



TLC Teddies for Loving Care

Everyone involved with TLC had huge cause for celebration recently as the three millionth bear was presented to Play Specialist, Jackie James at Peterborough City Hospital.

The special bear was given to Jackie by Dr David Staples, a hospital clinician and CEO of the United Grand Lodge of England.

On receiving the little bear Jackie said:

"The TLC bears are very special to us in the Emergency Department and have a wonderful, positive impact on children who are receiving care. The bear helps to provide some comfort and makes them feel at ease."

Dr David Staples added:

"We are delighted to be able to present the three millionth bear from the 'Teddies for Loving Care' initiative to the hard-working staff at Peterborough City Hospital. As a doctor, who also works at this hospital, I know how important these bears can be; both for the children who receive them and the staff who give them."



Jim Whitehead says:

"Our small province has contributed £30 000 to that figure, supplying Teddies to Addenbrookes, Doddington, Ely and Wisbech.

There are also a small number of the 12" Fundraising Teddy bears which are designed to be raffled or sold that are no longer in production. And some lapel badges in which the Ted is clad in NHS scrubs. All for a small contribution to the fund."



The walk also raised funds for the Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Fund. #Challenge2021

University Scheme Walk reaches Cambridge

Alma Mater Lodge has joined in the UGLE Universities Scheme by taking part in their national walking team relay. Lodge members collected the David Kenneth Williamson (DKW) Cup from brethren from Bedfordshire and in turn passed it on to representatives from Norfolk.

As well as the positive publicity and donations raised, there has been a more local impact as Cumberland Lodge 3858 in the Province of Bedfordshire plan to bring the University Scheme loving cup to the next meeting of the Isaac University Lodge.

Helping our New & Young Brethren to visit...

As we return to Lodge meetings again after such a long break, the Cambridge Light Blues have organised a scheme to make visiting between lodges by new and young Masons easier to organise.

The Buddies scheme is a simple, focussed way to enable new Initiates, Fellowcrafts or Master Masons from any Lodge in the Province to witness the Ceremony they have just experienced in another Lodge.

Each Brother will be chaperoned through the meeting by a friendly face, made to feel comfortable and we hope will experience the wonderful hospitality and camaraderie which makes visiting another Lodge such an important part of Freemasonry.

The scheme is supported by our Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Executive, the Cambridge Light Blues Club and by your Lodge Mentor and Light Blue Representative.



If you would like your newer Brethren to be involved in the scheme either as a visitor or host, or just learn more about the Buddies scheme please contact Bro. Graham Clapperton (cambsbuddies@gmail.com), Bro. Tony Orfeo (secretary@cambslightblues.org.uk) or Bro. Jon West (provgmen@pglcambs.org.uk).



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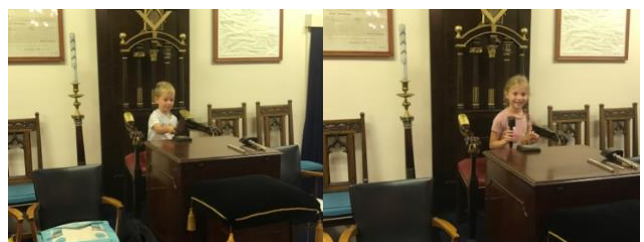
Heritage Weekend at Wisbech.

The Wisbech Masonic Rooms were open to the public as part of the Heritage Weekend organised as part of a Country wide scheme by the National Trust. Over the weekend of Friday 17th September to Sunday 19th September Wisbech opened its doors and allowed visitors to see inside the Temple and have Senior and Junior Brethren talk of their Masonic experiences.

With the internet posting our rituals it was good to have a real time perspective from real brethren.

With around 100 visitors and 2 prospective joining leads a good positive experience.

The pictures show the visits along with two very young potential candidates.



Provincial Grand Chapter Convocation.

Provincial Grand Chapter held its 2021 Annual Convocation at the Sports & Community Centre at Wisbech St Mary on 23rd September 2021.

There was a good attendance of Companions as well as visitors from other Provinces, to see E Comp David Blair installed as Deputy Grand Superintendent by E Comp Bill Dastur, Grand Superintendent, in succession to E Comp Tony Just who was thanked for his years of service to the Province.



As only a minimal convocation was possible in 2020 the Grand Superintendent had challenged the PrGScribeE to arrange a smooth process (known to Scribes and DCs as the “carousel”) for him to greet and appoint all the officers he had appointed and promoted in both 2020 and 2021 without any duplication. The application of military precision achieved this aim.

In his stirring address, the Grand Superintendent welcomed the return of face to face contact and the opportunity to hold full convocations and exalt candidates again, in double ceremonies if necessary to clear the backlog of candidates. He stressed the need to share the work and present the lectures catechistically and exhorted the companions to keep meetings and festive boards relevant and attractive to all.



After the meeting a team of helpers including members of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, capably led by E Comp Danny Ellis, in exactly one hour converted the convocation room into a fine dining arena for a superb 3 course lunch including roast beef carved in front of diners.



After apt and short speeches everybody departed for home, well fed and having enjoyed a splendid day happily celebrating the return of proper convocations which they so enjoy.



The Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No 9927

At the September meeting of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, I felt deeply honoured and privileged to have been installed as only the fifth Worshipful Master in this relatively new Lodge and the first not to be a Grand Officer.

I mention honour because, to me, the fact that my predecessors are all Grand Officers makes them quite a formidable act to follow. It's definitely a privilege because it is the Provincial Grand Master who chooses the succession from Junior Warden through to the Masters Chair in this lodge. As well as being Worshipful Master of the Stewards' Lodge, I also happen to be in the Chair of my mother lodge – Scientific Lodge No. 88. All Past Masters within our province will know only too well that there is a 'circuit' for the reigning masters, who are invited to every other Installation while they are in office. It's a wonderful thing to be part of and I've made some long-lasting friendships every time I've been in the Chair.

There is also a circuit for Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodges in the Provinces surrounding Cambridgeshire with reciprocal invitations to Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Oxford, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. While I've already visited many of these other Stewards' Lodges, I can see I'll be even busier over the next 18 months.

As in every Province, the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards was formed to provide Stewards to support and serve the Provincial Grand Master and his team at events such as our annual meetings and the carol services at Ely Cathedral and more.



It's now five years since our Consecration in Wisbech and our membership has increased accordingly. Members of our province and visitors should start to notice more active Stewards wearing their distinctive red apron – greeting guests and assisting the Provincial Executive as well as carrying out duties within lodge meetings.

Our lodge meets twice a year and it is the Master's responsibility to deliver a paper at one of those meetings. My career has been in construction and my presentation in April 2022, accompanied by a slideshow, will include a description of my experiences. I am now a Clerk of Works and in that capacity made a recent visit to The Royal Albert Hall for an extensive behind-the-scenes tour. I will cover some of the key facts and include a few photographs of the building, which has several interesting Masonic connections.

Brethren, since the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards was consecrated the role of Provincial Steward has gained a great deal of attention and respect. It's certainly a lodge for those members who are keen to contribute to the smooth and efficient working of the province, whether behind the scenes, meeting and greeting or just being busy at meetings. We always have a friendly and enjoyable atmosphere, whether in the lodge room or the festive board, so if you have never been to a Stewards Lodge, look out for a red apron and get yourself an invitation!

Kim Sheldrick

Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards

All Changed at CMBA

May 2021 saw the second-only Virtual Zoom AGM meeting held in the history of this Association. The meeting enjoyed a record attendance, at which the new Secretary and Assistant Secretary, W Bro's Peter Crussell L2727, and W Bro Craig Titmus L859 respectively were elected to work alongside W Bro Andrew Borland L2727 the Associations Treasurer, and the Assistant Treasurer Bro Michael Smy L8374.

These officers together with W Bro Tony Barrios of L88 who, as one of the Lodge representatives nominated by the Provincial Grand Master, provided a refreshing new team to take this Association forward with my successor W Bro David Cameron, L8590, your newly appointed Chairman and Provincial Grand Charity Steward, (with effect from 21st October 2021) and build on the success of our past achievements. I offer them all my sincere good wishes and much satisfaction in their respective tasks and duties.

To make way for the new appointments, we have inevitably had retirements;

W Bro David Cameron vacated his role as Secretary to the Association in preparation to take on his appointment as Chairman of the Association.

W Bro Mark Shields retired as the Associations Asst Secretary in readiness to take up his appointment of Provincial Grand Treasurer. Both David and Marks contributions to both this Association and the Launch of the Festival 2023 Appeal were enormous and very much appreciated.



My own impending retirement as Provincial Grand Charity Steward and Chairman of the CMBA will enable me to concentrate more fully as Festival 2023 Chairman, in preparing the Festival Finale Event to be held in 2023. Which I trust will be an enjoyable and memorable evening when the Appeal total achieved will be announced.

At this point of time, I simply want to thank each and every one of you for the support, friendship and kindness you have shown me over these past years. It has been an immense privilege to serve the Province and, whilst there have indeed been many challenges, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all, and treasure the fact that during my journey I have been so lucky to have made lasting friendships.

Charity is not always about the giving of money, as I soon found out during my tenure as the Chairman of this Association. Time and time again, our members have ready to step up to the mark with personal service and the generosity of our Lodges, Chapters, and individual members, has never ceased to amaze me, even in the face of this recent adversity. I pay tremendous tribute to the hard work of our Lodge Charity Stewards and the Officers of this Association, all of whom, have made it possible for me to report positively on the many successful Provincial Appeals past and present, administered by this Association.

I have no doubt, whatsoever that my successor, W Bro Dr David Cameron, this Associations new Chairman and Provincial Grand Charity Steward for both Craft and Royal Arch, along with his new team, will receive and enjoy the same support that I have always appreciated from the members of this great Province, Our Province of Cambridgeshire

Paul Gillingwater Festival 2023 Chairman



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