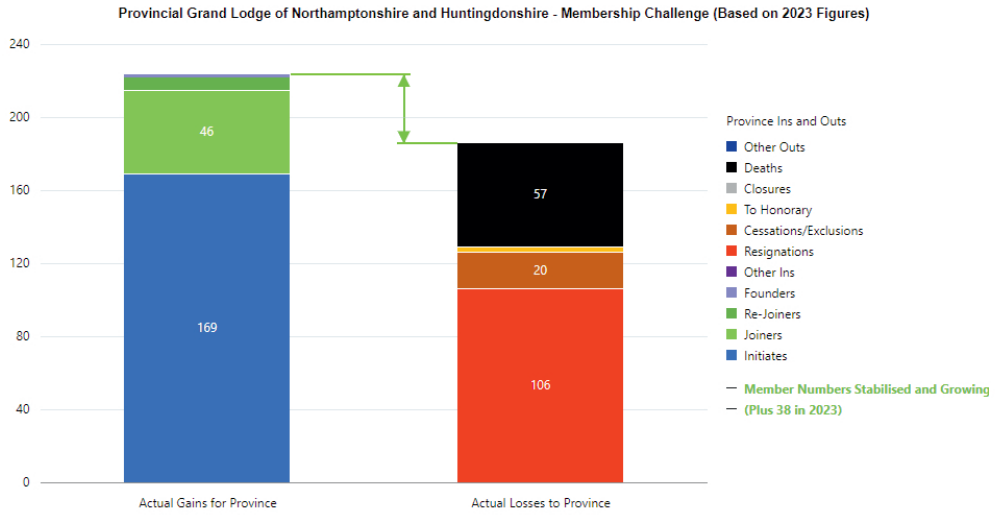
A full list of all current Group Officers is available on the Provincial Website

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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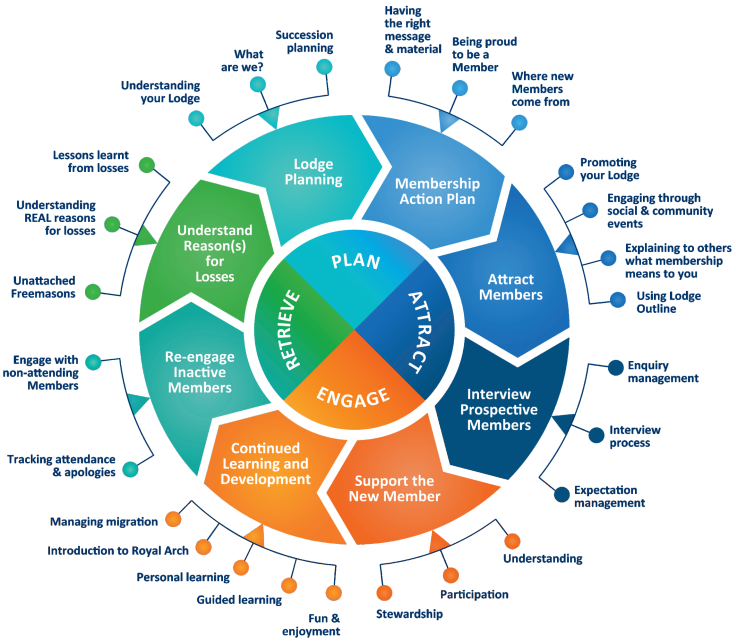
Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire - Membership Challenge



New Year, New You?... this was the challenge that was put to a target social media audience for the latest Discover Freemasonry campaign starting 2024.
With 2023 membership challenge data freshly in (see opposite) we are confident that the positive message of our Fraternity is making real headway – thanks to all those Centres, Lodges and Brethren who have been working so hard since June to produce Open Days, hold Discover Freemasonry events in our communities, supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal and putting on Information Evenings throughout our Province – Brethren, your efforts are working…
2023 saw 169 new Brethren Initiated seeing Lodges rise to meet the Membership Challenge in the very best ways. We have witnessed sea changes in positivity and thinking – seen several triple and double Initiation ceremonies bringing new members on board in innovative ways combatting traditional problems that all Lodges faced historically – how to grow quickly enough to meet demand… How to respectfully and considerately bring the influx of new men into our organisation is a problem all Lodges faced in their past – one need only look at post war meeting minutes to see how they innovated then with either multiple candidates or often multiple degree ceremonies being conducted in one night! I'm proud of the way our Lodges are rising to their modern challenges. But, we must not rest… we must continue to achieve great strides in meeting our membership challenge – with all our efforts 2023 ended with an increase of 38 members after 169 initiates, 55 joiners, etc… – great news but not a lot to show from 224 additions – why? 57 deaths, 20 cessation/exclusions, 3 honorary,

and 106 resignations eroded this great work, showing the importance of understanding our weaknesses as well as growing our strengths. With an ageing membership it's inevitable that we will lose some dear friends along the way but we must fight harder in their memory. The average age at death was 83 – we salute these worthy masons for the longevity of their commitment. So, in their memory, we work harder to answer the growing call from the younger generation to Discover Freemasonry, boost Attraction & showcase Freemasonry with stands & volunteering at local events, we show the public how we have fun serving others, we strive further to innovate in producing ceremonies to respond to growing enquiries, we continue Engaging our membership, and, most importantly, we enjoy all we do. Thank you Brethren – I look forward to supporting you with your Discover Freemasonry events at a local show near you very soon… contact me ASAP to find out how…

W.Bro Jonathon Hibbins,
Provincial Grand Membership Officer





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News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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Brethren, the numbers are most encouraging. In 2023, we had we had 106 resignations versus 114 for 2022, whilst is early days I feel this reflects the introduction of the Members' Pathway. We also initiated 169 new brethren in 2023 versus 143 in 2022 which is a fantastic result, congratulations to our Lodge Membership Officers. Many of these new initiates will have joined the craft as part of a multiple initiation ceremony, another positive step forward for the province as men are able to join, and benefit, from our wonderful fraternity sooner than they would had they had to wait for individual ceremonies.

Sir Isaac Newton, who some say was a Freemason, in his 3rd law states "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction". Brethren, we have a very real and challenging reaction to this increase in initiates and newer members. That of managing their expectations, whilst Lodges are responsible for managing their membership, the role of the Lodge Mentor is crucial in ensuring this happens. Particularly when dealing with brethren initiated within a short timeframe.

Not every new made brother will wish, or be able, to progress at the same rate, nor indeed at the rate that the Lodge may desire. We must consult with these brethren to determine their expectations. The tools outlined in the Engage part of the Members' Pathway will help us to do this effectively. Failure to do so will increase the risk that we lose some of these brethren to resignation within the critical three year period from initiation. Our LMO colleagues will not ease their efforts to bring in new members, therefore this challenge is only going to increase.

I would like to thank every Lodge Mentor who is proactively engaging with the brethren in his Lodge. I believe that we have ability in our Lodge Mentors and tools within the Members' Pathway to meet this challenge, further reduce resignations and contribute to meeting the PGM's membership challenge.



W.Bro Alex Thomson
Provincial Grand Mentor



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As my tenure as PGA comes to a close, I wish W.Bro Greg Warman every success when he is officially appointed as my successor on 16 May 24 2024. Unfortunately my own health has suffered this last year which necessitated my early retirement from my Provincial office and W.Bro Greg has stepped in to support me when needed, indeed he is functioning as PGA as I write this.

The themes for Almoner and welfare support within the Province remain fairly constant. We get a lot of enquiries about long-term health and social care for Masons and their families. Normally, MCF does not fund such care as this is in the hands of local authorities and social services who have a duty of care to keep people safe as they become less able to live independently. The exception to this is if a Brother or qualifying family member wishes to move into an RMBI care home such as Devonshire Court. This is still means-tested and requires personal contribution, but if the money runs out MCF steps in and looks after you for as long as needed.

The other big theme is financial hardship. We have supported a number of Brothers who found themselves short of funds, often through no fault of their own. If an acute distress has caused this change in circumstances and provided that the Brother agrees to a financial assessment, help can be made available through the Provincial Grand Charity in the short-term and MCF in the longer term. If there is a clear need, financial assistance can be given fairly quickly but in order to ensure that charitable money is used appropriately we do need quite a lot of information to support any such applications. My plea to any Brother thinking of referring someone into the Almoner team is to think before you phone. A simple 'Bert needs help, what can we do?' raises more questions than it answers. In my world of healthcare we use an acronym ISBARD to assist communication and I urge you all to think about this when you phone for help or advice

Identification. Brother x initiated xxxx member of xx Lodges
Situation. A description of the need or distress.
Background. Any information that will inform the background to the situation. Includes any assistance the Lodge has offered or is considering.
Assessment. A brief overview of finances, cash savings and monthly income versus expenditure. Does not need to be comprehensive, but if there are significant savings and/or ready capital the petitioner may not qualify for support.
Recommendation. What are you actually asking for and what do you think is needed.
Decision. This is made at the end of the conversation between the caller and the member of the Almoner Team.

If we all thought about ISBARD, it would save a lot of time and effort and ultimately speed up access to support when it is needed.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported me during my tenure I have learned a lot and met some fantastic friends along the way as well as managing the distribution of well over £1M of welfare support to our Brethren and their families. Again, my sincere and fraternal best wishes to W.Bro Greg (telephone 07591 177440) as he takes over this pivotal and demanding role.

W.Bro Kevin Mackie,
Provincial Grand Almoner



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Festival of Carols and Lessons at Peterborough Cathedral



On Sunday 10th December 2023, the Provincial Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols was once more held at historic Peterborough Cathedral. The Dean of Peterborough, the Very Reverend Christopher Dalliston, led the service with customary aplomb. The Cathedral's choir provided a marvellous rendition of Carols throughout.

Many civic dignitaries including His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire Julie Spence OBE, QPM, were also in attendance at this traditional start to the Christmas Festivities. Lessons were read by the Provincial Grand Master RWBro Mark Constant, together with Heads of other Orders from within the Province, including the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Chapter, E Comp Jim Boughton and District Grand Master of Order of Royal and Select Rt.Ill Comp Martin Wilson.

At the end of the service, before braving the cold night air, guests and the congregation were able brace themselves with a warming glass of wine along with mince pies and sausage rolls provided by Lodges within the Province.



WIN TICKETS TO THE MOTOGP!

Win two tickets to the British 2024 MOTO Grand Prix at the iconic Silverstone Circuit from the 2nd to the 4th August 2024

The tickets include:
General admission to all viewing areas
Entertainment, and concerts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Tickets are priced at £5 each and are available through your Lodge Charity Steward.
For full details and ts&cs, please visit **The Provincial Website**

All proceeds in aid of the Provincial Grand Charity

Do you have an interest in Cricket?

Then we need you!

The Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire is considering the potential of a new sports based cricket Lodge.

If you are interested in finding out more about this project, please contact WBro Mark Hunt

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Freemasonry Gives

Powered by Relief Chest Scheme

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

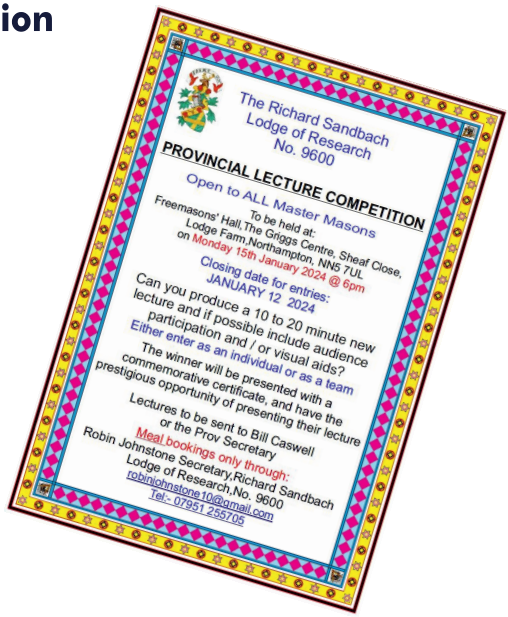
Freemasonry Gives is easy to use and free of charge to all users. It offers fundraisers and donors the opportunity to support the MCF through charity events and activities and will help raise funds through an efficient and simple process.

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

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

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

The Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research Provincial Lecture Competition



Master Masons from across The Province were invited to enter the inaugural Provincial Lecture Competition, and the poster (right) was distributed far and wide. A shortlist of finalists were chosen and the final of the competition was held at the Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research meeting on Monday 12th January. It was attended by the PGM , the Past PGM as well as members of the lodge and a good contingent of the 'light blue' club.

The competition was won by Bro. Rhys Perrin of Vale of Nene Lodge and a member of the light blues by an entertaining and interesting look at the two great pillars.

Second was W.Bro Stuart Morgan.

Both brethren will have the honour of presenting their lectures to the Lodge of Installed Masters on Wednesday 5th June.







Brethren attending the regular meeting of Socrates Lodge No. 373 held on Monday the 16th of October 2023 at the Peterborough Masonic Centre witnessed a wonderful occasion in the Lodge's bicentenary year, with over 120 attending a very special evening.
On this occasion the Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, RWBro Steven Varley, on his first visit to the Province since his appointment.
The Brethren present then greeted The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro Mark Constant, followed by other members of his Executive and the Provincial team.
A wonderful evening and festive board was capped off when The PGM acknowledged the County Rugby Union playing career of the AGM and presented RWBro Steven with a Saints shirts as a memory of his visit.



Ferraria Lodge No 8489 celebrated their 50 years with a Banner re-dedication and a 2nd degree ceremony on Tuesday 21st November 2023.
The Lodge received VWBro Charles Bennett Deputy Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by WBro Roger Blason Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies on the night which was also attended by WBro Tim Almond, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge and many members of the Provincial team, As well as many Brethren in attendance from across the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.
VWBro Charles Bennett as the dedicating officer, led the rest of the Dedicating team in a wonderful ceremony, followed by a very enjoyable Festive Board during which a cheque from members of the Lodge for £2,390 for TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) was presented.

News from the N&HNYMC and Light Blues

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Vice Chairman	Bro Tom Williams
Secretary	Bro Simon Dolman
Treasurer	Bro Bryan Walters
Events Officer	W.Bro John Line
Membership Officer	Bro Rob Donaldson





N&HNYMC Christmas Collection

NORTHANTS & HUNTS NEW AND YOUNG MASONS SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD BANKS

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

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



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

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Yet Another Club Milestone Reached!

500



A fun packed evening at St Peter's Lodge No. 442, where Bro Tony Taylor was congratulated on becoming the 500th member of the N&HNYMC. On completion of a fantastic ceremony, Bro Tony Taylor was presented with an embroidered Light Blue Handkerchief and a Customised Silver N&HNYMC Lapel Badge.









N&HNYMC 80's Halloween Party

On Saturday the 28th of October, we hosted the N&HNYMC 80's Halloween Party, at The Mariott Hotel in Northampton. All Tickets were Sold Out and we had a full Venue, Great Costumes, Live Band and DJ, which all made for an enjoyable evening.

As the event was such a success, we are considering Rehosting the event next year.

Coming Soon
Visit www.nhnymc.co.uk and our Facebook page for future events around our Province

The Provincial Gala Ball

The Provincial Gala Ball, held in support of the 2024 MCF Festival on Friday 17th November 2024 in Northampton, was a great success with an amazing evening of fun, entertainment and fundraising !

Overall, the Gala Dinner event raised the magnificent sum of £13,000, with an additional £10,000 presented as the proceeds from the PGMs Bonus Ball Lottery, making a grand total of £23,000 that will benefit the Festival Appeal !

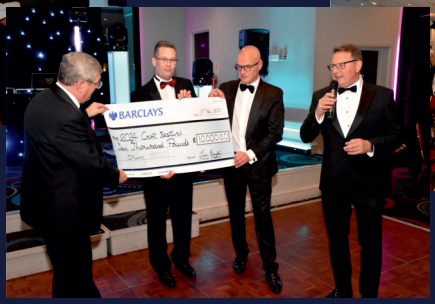
























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News From Around The Province

Kettering & Thrapston

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On Thursday 9th November Rockingham Forest Lodge conducted a Triple initiation which is believed to be the first for the Province in recent times. With over 90 in attendance in the newly renovated lodge room, including over 70 visitors, the ceremony and festive board proved to be a wonderful evening for all. Echoing the success The Lodge of St Paul also performed a triple initiation with equal spectacle and enjoyment. The influx of initiates is partly a result of the White Table Event held at Kettering Masonic Hall in April 2023 and is a big boost for both lodges' membership challenge.





At the annual Provincial Christmas Wine and Carols event, Town & Country, Chicheley, and Graham Milton Lodge members at the Cathedral anticipated the chilly weather and decided to swap the traditional wine for mulled cider. Accompanied by mince pies, the warm beverage was a resounding success among the brethren and guests, with the cider being rapidly depleted due to high demand. The event was well supported and enjoyed by all. It looks like the success of the warm offering might see it return next year!

Visits to other lodges not only offer an interesting and enjoyable experience, but they also come with additional benefits. This was exactly the case when The Lodge of St Paul 6516 enthusiastically accepted an invitation to The Four Seasons Lodge's festive meeting in the Province of Norfolk, just before Christmas. Earlier in the year WBro Lou Orsi extended an invitation to the members The Lodge of St Paul, along with others, to be guests at his lodge in Wroxham and generously arranged for a bus to transport them. The highlight of the Christmas meeting was the Installation of WBro Perry Roger Balls PPJGD. In a gesture of gratitude and fellowship, the visiting brethren presented the lodge with a donation of £350 for charitable causes.



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

Corby & Oundle

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The Corby Masonic Players held their festive Pantomime on Saturday 9th December, raising £525 for Teddies for loving care.

The pantomime this year was Snow White. There were two shows on the day. Entrance to the pantomime was free of charge, each child that attended was gifted a selection box.

The Panto was written by WBro Jack C. Summerfield, was very well received by all who attended. It contained all the usual panto puns, plus a generous helping of local, topical and Masonic comedic content.

The actors and helpers responsible for putting on the panto were all Freemasons, members of their family, or friends. Brethren taking part included WBro William Diggins, WBro Steven Storey, WBro Steve Burton, WBro David Docherty, WBro Barrie Ball and WBro Jack C. Summerfield.



There was a raffle at each performance and a total of £525 was raised for Teddies for loving care.

Oundle based charity, Volunteer Action, has benefited from a Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) grant of £15,000. The charity, who run with one full-time and four part-time staff members and 147 volunteers, run a community transport service and befriending scheme.
These services are open to anyone aged 65 years plus or registered disabled within the area and combat isolation and loneliness, as well as having positive health benefits. The charity has 800 registered users of the transport scheme, which enables people to keep medical appointments, go shopping, to the hairdresser and to social events. The befriending scheme has 100 registered users who receive personal home visits or telephone calls.
Long-time supporter and local Freemason, John Grubb, visited Volunteer Action's offices on 16 November 2024 with the Master of St Wilfrid Lodge, David Burton and Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Gerry Crawford, to meet Volunteer Action's Manager, Rachel Dixon and Chairman, David Cashmore and other Trustees.
Rachel said: "I heard about the MCF through local Freemasons and decided to apply for a grant. We had suffered from a perfect storm of diminishing sources of funding with a huge increase in demand for our services. This MCF grant is a lifeline for us."
David added: "This grant will guarantee the sustainability of our services in the face of a 44% increase in demand. We are extremely grateful."



News From Around The Province

Northampton

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The Brethren of Eleanor Cross Lodge No 1764 are especially proud that WBro Tom McCreadie was installed as their Worshipful Master in October. Reaching the chair of King Solomon is the culmination of a journey of development and learning for any Master but when you have autism, dyslexia and ADHD it is just that little bit more difficult. The Lodge did not know exactly how these would impact when Tom joined, but were keen to welcome and support him to develop. His enthusiasm and friendliness meant he was soon treated as any other brother and his hard work meant he progressed up the ladder with performances which made it easy to forget his difficulties in achieving them. WBro Tom is very open about his condition and explained in his response to his first Master's Toast, that standing there doing so is not at all easy and entirely alien. It was not something he could do before joining Freemasonry and he thanked all the brethren who have helped him along the way. He promoted his chosen charity the Daisy Suite Appeal, which is to create a dedicated suite at Northampton General Hospital, separate from the maternity wards, to give practical and emotional support following the loss of a baby, a matter close to his heart following the death of his niece. He has been a great ambassador for the Lodge, visiting many lodges, but he is also a great ambassador for Freemasonry in general, bringing in a number of members but just as importantly showing that Freemasonry is accessible to all.



WHAT A NIGHT it was on Friday 22nd December 2023 at The 3 Pillars - Feeding The Homeless Charity at St James Church, Northampton!



Well, let's start by saying that 94 guests were served during the evening with a full Christmas dinner, beautifully cooked by Kay, Gary and Eileen, who had worked tirelessly over the previous two days preparing food for the coming 3 days of Christmas, when if all goes to plan, we will serve around 300 people.

Then, as WBro Aaron Day explains: "We then had a visit from the Police, who noticed the door to the church open and came in to investigate. After confirming who we are, what we do and the people we are helping, they were clearly touched by some of our stories of the families and individuals we have helped. They informed us they would return in the New Year to help us whenever they can. However, 2 hours later 4 officers came in with carrier bags of new toys donated by Smyths Toys .....so there will be some very happy children this Christmas!"



And as if to top that, after the police left, the church then suddenly had a visit by the Northampton Saints Youth team all bearing gifts (pictured). They spent time speaking with both guests and volunteers, thanking them all for all what they do. Many have promised to return to help out on the Tuesday and Friday nights. Its is so wonderful to see the relationship between the 3 Pillars, local Freemasons, near neighbours Northampton Saints RFC, and The Saints Mother Church, St James, all working together.



Spelhoe Lodge No 8576 have performed a family initiation with Bro Simon Clements having proposed his father John Clements as an initiate, Spelhoe's Master WBro. 'George' Brown vacated the Chair of King Soloman to enable John's brother, WBro. Martin Clements (of the Lodge of St. James 6838) to obligate and entrust his brother, much to John's surprise.

News From Around The Province

Huntingdon,
Ramsey,
St Ives,
St Neots,
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Brethren of Euston Lodge No2283 celebrated with WBro Robert James (Jim) Clement PPSGW when awarded a 50year Golden Jubilee Certificate by WBro John Clarke PAGDC.
Bro Jim knows the importance of looking to the future, recently helping to future proof St Neots Masonic Centre with the installation of energy saving solar panels.





The Caring Masters of St Ivo and Sothius Lodges got together with Provincial Grand Charity to present £2,000 to local Charity 'Caring Together', which provides targeted individual support for children 4-14 years whose care for their vulnerable parents and siblings means they miss out on many normal childhood activities

Socrates Lodge No373 completed its Bicentary Celebrations in fine style with a Gala Dinner at the George Hotel, Huntingdon exactly 200 years after first meeting there in December 1823. Brethren, partners and friends celebrated only the second Provincial Bicentenary with a highly entertaining talk from after-dinner speaker WBro Mike Neville entitled the 'Goodies and Baddies of Freemasonry'.





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The night of December the 27th was the annual get together at The Brewery Tap pub in Peterborough for staff, governors and ex Kings School pupils – the Peterborough school to which Scholia Regia Lodge is mainly associated. It was an extremely well attended event and Graham Worraker, Worshipful Master, Bas Clare, Secretary, Rich Parsons, Treasurer, Brother William Moore, and Adrian Woolley, Membership Officer attended to represent the Lodge.

Over the evening they had interest from five attendees, who all filled in forms with their details, and seemed genuinely keen. The night was the Lodge's first venture of this sort, and as well as picking up five possible candidates they also learnt a lot for future events.

On Friday 12th January representatives of Fitzwilliam, Vale Of Nene and Medehampstede Lodges were proud to present a cheque for £10,000 to the Little Miracles Charity in Peterborough.

Little Miracles is a charity embedded in the fabric of the local community, supporting families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions. Michelle King, CEO of the charity commented "this donation will benefit those children in receipt of critical care" and went on to say she was "amazed by the support Local Freemasons had given to the charity over the last two years".



On Sunday 17th December, St Peter's Lodge held their traditional carol concert, which was in its 40th year. The raffle on the night raised over £600 towards the Worshipful Master WBro Andy McCarron's charity of 'No Gain No Pain'-a local charity which supports in palliative care patients with their pain relief, through a device called a syringe driver which is programmable to provide the required pain relief or anti sickness for the patient. There are limited devices in the greater Peterborough area, so more funding was greatly received.

After a two-course meal, the Brethren and their guests were entertain by their very own "Homegroan" band with a number of Christmas hits.





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

News From Around The Province

Wellingborough & Rushden

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WBro Bob Smith presents a cheque for £200 on behalf of Wellingborough Masonic Hall Board of Directors to Mrs Anita Summerfield Wellingborough Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser for The Royal British Legion at the Veterans breakfast held at the Ock'n'Dough in Wellingborough on the 3rd Saturday each month.



John Pyel held their 2nd social event of the summer on Tuesday 15th August. During the evening around 50 Lodge members, family and friends enjoyed a green bowling taster session hosted by members of Wellingborough Bowls Club. This was followed by buffet and raffle. The evening was concluded by a excellent set of rousing songs performed by Dr Busker, aka Bro Steve Baldock, and his troop.
It was great evening enjoyed by all who attended.







Wilavestone held a BBQ organised by the WM, WBro Nigel Onley with the assistance of his wife Liz and son Aaron. The members of the lodge were also joined by their newest candidates and their families which allowed them to meet socially before they are initiated this coming season, and to top things off the lodge was also able to raise £420 for the 2024 festival.



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It was a special night for the Needham family at The Lodge of Merit No.466. Ellis, son of the Lodge's Junior Warden Bro. Chris Needham was initiated into Freemasonry. He became the first Lewis initiated into the lodge for many a year. The ceremony was very sincere, with a proud father carrying out his duties in the exceptional manner that has become the norm for Bro.Chris. It was a double-celebration for Bro. Ellis as, on the following day, he celebrated his 21st Birthday. .



We all attend our lodge meetings and we rarely pay too much attention to what goes on behind the scenes at our centres within the Province. Here in Stamford we recognise how we are blessed with our catering team, which is led by Bro. Andy Binder. Andy has catered for the Masonic Centre for more than 25 years. He heedfully looks after us in his own adaptable, capable, professional style. The standards of catering are invariably exceptional, with Steak Pie always being the talk of visitors from the Province and beyond. Andy is a member of numerous lodges within the centre (as well as side Orders), and by the end of 2024 he may be in the chair of one of his lodges!



On behalf of all Stamford Lodges: a big thank you to Bro. Andy, to Jack (Head Chef) and to the rest of the catering team for your dedication to Stamford Freemasonry.

News From Around The Province

South West Brackley, Daventry, Towcester

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The Lactodorum Lodge No. 8526 was honoured by the support of The Provincial Banner Rededication team led by The Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Mark Constant on 16th November 2024 on the occasion of their 50 year anniversary Banner Rededication ceremony. It was a memorable and most successful evening. Well done to all involved

Following on from their successful Ladies evening, Beneventa Worshipful Master, Philip Pritchett and his wife Helen furthered the donations to Laineys Charity at the Beneventa Christmas White Table meeting (pictured left).

Laineys Charity are devoted to helping people find dogs and for dogs to find new loving homes. They provide emergency care and shelter for abandoned dogs and dogs whose owners are unable to look after them for a variety of reasons. They are a group of caring people who sometimes need help, financially, to provide the loving and safe environment for dogs who have found themselves in distress or hard times. No dogs are put in kennels, they are all fostered by supporters. Locally based in Wellingborough and covering the County.

In total, Beneventa Lodge have donated over £1000 to the charity. Below shows the WM and Helen presenting cheques to the charity.



Roll Of Honour

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

60 YEARS	Lodge
James George Baker	Euston
Roger William Cheney	Old Kimboltonians'
Kenneth Douglas Alan Clarke	Hamtune

50 YEARS	Lodge
John Herbert Hill	Old Kimboltonians'
George Anthony Norman	Risdene
David John Sutton	St Peters
John David George Fletcher	Salcey Forest
Jeremy Chester Read	Old Wellingburian
Robert James Clement	Euston
Michael Julian Robinson	Prudence
Brian Richard Gebbels	Socrates
Alan Muhley	Vale of Welland
Glenn Alfred Page	Cytringan
Colin Harold Thornton	Beneventa
David George Watson	Ceres
Anthony Charles Greene	De La Pre
Brian Geoffrey Marlow	Old Kimboltonians'
Brian Thomas Nevison	Whytewell

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

*As of 31st January 2024

Message from The Grand Superintendent

Dear Companions,

By the time you read this we will be well into 2024, however, as I begin to muse over the content of this article it is still mid way between Christmas and New Year. Looking back at the previous edition of Password I somehow feel that I could adopt the strategy used by those who sit in the Houses of Parliament, ' I refer my Honourable Colleagues to my previous statement', for on reading through my article in that edition I feel the message is as relevant now as it was then.
However, I guess that that will simply not do!
So what else has happened since the Autumn 23 edition.
In early November 2023 the Pro Grand Master again re-iterated his belief that every Master Mason should complete their Journey through Pure Antient Freemasonry by Exaltation into the Royal Arch, before extending his researches into other Orders. **A statement that was publicly supported at the same meeting by the Pro Grand Master of the Mark Degree.**
It was at this time that Archway was launched, announced as a resource tool for Chapters. Up until that point Provinces had not been able to get 'their hands on it' to explore exactly what it was and how best best to use it. We, like many Provinces, decided to spend the rest of 2023 and early 2024 getting to grips with what it had to offer before coming to Chapters within the Province. This work is currently ongoing for, as you may realise, there is much to read and understand in order to ensure that it will prove useful to our Province and indeed individual Chapters.
However, the basic aim of Archway is, as we have always done within this Province, to assist Chapters and Companions in their endeavours to encourage as many Master Masons as possible to complete their journey through Pure Antient Freemasonry.
Companions, as we move toward the conclusion of the Craft Festival I would like to thank you for your support toward our contribution. A tremendous effort



considering that every Companion has already supported the Festival through his own Lodge. As we move forward into 2024 and beyond I would ask that you give due consideration to supporting our own Provincial Chapter Charity Fund. As ever your donations will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.
I wish you well as we move deeper into 2024 and may the True and Living God Most High keep watch over you and your loved ones.

Jim Boughton

Most Excellent Grand Superintendent (MEGS)

UNITED GRAND LODGE



SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

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ROYAL ARCH AMBASSADORS

Royal Arch Ambassadors are appointed by the Grand Superintendent as part of the Province's Attraction, Retention and Recapture strategy. Their Remit is to help Master Masons and Craft Lodges with introduction to the Royal Arch, and to help Chapters with attraction of new and retention of existing members. (Lead Ambassador pictured and details in red)

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Every Master Mason needs a helping hand to join the Royal Arch

As a Master Mason you are entitled to become a member of the Royal Arch (or Chapter). Chapter is the fourth step in the journey that began with your Initiation.



Becoming a member of the Royal Arch – a Royal Arch Companion – will, of course, entail an additional commitment on your part. There will be meetings to attend and should you take office or wish to take part in ceremonies, there may be ritual to learn and practices to attend – much as with your Craft Masonry. It is essential, therefore, that you consider a number of factors before taking the plunge.

First amongst these should be timing. When is the right time for you to join? What are your other commitments? Have you fully assimilated your experiences from the Craft degrees?

Next, I believe there should be five considerations to take in to account. I always think of these in terms of the digits on your hand. They represent cost, location, progression, meeting day and friends.



COST: As with the Craft, there is an annual subscription for Chapter membership. Annual subscriptions for Royal Arch Chapters in this Province are between £20.00 and around £55.00 and will depend on the Centre in which the Chapter meets. Dining, of course, is in addition and will also depend on the Centre in which you meet.

LOCATION: It may be that you joined a Craft Lodge near to where you work and would prefer to join a Chapter closer to home – or vice versa. Consider joining a Chapter where the location works best for you.



MEETING DAY: Our Chapters hold either three or four meetings each Masonic season. There are likely to be days of the week and months of the year where you have the time available to attend Chapter. It is at least as likely – if not more likely – that there will be days/months on and in which you cannot afford the time to attend Chapter meetings. You will want to choose a Chapter that meets when you have the time available.

FRIENDS: Do you want to expand your circle of Masonic contacts? If so, you may wish to seek-out a Chapter where you will make new friends and companions. If you are happy to join a Chapter with Brethren from your Craft Lodge, then naturally they will be delighted to welcome you too. Of course, once a Royal Arch Companion, you are able to visit other Chapters too – just as you are able to visit other Craft Lodges right now.



PROGRESSION: As with the Craft, we have a number of officer posts in Royal Arch Chapters. Some of these are progressive, others non-progressive. If you are progressing through the Craft offices, or have a significant role in a Craft lodge such that you have limited bandwidth to learn further ritual, you may want to consider joining a Chapter where you will not be asked to join the progression as soon as you become a member. At the very least, you would want it known that you do not wish to join the progression at an early point in your membership. Alternatively, it may be that you do have the bandwidth and would relish the opportunity to join the progression early in your new Chapter and fully immerse yourself in the ritual. Either way, you should seek out a Chapter that will recognise and meet your aspirations.

There are 27 working Chapters in the Province, spread across the different Centres. All of which will offer you a welcoming hand to continue your journey in pure Antient Freemasonry and complete that fourth step from Initiation to Exaltation. The important thing is to take that step when you are ready to do so, so that you can gain the greatest joy, and experience what is widely acknowledged to be the most dramatic ceremony in Masonry.



E Comp Mike Binsted
Second Provincial Grand Principal

The aspiration of generations of Corby freemasons were fulfilled at a superb ceremony conducted by the Supreme Council 33 degree with the consecration on the 11th September 2023 of the Heritage Rose Croix 1220 to be based at the Corby Centre with the number (pictured below).

E & P Bro Stephen Burton who was installed as the Chapters 1st Most Wise Sovereign (MWS) by the Sovereign Grand Commander then invested and installed the officers of the Chapter. Get well wishes were expressed for Bro Harry Twelvetree 31 who had been originally proposed as the 1st MWS

Eminent brethren including our own PGM were in the attendance that numbered 97, the majority of which stayed for a excellent consecration Lunch.
There are now 14 Chapters covering Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire , for further information about this wonderful order check out sc33.org.uk and email ianrmclachlan@outlook.com to get connected with a local chapter.

The Masonic Order of Athelstan will be Consecrating a new Court to be based at The Corby Masonic Centre.

So, what is the **Order of Athelstan**? For many it is historic and educational, for others it is rich in symbolism and a vehicle to keep old ritual alive, for others it is where good friends meet to share knowledge, thinking, friendship and good company.

The Order is Masonic and members must be both subscribing Craft Freemasons as well as subscribing Companions of a Royal Arch Chapter in full amity with the United Grand Lodge of England.

It aims to accommodate modern lifestyles with low costs, normally three meetings a year, 'White table' festive boards so that potential candidates can attend and raffles are not allowed.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact

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News from The LAMS
The Society of Lady Associate Members

2023 was an incredibly special year for Members and Friends of Northampton Lady Associate Members. We marked our 50th Anniversary year by engaging in some fun activities and by reflecting on the changes experienced over the last 50 years.

How it all began

Back in 1973 a group of like-minded ladies came together to form Northampton LAMs and fifty years later we are still going strong. Many of the inaugural members are, sadly, no longer with us, but their legacy lives on and we do our best to ensure their values and hopes for the organisation are neither forgotten nor diminished by time.

What started out as a simple social club, which provided an opportunity for family members of Masons to meet regularly, steadily grew and flourished. Companionship and shared interests were the drivers in those early years. Later, with more and more members joining, Northampton LAMs took the form of a 'not for profit' organisation. During those initial years, the Constitution was formed, objectives were set, and officers appointed.

Constitutionally, the main objective of Northampton LAMs was to arrange social activities for its membership and through this objective to raise funds towards the upkeep and maintenance of Freemasons' Hall, Northampton. This objective has withstood the test of time, as it remains our main objective today. In addition to this, a proportion of monies raised by Members is still donated to outside charities and deserving causes. During our 50 years, we are proud to have accomplished so much and provided funds to enhance and enrich the Northampton Hall premises, supporting Masons in the good works they do.

Helping to change lives

Throughout our history, we have championed a wide variety of charitable causes, our second constitutional objective. We chose charities that were dear to our hearts and locally based, where possible. We have listened to many representatives of those charities over the years and are proud to have helped deliver meaningful change to people's lives.

The road ahead

Of course, whilst we were excited to look back and celebrate those 50 years, our imperative now must be to look forward. Despite a diminishing membership, we are determined to maintain, and build upon, our past achievements.

To do this, we need new members to join us on our journey and help shape the next 50 years.

Becoming a member does not mean being expected to attend every coffee morning, lunch, or event, although we would be delighted to see you; your annual subscriptions alone would help us to continue meeting our objectives. It is an opportunity to be a part of something truly worthwhile. In short, you can make a difference and help us build on what our inaugural members set out to do fifty years ago.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, including 'Friends' of LAMs, and we would urge all ladies with an interest in supporting Freemasonry to join us in this very worthy cause and enjoyable experience.

Our website provides information for both current and future members of LAMs and it can be viewed here:

http://www.northampton-lams.org.uk/



Cutting the 50th Anniversary Cake – RWBro Mark Constant PGM and Mrs Barbara Freeman, Past Chair Northampton LAMs.

News from The Order of Women Freemasons

Pictured is the Installation meeting of Lodge Enterprise No. 80 on 2nd December 2023, when WBro Ann Lewis installed WBro Lesley Dodd into the chair of King Solomon.
The Lodge is now in the fortunate position that they have a waiting list of 5 ladies!

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ProvAGDC	SIMPSON John Edward	Old Northamptonian
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