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PASSWORD



Building Together

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2025
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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our Autumn 'Building Together' edition of Password. Whilst this is my first since becoming the Provincial Communications Officer back in May, nothing has fundamentally changed thanks to W.Bro's Peter Robinson & Craig Bunday, who continue with the hard work and dedication required to pull this magazine together.

The summer recess was filled with so much happening around the Province, we can all be truly proud of our members promoting Freemasonry in our communities.

The Provincial Communications Team continues to go from strength to strength - we would like to welcome back Jack Summerfield as the Local Communications Officer for Corby, along with Tom Williams to the Digital Marketing Team. The PGM had previously announced that Duncan Ford will support the Membership Team with all things 'comms'.

It is already looking like an exciting season, hopefully we will have plenty to report back on.

Yours Sincerely & Fraternally

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Notable Events

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

Melius Lodge of Emulation

RBL Poppy Collections & Remembrance Beyond the Craft

Supreme Grand Chapter

Grand Lodge QC

Provincial Carol Service

Wayne Williams

Grand Lodge QC

Provincial Grand Charity

Provincial Grand Lodge

Three Counties

Provincial visit to Grand Lodge

Provincial Grand Chapter

Inaugural Meeting (Master Masons)

Province Wide

Presentation

Team Visit

Team Visit

New Chapter Consecration

Team Visit

AGM

AGM & Appointments

Promotions to Past Ranks

Communication Update

AGM

Kettering - 22nd September 2025

November 2025

Sheaf Close - 8th November 2025

Great Queen's Street, London - 12th November 2025

Great Queen's Street, London - 10th December 2025

Peterborough Cathedral - 14th December 2025

Sheaf Close - 23rd January 2026

Great Queen's Street, London - 11th March 2026

Sheaf Close - 14th March 2026

Sheaf Close - 21st May 2026

Sheaf Close - 27th May 2026

Great Queen's Street, London - 10th June 2026

Sheaf Close - 25th June 2026

Message From The PGM/MEGS

Brethren and Companions,

As we start a new season in our wonderful Province, we start with not only the usual friendship and camaraderie but with a harmonised and integrated Royal Arch, we are now one organisation across Pure Ancient Masonry and also ever closer to the Companion orders. Our key focus still must remain Craft membership as from this all other paths commence.

We must ensure that we offer an organisation that meets the needs of all its members from our 80 plus year old Wardens and Grand

Officers to our new 20 year old entered apprentice. Not an easy task, we have always had great inter generational relationship and it's one of the most enjoyable aspects of our masonic fraternity. In addition as we grow we must consider how we ensure that the route to the WM chair, for those who want it, is not too long, this is especially important in our very successful Lodges where the wait is anything between 15 and 20 years - which is too long. In such cases if there are newer members anxious to work towards the chair, consider speaking to them about joining an



additional Lodge that is struggling and recycling Past Masters. Also to encourage members to work towards the chair Lodges should consider that the work once expected to be the sole responsibility of the Worshipful Master is shared and made more easy and accessible.

With harmonisation the path to the Royal Arch is something that is anticipated and sought, by every member. The Grand Master, Pro

Grand Master and also The Mark Pro Grand Master are all in agreement that every Master Mason should complete their journey in Pure Ancient Masonry, through their exaltation into the Royal Arch, before



they consider any other order.

Having a positive community presence and using our centres, when not in use by ourselves, to help and assist our community can do us no harm at all. I would although encourage centres to review their security arrangements and access to their artifacts, some of which are irreplaceable, when opening up to the general public. Unfortunately there have been cases across the country of valuable items going missing.

Our to Light Blues remain an important part of our Membership programme and I am delighted that Bro James Prince has been appointed as the RCG6 Lead on the new Light Blues and Royals

Advisory committee at UGLE, and that W.Bro Dan Cooke has accepted the role of Light Blues Liaison Officer. James and Dan will be working alongside the Light Blues to support them in their important role, as they continue to grow.



I thank everyone for their support of both the Maggie's appeal and HIGU appeal last season. It is my intention that this year Province will not be asking Lodges or members to support any additional fundraising or charitable causes. I wish everyone a most enjoyable season



ahead, and look forward to visiting as many Brethren and Companions as I can in your respective Lodges and Chapters.

May the Great Architect of the Universe keep you and your families in his care.

RW.Bro Mark Constant

Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent

August 2025



UNITED GRAND LODGE



SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER

Provincial Grand Treasurer

W.Bro Duncan Childs, PAGStB, PPSGW
Provincial Grand Treasurer

Last May at Provincial Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master RW.Bro Mark Constant was pleased to appoint W.Bro Duncan Childs as the Provincial Grand Treasurer in succession to W.Bro Paul Sparks, after his many years of exemplary service.

Ex Companion Duncan Childs was then reappointed as the Provincial Grand Treasurer in the Royal Arch at the June meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter and so has undertaken responsibility for both these important offices.

A Chartered Accountant by profession, Duncan is a very active Mason and is also a Group Officer in Kettering, Chairman of the Centre's companies and Management Committee.



In addition, the Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to announce the following non collared appointments;

W.Bro Scott McNeil
PAGStdB has been appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Almoner.



W.Bro Dan Cooke
PProvGStwd has been appointed as Light Blues Liaison Officer.

W.Bro Mark Hunt has been appointed as Assistant to the Provincial Grand Charity Steward.



The Provincial Grand Master is also delighted

to announce that **Bro James Prince** has been selected as the Primary Representative for the RCG6 (Northants and Hunts, Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) for the Light Blues and Royals Advisory Committee which has been established as a new committee within UGLE.

We send congratulations and best wishes to all in their new roles.

Grand Officer Appointments

We are pleased that promotion has been conferred on the following members of our Province:-

Promotions

W.Bro Tim Almond PSGD, DepPGM Towcestrian Lodge No. 9510 to PGSwdB thus making him a VW.Bro
W.Bro Dale Gilbert PAGDC, APMG Risdene Lodge No. 6532 to PSGD
W.Bro Francis Margôt PAGDC, APMG St. Ivo Lodge No. 2684 to PSGD
W.Bro Derek Morley PJGD, Lodge of St George No. 5978 to PSGD
W.Bro Gerry Crawford PAGDC, Grey Friars Lodge No. 4990 to PJGD
W.Bro Brian Elliott PAGDC, Three Counties Lodge No. 9278 to PJGD
W.Bro John Fergusson PAGPurs, Anglo Scottish Lodge No. 8844 to PAGDC

First Appointment to Grand Rank (Left to Right)



W.Bro Edward Williams AGStB; **W.Bro Kevin Foreman** PAGDC, ProvGSec; **W.Bro Simon Key** PAGDC, ProvGReg; **W.Bro Greg Warman** PAGDC, ProvGAlm; **W.Bro Scott McNeil** PAGStB; **W.Bro Philip Miles** PAGStB; **W.Bro Alex Thomson** PAGStB, ProvGMen

In addition, in his capacity as Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, Excellent Companion Mark Constant was pleased to announce details of those Companions who have been appointed to Grand Rank in the Royal Arch.

First Appointments

David John BURTON -
Past Grand Sword Bearer

Barry John HOWARD -
Past Grand Standard Bearer

Christopher John MULLEN -
Past GrandStandard Bearer

Jason Warren BRICE -
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Stuart Raymond PHILLIPS -
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Scott MCNEIL -
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies



We congratulate all Brethren and Companions on their well-deserved promotions and appointments and have no doubt that they will continue to make a substantial contribution to Freemasonry in the Province and beyond in the future.

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Introducing our Wardens

W.Bro Tim Fussell **Provincial Senior Grand Warden**

Was born in Sutton Coldfield on 26th November 1960, but was brought up in Somerset.

After graduating from the London School of Economics, he trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1986 and then as a member of the Institute of Tax. After 8 years with Ernst and Young he became a partner with Baker Tilly, now RSM and headed up their London corporate tax team. In 2014 he joined Moore Stephens, London office, as national head of corporate tax. He retired in 2019 following the firm's merger with BDO.

Tim became a Freemason in 1993 following in the footsteps of his father and maternal grandfather. He was initiated

into Socrates Lodge 373 and became Master in 2005. He was promoted to the active rank of Provincial Grand Steward in 2007. He was master of Plaisterers' Lodge 7390 (a city of London Livery Lodge) in 2023. He is currently Master of St Wilfrid Lodge 4453 and a member of Northants and Hunts Lodge of Installed Masters 3422. He is also a member of East and Central Africa Lodge 7446, a metropolitan lodge and is currently Chaplain and Mentor.

He was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in 2023 and honoured with promotion to Provincial Grand Senior Warden in 2025.

He was exalted into the Royal Arch in 2009 and is currently a member of Paviours & City Livery Chapter 5646.

companies, predominantly in the Aviation, Automotive and Defence sectors, which took him all over the world, he retired in 2017.

Initiated as a Lewis in the Lodge of St Giles 8736, Richard later joined Town and Country Lodge 9580 and also Sutton Court Lodge in Middlesex, serving as Master in all three lodges and a number of other offices.

He then joined the Mark degree very early in his Masonic journey closely followed by RAM, serving in the Chair in both. In 2013, Richard was exalted into the Cytringan Chapter in the Royal Arch.

Working closely with the Provincial Grand Almoner team, Richard has helped with support for brethren and families in need throughout the Province over many years.

W.Bro Richard was honoured to



Tim has been married to Sarah for 38 years and they have 3 wonderful daughters, Victoria, Louise and Catherine and 3 fabulous grandchildren. Number 4 is on the way.

Apart from his family, Tim's hobbies include walking Hugo his Labrador, running (somewhat more slowly nowadays) supporting Northampton Saints rugby team and all things cars. He is also a Liveryman being a member of the Worshipful Company of Plaisterers.

W.Bro James Richard King **Provincial Junior Grand Warden**

Born in Aldershot at the Queen Anne Military hospital and christened James Richard - James being a family tradition for the eldest boy, but seldom used.

Richard moved to Northamptonshire when very young and was educated in the county, although later in life attended Salford and Mander college completing his education.

His working career started in engineering working for British Steel and later moving companies working on projects with the MOD, CAA and other leading Radar and Communications specialists. After over twenty years of managing similar operations within large blue chip



be preferred as a Provincial Grand Steward, before holding Active ranks in other degrees. A keen ritualist, it is his greatest honour to be appointed this year to the rank of Provincial Junior Grand Warden.

Richard loves all sports, playing and competing at various levels - golf being now his major interest, having served as Club Captain in 1996 and leading the Club Scratch team to victory in 1998.

Passing to the Grand Lodge above

**W.Bro Jeff Lowe, PJGD,
PProvGChStwd**

It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of

W.Bro Jeffrey (Jeff)

Ronald Lowe to the Grand Lodge Above on 30th April 2025 aged 88 years.

W.Bro Jeff was initiated into Eleanor Cross Lodge on 9 January 1976, progressing through to become WM in 1987. He was appointed as a Provincial Grand Steward in 1989 and became WM of Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards in 2002.

He served for over 15 years

as Eleanor Cross Lodge Charity Steward, which led to him being appointed as Provincial Grand Charity Steward in 1992, a post he held until 2002, running a very successful Festival appeal.

He was appointed to Grand Rank in 1996, as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and was promoted to Past Junior Grand Deacon in 2003.

Jeff held Provincial Rank in many Companion Degrees, including Chapter and Rose Croix, as well as being Senior Group Officer for Northampton from 2004 to 2017.

Born in Northampton, he worked

as an Electrical Engineer for forty years in the electricity distribution industry and played for Northampton Casuals Rugby Club. He was married to Sylvia, with whom he had two sons, and a number of grandchildren.



**W.Bro Owen Davison,
PAGDC, PPJGW, SLGR**

It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of

W.Bro Owen William

Davison to the Grand Lodge Above on 18th June 2025 at his home aged 79 years.

W.Bro Owen was initiated into Iris Lodge No 2545 on 15th October 1990 in London. Within the Province, in 1993, he became a joining member of Rockingham Forest Lodge, undertaking all the progressive offices before reaching the Chair in both

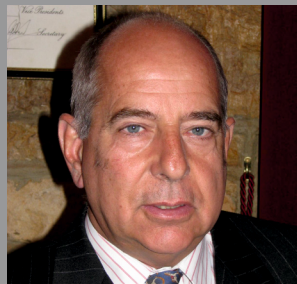
1999 and 2004, becoming a stalwart of the Lodge including 12 years as Director of Ceremonies and more recently as Charity Steward and Almoner.

Over the years, Owen received several Provincial Promotions, appointed Grand Steward in 2001 and culminating in 2014 to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. He was also active in many Companion Orders, including Chapter.

However, one of his greatest loves was as the Chairman and a very active member of the Provincial Demonstration Group. A family man with many children and grand children, in his professional

life, Owen was a Surgeon and Medical Educator at both Kettering General Hospital and Leicester Medical School.

W.Bro Owen lived respected, died regretted and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



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



News From Provincial Grand Lodge

Your Group Officers and Royal Arch Ambassadors

For reference, here is a 'who's who' across the Province, with Senior Group Officers and Lead Ambassadors highlighted

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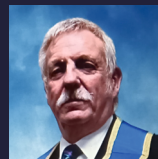
News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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As we are now at the beginning of the New Masonic Season and the lodge charity stewards are looking to raise funds for Provincial and registered local charities the best way you can support them and your lodge is by starting or renewing a monthly regular payment. At the March Provincial Grand Charity meeting VW Bro Tim Almond DPGM launched the High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) prostate machine appeal



for Northampton General Hospital, asking the brethren of the Province to raise £20,000 within a very short period, but down to the hard work by

the lodge charity steward with the support of the brethren for a very worthwhile cause a massive £55,000 was raised.

Last November the Provincial Grand Master was asked by the Pro Grand Master to support six other Provinces in raising £100,000 each for the Maggie's Appeal, with only having a couple of months left the Province has raised so far, an outstanding £159,171.

Whilst raising monies for the two appeals the lodges have also raised the following: PGC £28,761 TLC £27,606 Three Pillars £12,418 Devonshire Court £10,630 Lifelites £2,697 Palmer Court £3,795 Non-Masonic Charities £66,973 Total £152,880

There are two MCF Grant applications waiting to be agreed totalling £120,000, at the present there are ten grants already being paid to

local charities and this makes a total of the MCF Grants within the Province to £259,835

It has been decided that the Lifelites charity being one of the Provincial Charities who have received tremendous support over a number of years, a more local charity should now get that support.

As from the 1st August 2025 the Northampton Young Carers based in Wellingborough will be one of the Provincial Charities. So please help your lodge charity steward make donations by having a regular payment.

After meeting with one of the founders of MAGPAS, Dr Neville Silverstone at a lake where they both go fishing and hearing about the vital work that MAGPAS does





within our County. W.Bro Richard Low decided to make MAGPAS his chosen charity during his year as Master and raised a fantastic £1500. W.Bro Sean Dennis the Lodge Charity Steward made an application to the Provincial Grand Charity for enhancement which added a further £1500. Every day MAGPAS saves lives across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and the East of England. Each Air Ambulance flight cost on average £3500. MAGPAS receives no government funding and is totally funded by generous donations from Individuals, Businesses and charitable organisations which are essential to raise the £6 million per year it costs to provide this life saving care.

The new airbase at

Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon has facilities for providing the Aircrews and Medical Staff with a kitchen, Restroom and sleeping

accommodation and along with a state of the art fully immersive training facility. MAGPAS operates their Air Ambulance helicopter from 7am to 7pm and has a 24hr road vehicle capability. The MAGPAS teams have been called out 34 times in one week which included incidents across the five counties and visited patients with medical emergencies of all different sorts. The Hinchingsbrooke Lodge is proud to have supported this life saving organisation.

Provincial Apron Bags

I have just had two apron bags made that are waterproof with the Provincial Crest on the front and a name plate on the reverse in light or dark blue. These can be purchased for £15 if you would like one then please contact W.Bro

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Supporting charities is very important part of being a freemason and being able to help needy causes is an excellent way we can be a part of our local communities, so please support all the hard work that is being done by your lodge charity stewards. I personally would like thank them for all their hard work and support. I am looking forward to see you in the new season and I am always available to help with open days in promoting the MCF and Provincial Grand Charity.

W.Bro Mick Warren
Provincial Grand Charity
Steward

News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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Attracting Members - Growing Freemasonry...

Brethren, I hope you enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to the Masonic year ahead. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Building Together Roadshows, and I thank all Lodges and Groups for their efforts to address our Membership Challenge.



Waendel Walk
May



Cambs County Show May



Wellingborough
Armed Forces Day June



St Neots
Armed Forces Day June



Huntingdon Carnival Aug



Peterborough Beer Festival Aug Bank Holiday Weekend



Sadly, the second half of last season saw some inertia, with higher-than-expected losses due to deaths outweighing gains. We are currently 14 down year-to-date, and this cannot continue. A Lodge losing three members in a season must aim for at least four new joiners or initiates to stay healthy. While some losses are inevitable, we must constantly balance numbers to avoid spiralling costs for fewer members.

The evidence is clear: Lodges and Groups that take a proactive approach to Attraction are seeing dramatic improvements. Discover Freemasonry events across the Province – using gazebos, marketing materials, and open days – have increased awareness, produced strong enquiries, and reinvigorated volunteers. A great example was Peterborough's Beer Festival

stand and Open Day, generating over 20 high-quality enquiries and strong momentum for the new season. Attraction systems are booked and supported through the Discover Freemasonry Events Calendar and Booking System on the Provincial Website - scan the QR Code to access this (you must log in too!).

A long-term public presence is vital, and reduced rates for equipment plus Provincial funding now make this easier. Gentlemen's Information Evenings, now inclusive of wives and partners, continue to provide

a strong finale to attraction activity.

Please ensure all enquiries are promptly logged on Hermes to allow us to support effectively. Together, through proactive attraction, retention, and streamlined joining, we can grow our Lodges and achieve our **"Next Step 3000"** target.

W.Bro Jonathon Hibbins,
Provincial Grand Membership
Officer

So what do the numbers tell us...

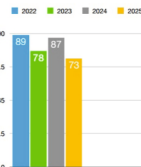
Gains 01Sep-31Aug

Number in black is total
Individual numbers for
Initiates and joiners only



19 fewer initiates -
12 fewer overall gains this year...

Initiates 01Jan-31Aug



14 fewer initiates year to date...



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Brethren all, I hope you had a most enjoyable summer and are returning to the new Masonic Season refreshed and looking forward to whatever challenge your next role in Freemasonry provides you with. For those that were active in Lodges over the summer, I hope you had productive meetings and events.

The major message from our new framework of 'Building Together' is that Pure Antient Masonry is a four stage journey and consists of four ceremonies and that the journey is not complete until the ceremony of Exaltation into a Royal Arch Chapter.

However, from a mentoring and engagement point of view the Framework has somewhat changed and clarified a number of things. The first thing to note is that it is now part of Craft Engagement to facilitate the Brother to continue his journey in Pure Antient Masonry culminating in Exaltation into a Royal Arch Chapter. Not only does this benefit the Brother by

completing his journey and therefore discovering that which was lost, but statistics show that brethren who have completed their journey are less likely to leave Pure Antient Masonry.

This concept is shown in the Figure below which is an extract from the Building Together Hub.

Perhaps equally important as the "Continue your journey" element, is the identification of Brethren who are at risk of leaving. This now sits squarely in the Engage role within the Lodge, normally managed by the Lodge Mentor. If I were to ask in any Lodge "What are the signs that a brother is at risk of leaving?", I am sure that I would get several very good responses.

Yet we still have brethren who resign; therefore, we are missing an opportunity to prevent some resignations. The secret is to do something about those risks. In many respects consistent non attendance, for known reasons and provided those are understood, and the brother being regularly contacted can be considered as a managed situation. However, where we see

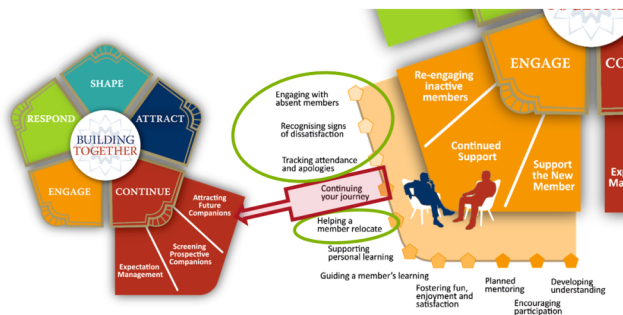
this indicates a potential risk and prompt action is required.

It is the case that some resignations are unavoidable for example an older, long serving, brother who decides to resign due to ill health can be understood, however there is a reasonable percentage of resignations which could be avoided. If we can reduce resignations by 20% across the year that would result in about 30 additional members and would greatly assist in us meeting the **Next Step 3000** target set by the PGM/MEGS.

Finally, brethren I would remind you all that this is a hobby and that hobbies must be enjoyable and fun. No one gets paid to come to Lodge, indeed membership of Freemasonry costs us money. You would not expect anyone to continue to pay for something which they do not enjoy. I would encourage you all to ensure that you and the Brethren of your Lodge enjoy their time and have fun. Masonic ceremonies are serious things and require appropriate deportment, however we can do it with a smile on our face and always emphasising that Freemasonry is Fun.

I wish you all a most enjoyable and productive Masonic season and look forward to meeting as many of you as I can in the months ahead.

W.Bro Alex
Thomson
Provincial
Grand Mentor



News From Provincial Grand Lodge

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Brethren, the level of referrals directed to the Provincial Almoner team remains lower than in previous years. We continue to receive excellent support from Vanisha Patel at the MCF Advice and Support team, who is based locally and helps us with Grant applications when required.

The Local Support Officer team (LSOs) and the MCF trained volunteers (VVs) have reduced to four in recent months, following the resignations of Jeff Callaghan and Ann James. I would like to record my personal thanks for their past support and service.

However, three replacements have been identified and are likely to join the team as the new season begins.

The Provincial Grand Charity continues to support local Masons ;

Year	Seasonal	Value	Emergency	Value	Total
2021	57	£17,300	13	£6,000	£23,300
2022	58	£17,800	15	£8,000	£25,800
2023	61	£19,400	8	£5,690	£25,090
2024	52	£17,800	8	£5,712	£23,512
2025 to-date	26	£ 7,800	3	£2,710	£10,510

The Hardship Fund continues to be utilised when a Brother has fallen on difficult times for one years' subscription support. Treasurers, Almoners and Secretaries can contact me directly via my details above, if help is needed.

Finally Brethren, here is a snapshot of the latest MCF grants ;

MCF grants to our Province

Year	MCF Grants	Value
2020 - 2021	141	£328,151
2021 - 2022	117	£245,600
2022 - 2023	85	£205,902
2023 - 2024	86	£232,943
01/01/2025 – 31/08/2025	40	£108,223*

Latest MCF* grants fall into the following categories:

Categories	Number Grants	Amount
Children, Young people and education	11	£ 20,858
Daily Living costs	23	£ 82,616
Health, Care and wellbeing	6	£ 4,749
Total	40	£108,223

W.Bro Greg Warman
Provincial Grand Almoner

News From the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch

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Our Royal Arch Province over the last few years has gone from strength to strength.

Under the leadership of our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent EComp Mark Constant the Province is delighted to support and Consecrate 3 new Chapters!!

These are the first new Chapters in our Province for nearly a quarter of a Century.

**The Wayne Williams
Chapter of Provincial
Grand Stewards.
Consecration 23rd January
2026 at Sheaf Close.**

Many of us around the Province and around the wider Masonic membership knew and loved Wayne. He was a

larger-than-life character who was sadly taken from us way too early.

To Celebrate him and his stewardship of our wonderful Royal Arch Province when he was Most Excellent Grand superintendent, we are consecrating a new Chapter in his name.

It will be a Chapter to rival the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards! It will be a celebration of Wayne's life and a testimony to all he stood for.

It will encourage Excellent ritual, outstanding talent and be something Wayne would be very proud of.

The Most Excellent Grand

Superintendent hopes to see Sheaf Close brimming at capacity for this amazing event.

Please book in early.

**Chapter of United Services.
Consecration 23rd May 2026.**

Our very first Speciality Chapter comprising of past and present Military and Blue light members.

Formed from the Lodge of United Services this Chapter has the ability to grow very successfully with the support of the Provinces' membership.

We have many Craft and Chapter members who have wonderfully served our Country and Communities as members of the Armed Services and Blue Light Services.

This will be another big event, and we all look forward to seeing this Chapter grow and grow.

Sartoris Chapter

Whilst the date and venue are still to be confirmed the members of Sartoris Lodge in Rushden are very much looking forward to creating their new Chapter.

All 3 of these amazing Chapters will start creating their own stories and journeys this Season.

The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent EComp Mark Constant hopes to see as many of our Royal Arch members there to support these happy and convivial Events as possible.

**The Wayne Williams
Provincial Grand Stewards
Chapter**

*Are you a Provincial, or Grand Officer in the
Royal Arch?*

*Would you like to be a founder member of the
newest Chapter in the Province?*

For more details email
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 One Journey, One Organisation

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Your Community Is Our Community

Our Community Engagement work focuses on cementing Freemasonry's reputation as a force for good in our communities. This makes your community, the one in which you live and work, our community and together we work to make it a better place for all. As Freemasons, we have an innate desire to serve and help our fellow man.

What Does Community Engagement Look Like?

As a Province, we have

a good foundation of Community Engagement activities already. So, what does it look like? Some of the examples are the NHS Blood & Transplant Service using our centre in Northampton, the Masonic Trout & Salmon Fishing Charity (MTSFC), Three

Pillars Feeding The Homeless Trust, supporting the annual Poppy Appeal. For clarity, giving time and donating money are both equally valid means to support projects.

Why Is It Important?

Service – it is one of the core principles of Freemasonry.

Membership Challenge – provides an opportunity to showcase Freemasonry as a thriving organisation that men aspire to join which in turn supports the Province's Membership Challenge.

Engagement – allows many





continue to serve our communities by being active in them to help make them better places for all.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

W.Bro John Fergusson

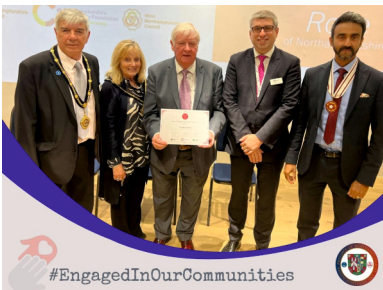
Community Engagement Lead

members a mechanism to fulfil their desire to put something back into their communities.

How Can You Help?

I do not have all the ideas so, I am open to hearing ideas of how, as a Province, we can serve your communities. I need you to be my eyes and ears in your communities.

Let's move forward together on this and



ST JAMES 3 PILLARS



August

TOTAL MEALS SERVED

674

Thank you to our volunteers, donors and supporters. Without you, this wouldn't be possible




News From The Light Blues

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JOIN THE CLUB - BUILD FRIENDSHIPS

Think “young” just means age? Think again. The Light Blues welcome every Mason who wears a white or light blue apron. It’s not about how many birthdays you’ve had; it’s about where you are on your Masonic path.

From the moment you join, you’re eligible. Whether you’re fresh from initiation or years into your journey, if you wear the apron of an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason, you belong here.

The Light Blues offer connection, camaraderie, and a space to grow—socially, spiritually, and fraternally. It’s where tradition meets momentum, and where every handshake carries the promise of shared purpose.

Want to see what’s happening near you?

Join our Facebook page to stay up to date with upcoming events, socials, and opportunities to connect with fellow Light Blues. Whether it’s a casual pub night, a lodge visit, or something a little different from Clay Pigeon Shoots to the Halloween Ball, there’s always something worth showing up for.

JOIN TODAY

<https://nhnymc.co.uk/>



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



If you thought Freemasonry was all quiet contemplation and formal dinners, think again. This year, the Light Blues have been everywhere—and they’ve brought the buzz with them.

Masked Ball with provincial flair? We were there.

Clay Pigeon Shoots? Precision, laughter, and a touch of friendly rivalry.

Pie & Pint nights and Pizza socials? Comfort food meets great company.

Treasure Hunt? Think teamwork, twists, and a trail of unforgettable moments.

Inter-Club Golf Tournament? Swing, banter, and bragging rights.

5 Points of Fellowship Lodge Visits? Exploring lodges and centres that dare to do things differently.

And that’s just the start. Every event has been a chance to connect, celebrate, and rediscover the joy of the journey—no matter your age, as long as you wear a white or light blue apron.

Join today and watch your masonic circle grow.

THE LIGHT BLUE PASSPORT

The Light Blue Passport: Your ticket to Masonic adventure
You've heard whispers... now it's time to discover it for yourself.

Introducing the Light Blue Passport—your invitation to explore, connect, and earn your place among the most active Masons in the Province.

Here's how it works:

1. Visit a centre.
2. Get the secretary's signature.
3. Complete the circuit and claim your Gold Badge!

Simple? Yes. But the journey is anything but ordinary.

Each visit is an opportunity to experience the unique flavour of ritual, architecture, and brotherhood that every lodge brings. You'll meet old friends you haven't met yet, swap stories, share laughs, and deepen your understanding of the craft in ways no handbook can teach.

Whether you're newly initiated or years into your Light Blue journey, this is your chance to step beyond your home lodge and see the Province through fresh eyes.

Want to see who's already on the move—and what you're missing?

Join the Facebook group and follow the trail of signed passports, smiling faces, and unforgettable nights.

Monthly Mooch

A relaxed walk with fellow members and guests. Bring your dog, stretch your legs, and enjoy easy conversation in the great outdoors.

No speeches, no ceremony—just good company and fresh air.



Five Points of Fellowship Visits

Explore specialist lodges with unique themes—from Scouting to Motorbikes—and discover fascinating centres that blend tradition with personality. A great way to see the diversity of Freemasonry and meet brethren who share your interests.

And that's just the beginning. From pub socials and quiz nights to themed dinners and trips away, the Light Blues are building a community that's vibrant, inclusive, and full of character.

HALLOWEEN BALL 25TH OCT

Open to all over 18, not just Light Blues.

Fancy dress is encouraged, and the atmosphere promises to be unforgettable. Expect music, laughter, and a few surprises throughout the night.



Check out Facebook for all our upcoming events

Northants & Hunts NYMC



SAVE
THE
DATE

25th November
Freemasons' Hall
Sheaf Close, Northampton.

25 Candidates will be taking their
next step in Freemasonry by
being Exalted into
Abington Chapter 8041

More details to follow

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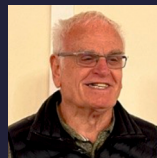
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• MELIUS • LODGE OF EMULATION (No 9491)

a special occasion with a bit of a difference

Kettering Masonic Hall

5.30pm Monday 22 September 2025

Master Masons only



We are delighted to request your attendance at this unique evening.

The purpose of Melius Lodge of Emulation is to instruct and assist Brethren in all offices in rehearsing and delivering pure Emulation Ritual. The format of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London (ELoI), and indeed the Emulation ritual, have largely remained unaltered for over 200 years. Our meetings will follow the same format as the ELoI.

Melius shall be a 'recognised' Emulation Lodge of Instruction by London.

The inaugural meeting will consist of a demonstration of a pure Emulation First Degree Ceremony, with a visiting recognised Preceptor acting as WM and the other roles being taken by Light Blues from Kettering, Thrapston and Corby.

There will be Committee members from the London ELoI attending, offering a unique opportunity with a Q&A session.

We look forward to welcoming our Provincial Grand Master,
RW Bro Mark Constant.

Preceptors W Bros Mark Titterton and Billy Glover will preside over the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you.
Melius Lodge of Emulation Committee



Please see the summons for booking details.

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Inaugural Meeting

The culmination of several years of work has come to fruition with the inaugural meeting within the Province of the Melius Lodge of Emulation No.9491 on Monday 22 September 2025 at Kettering Masonic Hall.

Led by W.Bro Mark Titterton PPJGW, seen below, who has recognised preceptor status and has recently become a member of the committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in London, together with W.Bro Billy Glover PProvGSwdB, W.Bro Eddy Storey PProvAGDC and many other distinguished brethren.

This also follows an incredible record of 6 silver matchbox awards in London between these three brethren in a seven month period during 2024-5!



News From Around The Province

Kettering & Thrapston

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On Saturday 17th May 2025, around 70 members, families and friends gathered for the ever-popular St Crispin Social Night. The event once again delivered an enjoyable mix of fellowship and fundraising, raising £800 to be shared between two local charities: Teddies for Loving Care and The Great Bowden Recital Trust, helping young people access music lessons and instruments across South Leicestershire and North Northamptonshire, a cause especially close to organiser W.Bro Sam Haigh, himself a keen musician.

Guests were treated to a feast of homemade curry, samosas, and naan breads before the evening was brought to life by a vibrant performance from the Kettering Bhangra Class. This community group charity encourages people of all ages to stay active through dance, and their colourful, high-energy display filled the room with rhythm, drums and cheer. The fun intensified when Brethren, after some tuition, joined in with the dancing.

The raffle generated plenty of excitement, while the ever-popular whisky toss saw W.Bro Len Pengelly take home a fine single malt.

The evening proved to be another memorable success for St Crispin Lodge—a celebration of good food, lively entertainment, and the shared spirit of giving back to the community.



Kettering Masonic Hall Refurbishment Progress

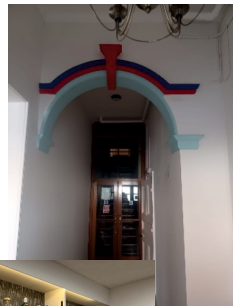
Over the summer, Kettering Masonic Hall has seen significant progress in its ongoing refurbishment. A dedicated team of volunteers has worked tirelessly on improvements. The Management Committee continues to do an excellent job, carefully planning for both social and masonic use of the premises while ensuring minimal disruption during the masonic season. Their efforts are helping to create a more welcoming and functional space for all. Special thanks to W.Bros Keith Riddle, Mark Titterton and Tom Reed and the hard working committee.

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



Thrapston's Graham Milton Lodge recently organised

a fun motorcycle ride-out for charity. A group of 12 bikes set off from The Stag at Maidwell, enjoying a scenic countryside route with a café stop in Melton Mowbray for tea and cakes. The ride concluded at Bro Steve Saunders' home, where around 50 guests gathered for a delicious barbecue and social afternoon. Together, the event raised an impressive £550 for Blood Bikes, the volunteer service that delivers urgent medical supplies to hospitals.



Corby, Oundle

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A Discover Freemasonry event was arranged in Corby,

overall the event was well attended and the weather was perfect. Undoubtedly the star of the day was the 1967 Daimler Open Platform Bus, which provided a couple of free trips around Corby, in the afternoon this included a good number of residents from the Glenmoor care home, some of whom hadn't been outside the home for over 4 years. The feedback was excellent.

Exhibitors included Lakelands Hospice - nurses were on hand, to provide advice which was asked for and given.

Royal British Legion - their attendance helped forge the Local Masonic / RBL partnership.
Masonic Fishing Charity & Widows Sons - a new volunteer came to the event just to introduce himself.

Teddies For Loving Care - BIG TED operated the meet and greet.
Discovering Freemasonry - this was operated by the Light Blues Mulliner Classic Car Lodge.
Corbie Lodge, WME and his stories about meeting Mark Smith from the Antiques Roadshow.

Although the event was not a fundraiser over £500 was donated to the various charities on the day.

CORBY LAMS (Ladies Associate Members) provided delicious cakes, scones etc, their regular coffee mornings are soon to commence, they are already an important part of the centre.

All of the Corby Lodges were represented, prospective candidates were shown round the centre, there were also a number of enquires about the fraternity, and some of the older brethren, who are NOT attending, due to not wanting to go out at night, came along.

There was a real buzz about the place, old and new getting together for a chat, a Mason emailed to say that he felt the complex had come alive today, high praise indeed.



News From Around The Province

**Huntingdon,
Ramsey,
St Ives,
St Neots,
Kimbolton**

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Group Officers, Phil Miles and John Napper, 'Build Together' with their counterparts from neighbouring Cambridgeshire Province at the Cambridgeshire County Show to create the perfect opportunity to explain our charitable work in the Community.



Recruits 'fell in' at Armed Forces Day when Euston and Toseland Lodges hosted a Discover Freemasonry stand at St Neots. Attracting four new members, it provided an opportunity to learn about our history and principles, as well as charitable works and community involvement, explaining Freemasonry's role in modern society.



Euston Lodge IPM Steve Rodley supports the Upside-Down Sports Club to come together to enjoy sport and social activities at their monthly sessions at St Neots, and during organised trips and activities further afield.

W.Bro Mark Bramley, Sothius Lodge answer 'What is Freemasonry' to enquirers at St Ives Open Day.



MEGS, Mark Constant, delivers a 'pep-talk' to Esmund Edwards prior to Ailwyn Chapter Installation, while David Perkins DC waits on anxiously.

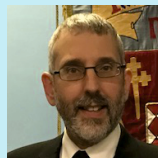
St Ives Masons met for convivial 'close-season' fun with new candidates while refurbishment work takes place in the Lodge.



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On Saturday 26th of July 2025,

an Extraordinary Meeting of the Vale of Nene Lodge No 7006 was held at Peterborough Masonic Centre to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Lodge. The Vale of Nene were joined by their friends in Freemasonry, as well as many wives, partners and guests. Some Masonic Guests had travelled as far as Yorkshire to represent Lodges who's members held office when The Lodge was formed in 1950.

The official visitor for the occasion was the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro Dale Gilbert, and the only item of business was to initiate Mr Graham Mark Mangion into the Lodge. Whilst the Lodge meeting was in progress all the guests attended a presentation by W.Bro Mike Neville on Freemasonry and

the origins of Forensic Science. At the festive board, over 80 Brethren, wives, partners and guests enjoyed three orations given by W.Bro Craig Bunday, Secretary of Fitzwilliam Lodge (Vale of Nene's mother Lodge), W.Bro Phil Hammersley, Lodge Secretary, and W.Bro Rhys Perrin, Lodge ADC respectively.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master rose in reply to his toast, and specifically thanked those members of the Light Blues Club, who had attended in support of him, and also as part of their 'Light Blues Passport' visiting initiative.

Congratulations to W.Bro Colin St John-Browne, who celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry in February 2025, seen here receiving his Certificate from W.Bro Kevin Mackie, Peterborough Group Officer.



St Peter's Lodge hosted the second annual Peterborough St George's Day Celebration at The Bull Hotel, Peterborough on 23rd April 2025. The event was attended by many brethren of various Lodges and were entertained by W.Bro Mike Neville who gave a very interesting talk on Freemasonry and significant Masons of the past. A raffle raised £300 which is to be donated to the Three Pillars at their September meeting.

At the beginning of the year a donation from the Lodge of £500 was also given to the Old Fletton School Primary School for Special Educational Needs. The donation was well received and was to be used to purchase sensory equipment.



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The Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research

holds a special place in our Province and was honoured on Monday 17th March 2025 with the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, RW.Bro Arthur Steven Varley, who presented an address entitled, 'Pure Ancient Masonry, One Journey, One Organisation'.

Held at Sheaf Close, Northampton it was great to see a full Lodge room, with a sea of 'Dark Blue' on one side and equally matched with 'Light Blue' on the other with great support

from the N&H New & Young Masons Club members. There was an audible silence in anticipation of what the AGM was going to deliver and we were not disappointed !

The background and detail into 'One Journey, One Organisation' was compelling and informative, with the next stage of the journey now updated by combining both the Membership Pathway and Archway into a new way forward entitled 'Building Together'.

Then followed an extensive Q&A session where the AGM was keen to answer all questions. The brethren then retired to the bar before a very convivial festive board ensued. The AGM then continued the discussions by circulating with the brethren in a very open way.

This was a special meeting, with this excellent introduction into the way Pure Antient Masonry is going forward and what this Province will deliver in the immediate future.



In what is becoming an annual event,

Eleanor Cross Lodge enjoyed a boat trip and meal at Stoke Bruerne in July. Lodge members, family and friends boarded the Indian Chief narrowboat to journey along the Grand Union Canal from Stoke Bruerne to Blisworth and back, passing through the Blisworth Tunnel, the third longest tunnel on the canal network, whilst taking advantage of the onboard bar. Having disembarked they then enjoyed a wonderful three course meal at the Boat Inn, hosted by W.Bro Andrew Woodward.



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After several years of planning, the Province's 98th lodge, Leather On Willow Lodge No. 10062, was finally Consecrated on Saturday the 22nd March 2025 at Freemasons' Hall, The Griggs Centre, Sheaf Close, Northampton.

Over 120 brethren attended the Consecration of this specialist

lodge for brethren with an interest in cricket, which included a wonderful ceremony and a most enjoyable festive board.

The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, with founding Worshipful Master, W.Bro Mark Hunt and his wardens being presented with a

Signed Cricket bat.

The wonderful ceremony was led by the Provincial Grand Master, together with his Executive team and included both thought-provoking, and at times amusing, addresses by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro Aaron Day. It was well orchestrated throughout by the Provincial Secretariat and the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro Ian Wilson, who was ably assisted by his DC team.

The occasion was further enhanced by the music of the Provincial Grand Organist, W.Bro Bill Wright, and a choir comprising members of Pro Musica Lodge No. 9547, both of which contributed to a wonderful atmosphere.



Once the consecration ceremony had concluded, the Lodge's first installation meeting was led by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Tim Almond PSGD, who installed W.Bro Mark Hunt in fine style as the Lodge's founding Worshipful Master.

With membership of the lodge aimed at brethren who have an interest in cricket, they have made an excellent start with 31-founding members and the Lodge set to be most successful.



News From Around The Province

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W.Bro Cesare Marinaro took the chair of King Solomon in Sulgrave Lodge, supported by over 80 Brethren including 2 past PGM's an APM and W.Bro John Fergusson as the representative of the Provincial Grand Master it was a night to remember. Congratulations Cesare and we wish you a fantastic year as Master of Sulgrave Lodge No9462.

If anyone is interested in joining Sulgrave Lodge please contact tipickering@hotmail.com



Members of Wellingborough Lodges supporting Armed Forces Day in Wellingborough town centre.



Wellingborough United Lodge of Instruction

held their annual festival meeting on Monday 28th April. 40 brethren from many lodges enjoyed a fantastic demonstration of a 1st degree ceremony and their traditional bangers and mash festive board. An evening of fun and companionship.

WUOI meets on the last Monday of the Month Sept -May for more details contact krissroberts@hotmail.com

A big thank you for all those who supported Wentworth's "Forget me not walk" Fantastic weather and over £16,000 raised for Grief Encounter!

John Pyel Lodge celebrated St George's Day

on last meeting of the season. An excellent 3rd degree ceremony upstairs. And at the festive board the brethren celebrated with songs from around England with music provided by W.Bro Steve Baldock.



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Local poet Philip Dunkerley, after meeting W.Bro Robert Puest

was inspired to write a poem about Stamford Masonic Centre. A tour of the building and the loan of W.Bro Linell's A History of Stamford Freemasonry provided the spark. During the Stamford

Poetry Walk in July, the group paused at the Centre where Philip's poem was read aloud. A widely published poet, with over 150 works featured in magazines, anthologies and webzines, Philip's poetry can easily be found online by searching his name.

Many members of "The Lodge of Merit"

have stories to tell of their own experiences of Cancer or of their friends and families. Bro Tim Parish who was initiated into the Lodge in November 2022 wanted to help raise funds for cancer charities by bravely walking 500 miles to assist the charities, especially as his father Bro Jason Parish (also a member of Merit) is undergoing treatment at present. While he hiked Camino de Santiago, a five hundred mile (eight hundred kilometre) ancient pilgrimage spanning the French Pyrenees and the entire width of Spain, his dad was unable due to appointments relating to his own cancer journey, and so he went the same distance on his stationary smart bike, following the same daily routes and inclines. Donations remain open, scan the QR code below:



The Stamford Masonic Centre All Saints Street

Operative masons built temples to the sky in tribute to the deities they worshipped up on high. They built them perpendicular and levelled every course upraising fit oblations to those they deemed the Source.

And so among the ancients, of Egypt and of Greece and through the Roman empire, the monuments to peace. And then in time in France, and on to Norman England too magnificent cathedrals were constructed good and true.

But gentlemen of insight began to see the dark of the Medieval mindset was a hindrance to the spark of Knowledge and Enlightenment, and by degrees agreed to adapt the ancient principles of building to their need.

The notion, then, of speculative masons was conceived to discern how moral good and truth might better be achieved and the idea of the 'upright' man arose, and also then of being 'on the level' in a fellowship of men.

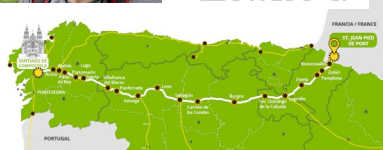
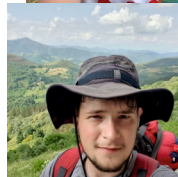
And among the many masons of a speculative mind, are poets now considered as among the greatest kind. I'll mention Alexander Pope, and Robert Burns, that's two, and Kipling, Goethe, Lewis Carroll, just to add a few.

Meanwhile, in Stamford, in the time of George III, speculative masons - known as Freemasons - conferred to found a company of men, a kindly brotherhood, and meet up regularly with a view to doing good.

And still the old traditions are flourishing today in Stamford town, since 1865 the 'Merit' way. And now, in what was once the Bluecoat school, Freemasons meet in regular attendance at their home in All Saints Street.

So let's reflect a moment, before we travel on, that fellowship and moral good are good for everyone. And what we all should aim for as we pass the little time we have on earth is uprightness. And here I end my rhyme.

**Written by Philip Dunkerley for
'Roads, Rhymes and Past Time -
Walking Tour of Stamford', 5th July 2025.**

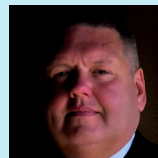


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Pig In The Park was held at Winwick Warren Farm, home of W.Bro David Smith. The event was organised by W.Bro Smith, W.Bro Paul McGreggor, his wife Peggy and W.Bro Ray Pardon.

It was in aid of the late worshipful master of Coritani Lodge, W.Bro Kevin Ashman, who we sadly lost to the Grand Lodge Above half-way through his year as master. It was his wish for the event to take place in aid of his chosen charity (Carers in Daventry) who helped his daughter when she gave birth to his first grandchild.

The day was made better by the weather and entertainment by W.Bro Graham Ballinger and his band.

The event raised £2,225 with raffle prizes donated for the event.



On Friday, 11th April 2025, seven members of the Croughton Square and Compass Cub travelled to Southwold in Suffolk, for a dual purpose visit. Some were accompanied by wives/partners for the trip which included, on the Friday afternoon, an escorted tour of Adnam's fine brewery.

In the evening, the Brethren paid a visit to Martyn Lodge, held in the Masonic Hall in Southwold, at which there was an impeccable Raising Ceremony, followed by an excellent Festive Board in the local Constitutional Club.

The photograph in the bar at Adnam's shows W.Bro Andrew and Mrs Lesley Woodward, W.Bro Graham and Mrs Denise Minett, W.Bro Richard Brice, W.Bro John Line and Pamela, W.Bro Dave Crossley, Bro Martyn and Pauline Sear, Bro Chris and Claire Read.

Whilst the Brethren were on the Lodge visit, the ladies dined at The Crown Hotel

All of the Brethren are members of Grand Junction Lodge amongst others, with the exception of Bros, Chris Read and Dave Crossley who are members of Grey Friars Lodge.

An excellent time was had by all, in the very welcome Spring sunshine.



Daventry joint Lodges Giving

is a long established donation where each lodge donates £500

(so £2000 in total) and has always achieved matched funding from Province.

Each lodge, on an annual rotation decides on the Charity. This year it was Beneventa. This years £4000 donation was made to DACT (Daventry Community Transport).

DACT is a volunteer run

transport service that allows the older members of the community, mobility challenged and any others in need, to get around town to help with them get to the shops, attend events, days out etc. They have been running for a number of years and are considered an essential and much needed assistant to those who struggle to get out of their homes etc.

Roll Of Honour

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



60 YEARS

Leslie Blake

Lodge

Petriburg

50 YEARS

John Louis Spencer Mudd

Jeffrey Richard Cox

John Nanson Austin

Robert Kingham

Brook Stephen Valentine Edmunds

Peter Gary Earley

Dennis Michael Coleman

Michael John Hornett

David Ernest Charles Snedker

Lodge

Lodge of Fidelity

St Ivo

De la Pre

De la Pre

Willowbrook

Sothius

Corbie

Hamtune

Towcestrian

This is in Public Recognition of the valuable service given by the above Brethren.

News From the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch

Chapter of Installed Principals Meeting, September 2025



Montagu Chapter 150th Anniversary Meeting, Friday 30th May, Stamford



Provincial Grand Chapter, Monday 16th June 2025, Northants & Hunts

Rushden LAMs have had a busy summer, starting at the Rushden Masonic Centre Open Day on Saturday 10th May. Members of LAMs were pleased to support the event, providing tea, coffee and cake along with a warm welcome to everyone that came along. LAMs would especially like to thank W.Bro Barry Walklate, Group Membership Officer for Rushden



for inviting us to fire up our urn for this occasion which enabled us to collect donations for our 2025 charity – Serenity, the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Northampton. At their Coffee Morning on 28th May, LAMs were joined by Dr Kevin Williams, Secretary for the Provincial Grand Charity at the cheque presentation for their 2024 charity, 'Serve'. They would very much like to thank

all the members of Rushden LAMs for their continued support and generosity with their fund raising, and to extend our grateful thanks to the Provincial Grand Charity for their extremely generous donation to this good cause. They sincerely hope that the funds provided will be useful in the continuation of the valuable services provided to local people.

Janet Burton, Kath Brookes, Sandra Boughton and Sarah Burton ready to serve refreshments with a smile at RMC Open Day 2025.



The Vaux Room at Harrowden Hall/Wellingborough Golf Club, ready to receive Rushden LAMs & guests. Tasty treats and bottomless tea pots combined with lovely company made for a wonderful afternoon.



Rushden LAMs Chairman, Valerie Brierley, Dr Kevin Williams, Secretary, Provincial Grand Charity, presenting the cheque to representatives from 'Serve'.



On Saturday 31st of May 2025 the Millie's invited Chris Rayatt who is the warden at Palmer Court to their monthly coffee Morning, with the first item on the agenda being a cup of coffee and a slice of cake after which members of Millies surprised Chris when they presented a £200 cheque from the Millies to Palmer Court, this we received donation will go towards the Social Events, Entertainment and Activities being put on at Palmer Court.

The Millies are able to support both Wellingborough Masonic Hall and other masonic causes due to their monthly coffee morning and events they hold throughout the year, why

not pop along and enjoy a coffee and a slice of cake or two, up coming event details Below.

Upcoming coffee Morning Dates

25 th October	20 th December	28 th February
15 th November	17 th January	21 st March

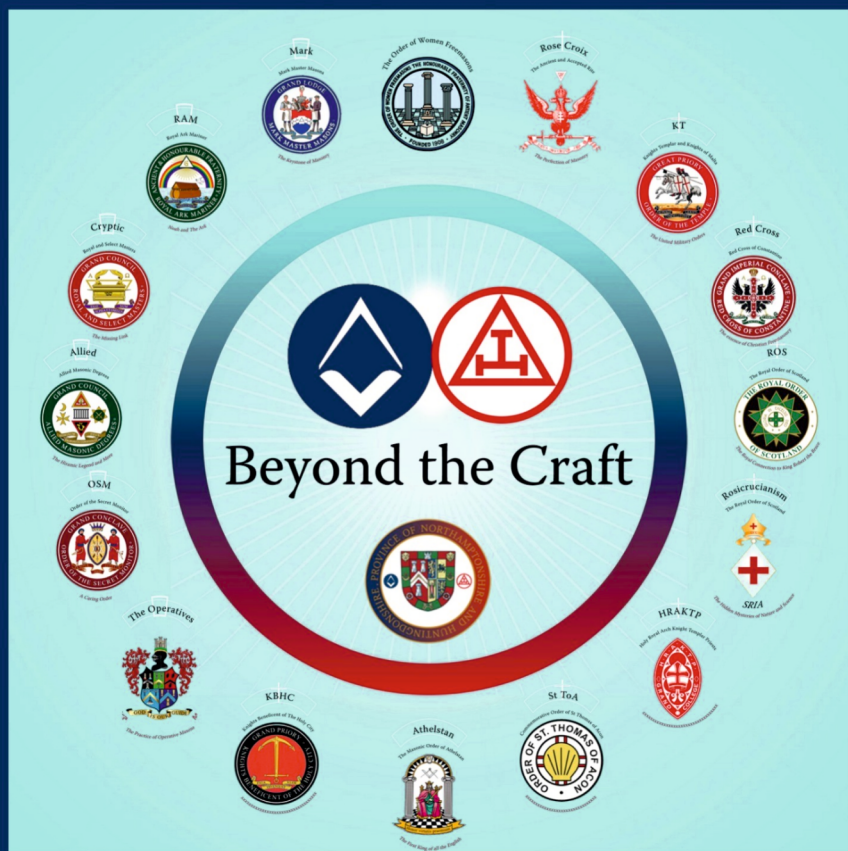
Beyond the Craft

An invitation to find out more

10.00am Start

Freemasons Hall The Griggs Centre
Sheaf Close, Northampton.

"Tea, coffee, and
light refreshments
will be available
throughout the day."



This event is a fantastic opportunity for Brethren and Partners to explore and engage with other degrees that complement and support their Craft Masonry.

New LAMs Group - Coming soon to Corby

Ladies Associate Members (LAMs for short) are a group for females that have a connection to a Freemason e.g. wife, partner, daughter, mother, widow or friend etc.

There are 2 other LAMs groups within the Province, one meeting at Sheaf Close in Northampton and one in Rushden. It was viewed that there were a growing number of ladies who would appreciate a similar group in Corby and having sought advice from The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro Mark Constant, he was only too pleased to give its formation the green light.

As an association we are not a Lodge or Chapter and that means we do NOT perform Ritual or wear any regalia.

The main purpose of the group is Friendship, bringing ladies together with a common interest that all partners have a link to Freemasonry. LAMs membership may be of particular help for newer members to develop friendships, raising money for charity and involvement in local activities.

Various events are planned including Burns nights, afternoon teas, coffee mornings, cake sales and many more.



Our first year Membership will be set at £20 per year, renewable/payable each year. We are planning to start in September 2025. If you would like to join then please get in contact

Katie Mason
corbylams@yahoo.co.uk



Palmer Court News

50th Anniversary of the MHA Garden Party:

On the 20th May, the residents of Palmer court celebrated a key milestone for the Masonic Housing Association's presence in Wellingborough and surrounding areas. For 50 years the Freemason supported sheltered housing facility has provided affordable, quality sheltered housing to Freemasons, their family connections, and others in need.



Here's just some of what we've been up to: Cocktail Night; Coffee Morning; Mr Whippy stopped by; Joshua Daniel The Tenor Singer; Race Night; Chippy Tea; HomeFit Vitality

For more details about Palmer Court and to see the wonderful events please follow us on facebook – **Palmer Court Masonic Housing Association**



Royal Arch Golf Day 2025

The annual Royal Arch Golf Match between Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Royal Arch and Warwickshire Royal Arch took place this year at Hellidon Lakes Golf Resort near Daventry for the Peter Kitson Trophy. The Most Excellent Grand Superintendent EComp Mark Constant presented the prizes to the winners

and The Peter Kitson Trophy to Ecomp Gerry Logue congratulating the Warwickshire team on winning it for the Seventh Consecutive year, but that Northants and Hunts will be striving to win it back next year. Next year's match will be hosted by Warwickshire at Coventry Hearsall Golf Club on Thursday 18th June 2026.



N&H Masonic Golf Society 2025

W.Bro Barrie Goulding was appointed Captain of the N&HMGs for the 6 Counties match by W.Bro Alex Thomson, Chairman of the Society.

Although Warwickshire won on the day, the real winner however was the Charity, The Fisher House, which provides support for the families of injured service men and women who have been injured and

are receiving care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham which is the charity being supported by Warwickshire in celebration of the Province's upcoming 300 year anniversary. A tremendous £1750 was presented on the day. A great example of doing the right thing whilst having fun. If you want more

information on Masonic Golf in the Province contact the Secretary W.Bro Barrie Goulding on Barrie.Goulding@isasgroup.co.uk



Masonic Fun Day and Music Festival 2025



Mulliner Car Show at Sheaf Close





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