



Visit to Supreme Grand Chapter

The Province normally sends a strong party to the November meeting of Supreme Grand Chapter and this year was no exception though obviously smaller in number compared with previous years, after an absence in 2020.

The Pro First Grand Principal presided, and we were treated to an interesting presentation led by E.Comp. Patrick Penny on “Archway”, which is being developed as the Royal Arch equivalent to Pathway. The aim being to increase the percentage of Master Masons being exalted.

Interesting statistics were produced which showed a wide variation in Royal Arch membership as a percentage of Craft Masons in a Province. Cambridgeshire is ahead of the curve, but our Grand Superintendent is urging us to improve that.



In his address the Pro First Grand Principal, after welcoming everyone back to the first “normal” meeting, stressed that there must be no misconception that the Royal Arch was in any way considered inferior to Craft Masonry, and that was emphasised in the preamble to the Book of Constitutions.

Normally the Province dines at Parkers Restaurant afterwards. At the last minute this was not possible and the Provincial Team organising the visit worked quickly to arrange for us to dine at Trattoria Verdi on Southampton Row and we all enjoyed an extremely pleasant meal in excellent surroundings.

Royal British Legion 2021 Poppy Appeal

Congratulations to Bro. Doug Black and Bro. Steve Handscomb of St Ovin Lodge No. 7774 in the fine city of Ely, who raised nearly £800 on Sunday 7 November in support of the Royal British Legion 2021 Poppy appeal.

Doug, a retired Major, and Steve, a retired Lieutenant Colonel, have been supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal for 12 years.



Wisbech Freemasons Help Local Charities

Two local charities have recently received help from Wisbech Freemasons. They are “Friends of the Octagon Graveyard” and the Magpie Centre.

Firstly, following an appeal for help from the “Friends of the Octagon Graveyard”, Wisbech Freemasons from the Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No 6125 and the Wisbech Bruvvers Breakfast Club donated £500.

In 1952 the Octagon Chapel in Wisbech had to be demolished as the structure was failing and the graveyard which had been in use since 1831 became locked away with little or no maintenance, until a group of likeminded people formed the “Friends of the Octagon Graveyard,” in 2020. Since then, a tremendous amount of work has been undertaken removing vegetation, making trees safe constructing a safe access into and around the site, and planting to create a Wildlife Pocket Park.

Andrew Wheeldon, Friends of the Octagon Graveyard, reported that they would now be able to complete the work and that they were very grateful to the Freemasons for their help by donating £500.

Andrew Clifton, Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge said, “We are delighted to be able to help this very worthwhile cause.”



Secondly, the Wisbech Bruvvers Breakfast Club have also helped the Magpie Centre.

Following a recent visit to the Magpie Centre, they presented a cheque for £750 in support of the Centre’s activities.

The Magpie Centre – Riding for the Disabled, has been operating as a dedicated RDA Riding Centre from Wallington Hall in West Norfolk for over 30 years. The Centre is set in 300 acres of private land providing a safe and secure environment in a tranquil and peaceful setting which offers riding and carriage driving lessons to people of all ages and abilities.

There is also a Sensory Garden where clients with dementia can enjoy a Tea and Pony experience. The centre is supported by over 50 volunteers from the local community who help in lessons the ponies, with field maintenance and fundraising.

Colin Perriss, Chair of the Trustees said, “We are extremely grateful to the Bruvvers Breakfast Club and Wisbech Freemasons for their generous donation that will help us to keep our horses fed during the coming winter months.”

Andy McDonald, Bruvvers Breakfast Club and Wisbech Freemasonry said, “The Magpie Centre in West Norfolk RDA provides a fantastic emotive and enjoyable experience for the young and old with varying disabilities and we are pleased to be able to support this worthwhile charity.”

A Day at the New and Young Mason Clubs Conference.



The New and Young Mason Clubs Conference is an annual event, hosted each year by a different Province. This year the host was the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire under the banner of Fleet House Light Blues Club, based at Ashwell House, St. Albans.

Attendees representing the Cambridgeshire Light Blues were:

Adrian Peters -Chairperson
Tony Orfeo - Deputy Chair
Jon West – Provincial Grand Mentor

After a warm welcome from the Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, there were presentations on UGLE's educational tool, Solomon, by Ken Wooton and on 'Branding your club', by Tom Rainsford, the Marketing Director of Beavertown Brewery.



After a break for lunch, there was a talk on 'Engaging your Membership' by Dan O'Connell the Creative Lead of Camelot (who run the UK Lottery), which gave useful advice on attracting and engaging Membership.

The penultimate speech by Gareth Jones, the 2nd Grand Principle of Supreme Grand Chapter was on the importance of New and Young Masons' clubs. This was followed by the keynote speech, given by the Pro Grand Master, Peter Lowndes, who gave a personal and highly engaging talk, putting the development of Light Blues Clubs into historical perspective, and expressing his hopes for their future success and direction.

In conclusion, we all shared a fabulous day out and took key points away with us to use within our club to improve and develop in the interests of all Light Blues in the Province.

The evening ended with a brilliant triple Initiation, by Union of Salisbury Lodge No. 767. A first class display of Ritual, which was presented by both Members of the Lodge and the host Leet House Light Blues Club. It was great to see the Ceremony split so that many took part, including a Charge to the Initiate delivered by seven Brethren including an Entered Apprentice. Personally, I was particularly delighted to be asked to join the parade out of the Lodge (for the last time) as a visiting Worshipful Master wearing my new Provincial regalia.

Masonry is about inclusivity and the key points I took away from the conference were to reflect the needs of our members, by asking what they want, and to embrace cognitive diversity. We all need to accept change if we are to make a brighter future. Finally, a good piece of advice I will always remember from the Conference is "If it's boring to write, then it will surely be boring to read". I have enjoyed writing this report, so I hope that it has been fun to read!

***Adrian Peters - Chairperson
Cambridgeshire Light Blues***



Festival 2023

At the Installation Meeting of Cantabrigia Lodge a cheque for £1000 was presented to our Provincial Grand Master W.C.M. Dastur by the Worshipful Master W. Bro Paul Arnill, shown here together with W. Bro Ben Carver IPM. The meeting was held on the 27th October 2021 and shows the Brethren enjoying the Festive Board.



Nourse Ladies Festival 2021

The Nourse Ladies Festival 2021 was held at Littleport Village Hall on Saturday 11th September 2021. The evening was a sell-out as all 100 tickets were quickly snapped up. The Worshipful Master W. Bro Stephen C Teverson was joined by his Lady, and his charming Mother, on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

The Brethren and their Ladies were wonderfully entertained by Eastern Strings before and during the formal dinner. Following a very successful Raffle and "Lightning Auction" by the WM, the rest of the evening was spent dancing to Kenny and the Motives.

The evening was a highlight in the Nourse Calendar, especially in this year of Covid-19. The generosity of the guests in favour of Festival 2023 was truly amazing with the net proceeds from the evening being £2,504.

At the Nourse Lodge Installation meeting on 11th November 2021 the Installing Master, W. Bro Stephen C Teverson was delighted to present a cheque for £2,500 to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. VW Bro P. B. Kilby, PGSwdB in favour of Festival 2023.



50 Years' Service.

At Kynaston Lodge's recent Installation meeting **W. Bro Trevor Ian Peak** celebrated 50 years as a Freemason.

The Lodge was honoured with the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Very Worshipful Bro. Pat Kilby, who kindly presented W. Bro Trevor with a 50 Year certificate from the Province and a personal letter of congratulation from the Provincial Grand Master together with a 50-year service lapel pin.

In his presentation, Very Worshipful Bro. Kilby advised the members and guests present that Bro. Trevor was initiated on the 23rd September 1971 by his father, W. Bro George Peak.

He highlighted Trevor's year as Master of the Lodge in 1984 and his subsequent appointments in Provincial Grand Lodge culminating in Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 2000.

As well as his father, W. Bro Trevor's brother, W. Bro Keith Peak, was also a member of the Lodge.

Bourn Book Bus

A presentation took place recently supporting a local charity the Bourn Book Bus. The cheque for £500 was presented to Head teacher **Laura Latham of Bourn Primary School** by the Worshipful Master W. Bro Graham Carver of Virtute Et Fide Lodge No 7959. The Cheque was made up to £500 by the Bethell Scheme Match Funding.

Laura Latham replied "We are incredibly grateful to the Virtute Et Fide No 7959 Masonic Lodge in Cambridge for supporting our fundraising".



Bro. Trevor was instrumental in setting up and running for several years the very successful annual Kynaston Lodge Golf Day.

Replying W. Bro Trevor thanked Very Worshipful Bro. Kilby for his kind words and in doing so recalled a few happy memories, particularly of his journey to the Chair and ceremony practices at the home of W. Bro Bill Parker, where it seems that consumption of cheese and wine formed a regular part of each evening!



Kynaston Christmas Raffle

Today is the start of the Kynaston Christmas Hamper Raffle. The Prize is a special Fortnum & Masons Christmas Hamper (similar to that pictured left) which sells for £150. Tickets at £5 are available online at:

<https://kynastonlodge.org.uk/raffle/christmas-2021/>



Haddenham Rovers



Cambridgeshire Freemasons Charity for Care and Relief made a donation of £1080 to Haddenham Rovers under 10s boys football team, to purchase 3 thermal "subsuits". These are used by the substitutes when sitting on the side-line when it is cold and raining preventing them from getting cold. The boys were delighted to wear them recently, now that the weather has turned much colder.

Chairman of Haddenham Rovers Colt FC Paul Hiorns said "I would like to pass on our gratitude for your recent donation, it was put to good use with the purchase of these winter thermal coats"

Father Installs Son as Worshipful Master

Brethren attending the recent Installation meeting of Kynaston Lodge N^o.5810 Installation probably witnessed an event that is not that common.

Bro. Richard Brindle was Installed into the Chair of King Solomon by his father, W. Bro Peter Brindle **DepGSwdB**, which was witnessed, by amongst others, his other son, W. Bro Nic Brindle of Innsworth Lodge N^o.8751 in the Province of Gloucestershire.

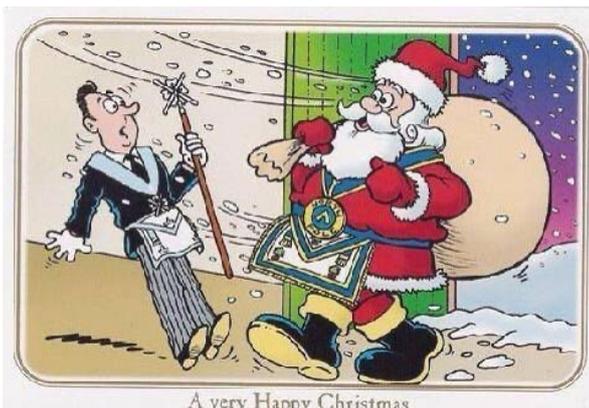
Less than a month earlier, W.Bro Peter had similarly undertaken Installing W.Bro Nic into the Chair of Innsworth Lodge.

On completion of the ceremony W.Bro Richard was welcomed as an Installed Master by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Pat Kilby, before proceeding to invest his Officers in a most comprehensive and competent manner.



Left to right: Very Worshipful Bro. Pat Kilby, W. Bro Nic Brindle, WM of Innsworth Lodge N^o.8751, W. Bro Richard Brindle - Kynaston Worshipful Master and W. Bro Peter Brindle, the Installing Master.

Very Worshipful Bro. Kilby then kindly agreed to present the retiring Master, W. Bro John Creek, with his personal Past Master's jewel together with one of the original founders jewels which he is entitled to wear for his term as IPM before passing on to his successor.



Brethren, from myself as Editor of The Second Rising and all the Provincial Communications team we would like to wish all our readers a happy and festive season and look forward to a prosperous New Year. I would ask that you keep sending in your news from around the Province for inclusion in the next edition of this magazine and thank you for your continued support. Andy Clifton.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROVINCIAL PANTO TEAM

A Christmas panto supporting
local charity fundraising

Scrooge

A Festive Carol

By Peter Crussell

Friday 28th January - 7.30pm
Saturday 29th January - 3.00pm & 7.30pm

At Newmarket Masonic Hall
115 High St, Newmarket CB8 9AE

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Province of Cambridge 2023 Festival

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