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The Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125

At a recent meeting of the Lodge a surprise presentation to W. Bro. Peter Walter.
A Silver Festival 23 collarette presented by
W. Bro. Nigel Williams on behalf of the Province of Cambridgeshire after reaching the required level of donations.

"I accept this Festival Gong on behalf of the Lodge whose hard work has made this possible. Well done and thank you." W. Bro Peter Walter.

Newmarket Burns Night in aid of TLC

The Newmarket Burns Night, organised by The Charity Steward of Logistica Lodge, No. 9804, W. Bro. Cameron McKechnie raised the fantastic sum of £200 in aid of the Cambridgeshire Teddies for Loving Care funds.

W. Bro. Jim Whitehead who manages TLC teddies for Cambridgeshire: "I'm absolutely delighted. Our small Province has now donated more than 30,000 of the cuddly little teddy bears to the four Hospitals and treatment centres within our area.".



Festival 23 Gold for Gray Lodge No. 4334

Gray Lodge No.4334 in Chatteris has now gained Gold Status after presenting the DPGM with a cheque for £5,000 for the 2023 Festival Appeal at their installation ceremony in January. The V.W. Bro. Patrick Kilby said

"I am delighted with this wonderful addition to the fund" after receiving the cheque from the outgoing master – W. Bro. Terry Cavell – and thanked all the brethren for their support





Scientific Lodge, No. 88 Installation

There was a bit of deja vu in Cambridgeshire this month as Scientific Lodge, No. 88 held their Installation Meeting. Outgoing Master W. Bro. Kim Sheldrick, who was originally in the Chair for the Lodge's 250th Anniversary Year in 2004, installed W. Bro. Michael Hinton in an emotional repeat of the ceremony in January 2005. The meeting was well attended by several active Provincial Officers supporting Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Bill Dastur.

Since 2005 Kim and Michael worked together for several years as Director of Ceremonies and Secretary respectively. Kim is currently very active in his role as the Worshipful Master of Cambridgeshire's Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927 while Michael is kept busy in his role as Provincial Communications Officer.

Covid -19 Strikes

With just 48hrs to go the newest initiate to The Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125 tested positive for Covid -19.

A request to the Provincial Orator W. Bro Harry Rooke and the Lodge was enthralled with a talk 'Making Sense of your Initiation' and the saying every day is a school day was so very true.

Living up to his title of Grand Orator W. Bro Harry Rooke led them through the ceremony in a clear and concise manner explaining each part clearly from Gloves to White Aprons and beyond.

It was particulary special as it was the first time out for W. Bro Harry since Covid began two years ago.

As an aside I found another photograph of Inspector Harry Rooke at an outing in 1998 in Cambridge with Bro Martin Calvert, No. 6125 far left and Bro Andy Clifton, No. 6125 far right.



Pictured with W. Bro H.C. Rooke PAGStB are Bro Wesley James Broker and Bro Martin David Broker of Lodge No. 809.





Our next official Buddies visit will be to Thirkill Lodge, No. 7333 on 21st February 2022 at Bateman Street so please get in touch if you would like to be part of the visiting group.

CLB Buddies First Visit

On Friday 28th January, The Cambridgeshire Light Blues Club officially launched the CLB Buddies Programme at Virtute et Fide Lodge, No. 7959 accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and at Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 accompanied by the Provincial Grand Master.

The aim of the Buddies Programme is to provide a support network for all New and Young Masons as they join and progress in their Masonic Journeys, by arranging organised visits to other Lodges.

After the Ceremonies, all our Light Blue visitors were asked to join the procession out of the Lodge with the Master and his distinguished guests.

Nourse Silver 70's Night

WM W. Bro. Ben Sandle-Brownlie made excellent use of Nourse Lodge, No. 8590's Bronze Festival Award as a Medallion at his Lodge's 1970's Cabaret Night held at Ely on the 8th of January. Guests resplendent in the attire of the times enjoyed a Chicken or Scampi Basket Meal and Knickerbocker Glory, played Bingo with great enthusiasm, took part in an Icons of the 70's picture quiz and were entertained by cabaret artist Trevor Leeson, a former member of The Merseybeats.

All those present were agreed that W. Bro. David Cameron, W. Bro. Michael Fuller and Ms Maxine McCaughery clearly have career options ahead as Bingo Callers and delighted that the £959 raised to support Festival 2023 saw Nourse Lodge upgrade their bronze medallion to silver.

Preparations for a 1960's themed Cabaret Night (with Bingo) are well underway for January 2023 when the Master's Medallion might even be made up to Gold!

Advocate prizes for Best Dressed Guests as judged by Lisa Sandle-Brownlie; Bro Ian Burrows and Mrs Claire Kent, Winner Icons Quiz; W. Bro. Michael Allen team. Particular thanks to Artiste Trevor Leeson, Richardson's Caterers and Ely Masonic Hall.



Philippine's typhoon victims to receive essential supplies thanks to Cambridgeshire Freemasons

Hundreds of families across the Philippines in desperate need of help in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai will be receiving essential supplies thanks to a grant of £25,000 to Plan International from Cambridgeshire Freemasons and other Provinces.

The grant from Cambridgeshire Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families and friends, from across England and Wales.



Dates for your Diary



3 March – Fundamental Lodge Consecration.
9 March - Provincial visit to Grand Lodge.
14 April – United Services Lodge Consecration.
22 June - Provincial Grand Chapter and Lodge Meetings.



And Finally

The WM of Granta Lodge, No. 6179, W. Bro. Patrick John Foy being presented with his new Covid –secure packaged Bronze Honorific.



The WM of Granta Lodge, No. 6179, W. Bro. Patrick John Foy, proudly wearing his newly qualified Festival Bronze Honorific.



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