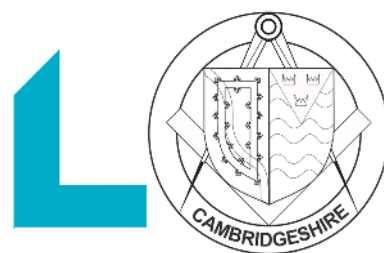


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The Second Rising



From the Editor

Brethren,

Does your Lodge have a media representative? It is envisaged that he will report any articles of note for inclusion in this, the Second Rising and the Cambridgeshire Mason, it's as simple as an email to Tony Barrios or myself and we will do the rest. Good quality photographs are important and authority to use the script on Social Media as well as in any Newsletters.

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Fundamental Lodge No 10002

Surprise Candidate

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Nick Thompson and Brethren of Fundamental Lodge were very pleased to welcome, our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. William Dastur, as one of the visitors to our Christmas Lodge Meeting on 20th December 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Whittlesey.

Unfortunately, at late notice, our candidate brother was unable to attend that evening for his Passing Ceremony to the Second degree, so it was decided that we would conduct a demonstration of the ceremony instead.

Being short of someone to take the candidate role, our Provincial Grand Master immediately volunteered - taking part fully: from answering the questions to even being divested of his regalia so he was properly prepared for the ceremony.

It was light-heartedly remarked afterwards that the "candidate had done very well that evening and could go far in Masonry"

The Provincial Grand Master also honoured the Lodge by presenting and explaining a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Aaron Jones

During his response to his toast at the Festive Board, the Provincial Grand Master cheerily observed that he had been "initiated" at the Provincial Stewards Lodge, now "passed" at Fundamental Lodge and the challenge was for another Lodge to "raise" him so he could complete his degrees.



Provincial Building Fund

Following the Provincial Grand Master's desire to restore the funds of the Provincial Building Fund, which since its inception in 2003 had been used to great effect to provide Grants and Match Fund various Provincial Projects; it was very pleasing to see that the new funds available could be put to good use, when the Building Fund Committee received a request from the Newmarket Masonic Hall Association for a short-term loan.

The purpose of the Loan was for the complete refurbishment of the former, one bedroom, Steward's flat that the Association own.

The property was in need of modernisation and following a water leak also required additional remedial work to the stairs leading up to the first floor flat.

The work comprised improving the kitchen with the installation of new units and appliances, modifications to the bathroom, new floor finishes throughout and all light fittings, switches and sockets replaced. The flat was also to be completely re-decorated.

Following the receipt of quotations for the work, which were subsequently evaluated by the Building Fund Evaluation Committee, the terms of a loan for £12,000.00 were agreed and the work was put in hand and completed in November; the tenant took occupation shortly thereafter.

Repayment of the loan over a thirty three month period has commenced and all parties are very satisfied with the outcome.

New Beginnings



The first regular meeting of the new team at St Audrey Lodge No 2727 after the November Installation took as its theme 'New Beginnings'. Sixteen Entered Apprentices attended the Initiation of Bro. Henry Bowden and were made extremely welcome by the members of the Lodge which is approaching its one thousandth regular meeting.

The Lodge was honoured by the attendance of W. Bro. David MacKay Blair the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire who gave an heartening key-note address at the Festive Board speaking of the importance of inclusivity, innovation and involvement of newer members.

It was a source of much pleasure as well to welcome W. Bro. Andy Murfett as Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Light Blues and a good number of Membership Officers and Mentors who accompanied their Lodge's Entered Apprentices.

Seventy five Lodge members and guests witnessed a fine ceremony of Initiation and enjoyed a lively and very happy Festive Board and together looked forward with confidence to 'New Beginnings' ahead.

Founding of a New Masonic Order in Cambridgeshire



An exciting new addition to freemasonry in Cambridge was founded in October when the very first Council of Knight Masons in Cambridgeshire, Anglia Centenary Council No.117, was Constituted and Dedicated. The unique ceremony was performed by the head of the Order, the Great Chief, Most Excellent Sir Knight Bernard Woods, assisted by several Grand Officers who had travelled from Ireland where the Grand Council is based. They were supported by a number of Grand Officers from Councils across England, including the Grand Director of Ceremonies for the occasion, Kessick Jones, who is well known to many masons as the Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters in England and Wales.

Knight Masonry is the only chivalric Masonic Order in England which does not require a Christian belief, and confers three Degrees of high symbolic, philosophical, and moral value. While the subject matter of these degrees can be found within various Masonic Orders around the world, only in the Irish working under the Grand Council of Knight Masons are they communicated in the most detail and in their complete and correct form.

Under the unique workings of Irish Universal Freemasonry, the legend associated with the Royal Arch differs to that practised in England, as it portrays the restoration of King Solomon's Temple, ordered by King Josiah, prior to the conquest of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar. During the restoration, a scroll is found with the Book of the Law recorded thereon.

Whilst the Degrees contained within the Order of Royal and Select Masters relate the conquest of Judah, the destruction of King Solomon's Temple, and the Babylonian captivity, it is the Degrees of Knight Masonry which outline the quest by Zerubbabel, a Prince of the House Judah, to build a Second Temple; something that is only partially touched upon in the English Royal Arch Chapter. Becoming a Knight Mason completes the unique sequence of events recounted in Universal Irish Freemasonry. The ceremonies themselves are elaborate, evocative, and also convey strong lessons of truth, virtue, and integrity.

The content of the Degrees seems to be as old as Freemasonry itself and for centuries it has been regarded as a vital part of the Masonic Journey. These Degrees were originally conferred in Knight Templar Preceptories under the auspices of the Grand Priory of Ireland but were not worked on a regular basis. The Grand Council of Knight Masons was thus formed in 1923 to preserve, practice and perpetuate these Degrees, and it is in reference to the centennial celebrations in 2023 that the name of the new Council, Anglia Centenary, was conceived.

The Primus Chief of the new Council is Excellent Sir Knight Alex Allan, a member of several masonic units in Cambridgeshire and well regarded as the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of East Anglia in the Masonic Order of Athelstan, and Deputy District Grand Master for the District of East Anglia in the Order of Royal and Select Masters.

The Council meets on the Second Saturday of February and the First Saturdays of April and October at Cambridge Masonic Hall. Any Mark Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason in good standing, may after one year apply to become a Knight Mason. You do not have to be invited, but rather are encouraged to enquire.

Anyone interested in joining should contact the Director of Ceremonies, Bryan Randall (bryanjohnrandall@gmail.com or 07958 049597), who will be pleased to give further details.

50 Years Certificate

At St Andrew Lodge No 4087 January meeting we celebrated W.Bro. Chris Nicholas receiving his 50 year certificate from our Provincial Assistant Grand Master David Mackay Blair following an excellent 3rd Degree ceremony by the Past Masters of and in the Lodge. To cap off a great night we had notification of 2 joining members and 3 candidates for initiation . Freemasonry at its best



Big Foot

At a recent meeting of The Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No 6125 at Wisbech Bro Bruce Woods was Raised, the Tyler had a major issue when the slipshod slipper's wouldn't fit Bro Woods feet.

Some larger slippers were found but he could still be heard shuffling around the Lodge.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro David Mackay Blair was also present in his quest to visit every Lodge in the Province.

Pictured here with the Worshipful Master W.Bro Ed. Mann



Old Leysian Centenary

W.Bro. Luke Loades writes: "100 years in the making!! Could not have been more honoured to be Worshipful Master of Old Leysian Lodge at its Centenary meeting. Thank you to all the Masters and Officers of the Lodge, present and past. Here's to the next 100 years!"



Kynaston Lodge Dedicates New Lodge Banner

On Thursday the 26th October 1939, Kynaston Lodge was Consecrated at The Red Lion Hotel in Cambridge by the then Provincial Grand Master for Cambridgeshire, R.W.Bro. Sir John Edward Kynaston Studd, 1st Baronet., O.B.E., LL.D., P.G.W., from whom the Lodge was granted use of his name. In the Consecration Papers of that day and under the List of Gifts to the Lodge was the Lodge Banner by Sir Kynaston Studd.

The Banner was a splendid example of skillful crafting of needlework and gold embroidery and coloured silks by the manufacturer, Toye & Co. Ltd., of London and cost a total of £36 (in today's value, around £2900)

Over the intervening 84 years, the Banner has been in continuous use and served the Lodge well until when in 2022, because of wear and tear and deterioration of some of the embroidery and silks, the Lodge Committee took the decision to decommission the banner for preservation and instigate the work of replacement.

The new Banner was subsequently produced by Nina Lambert at The Flag Workshop to match the original using modern materials and on Thursday 7th December 2023, the Banner was received and dedicated by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. William Dastur and his team of Provincial Grand Officers at the Lodge's regular meeting. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. Peter Brindle, the Provincial Grand Chaplain and a member of Kynaston Lodge, gave an inspiring oration on the purposes of Banners with particular historic relevance to the Lodge.

Preceding the Dedication, the Master, W.Bro. Nigel Chapman and the Officers of the Lodge had undertaken the Initiation of its newest member, Bro. Dr. Nicolas Dimopoulos, in fine manner, thereby allowing Bro. Dimopoulos the fairly rare opportunity to witness a Lodge Banner Dedication as his first step in his masonic journey.

A total of 54 members and guests then retired in harmony to a celebratory festive board of Christmas Fayre.

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