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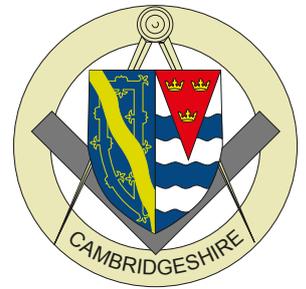
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Light Blues club up and running

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The Cambridgeshire Light Blues (CLB) will be a social meeting forum for newer Masons in the Province, from Entered Apprentices to Installed Masters – all those who wear a Light Blue apron. In addition, family and non-Masons will be able to attend some of the events, giving them a chance to meet Brethren and get a feeling for the social side of Masonry.

For those who have been honoured with Provincial or Grand rank – the Dark Blues – there will be an option to become a supporter of the CLB. These supporters will receive news of the progress of the CLB, an opportunity to take part in some Light & Dark events, and a unique lapel pin to show their support for our newer Masons in developing their Masonic career.

The Cambridgeshire Light Blues is not intended to be an alternative Lodge, but is envisaged that it will be a social group for members at a similar stage in their Masonic journey. There will be a small charge to join and membership will bring access to all events and a unique lapel pin. Events will be publicised through the CLB Facebook & Twitter accounts, our website (www.LightBlues.club) and details will be forwarded to all Lodge Secretaries. The launch event will be at 7pm on 11th December at Freemasons' Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge.

Events will be organised throughout the Province and will be varied from white table events, through impromptu evenings at a bar, to maybe a fishing trip or bowling competition.



The new Cambridgeshire Light Blues' committee enjoy a curry

Each Lodge Secretary within Cambridgeshire will be sent information about how Masons can join and planned events. Each lodge will also be asked to identify a Light Blues Liaison, someone who can encourage new Masons within the Lodge to join and who can be a point of contact within the Lodge.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the CLB, contact the Secretary on secretary@lightblues.club or go to Facebook - The Cambridgeshire Light Blues Club, or Twitter account @CambsLightBlues.

Peter Wheeler

Grand Stewards stand in at INUL

When the three senior officers of Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 could not attend its meeting on 5th March in Cambridge, the vacancies were filled by three Grand Stewards.

The trio, all Past Masters of the Lodge, were RWBro. Simon Duckworth (WM in 1990), WBro. Chris Freeman (2003) and WBro. John Hammond (2006), who took the chairs of Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively.

They led a triple raising ceremony that was witnessed by the president, founding president and chairman of UGLE's Universities Scheme.

Justin Bishop



The team with visitors (left to right): Edward Lord, chairman, Universities Scheme; Chris Freeman; Sir David Wootton, Assistant Grand Master and president, Universities Scheme; Simon Duckworth; David Williamson, founding president, Universities Scheme; John Hammond; and visitor RWBro. Colin Harris, PProvGM Herts.

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Message from the Provincial Grand Master



What a start to a new masonic season! September has been a busy month with visits from the Assistant Grand Master and Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which was hosting its first Conference in Cambridge, but the highlight has undoubtedly been the consecration of our 29th lodge, Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927 on 12th September at Wisbech St. Mary.

It was a very exciting, rewarding and fulfilling day and with a heartening attendance from Cambridgeshire and also our neighbouring provinces. I think it was a day a number of us will never forget.

But we have another consecration – Fenland Farmers’ Lodge No 9933 - scheduled for 24th November. This will also take place at Wisbech St. Mary, which is a fine venue for this. I would urge those who have not witnessed a consecration to consider coming along.

We have also had it confirmed recently that the next Lord Mayor of London will be Dr. Andrew Parmley, a Past Master of Alma Mater, his mother lodge. He will be installed on 11th November and I think the whole Province would join me in congratulating him and wishing him well in this hugely prestigious role. Alma Mater lodge will be taking part in the Lord Mayor’s Show.

Alma Mater outing to the Marshall Group

On 25th June brethren, families and friends from Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 were invited to visit the Marshall Group in Cambridge. The visit commenced with an account of the history of the group which was delivered by WBro. Terry Holloway, Past Master of Cambridgeshire Meridian Lodge No. 9687.

Founded in 1909 by David Marshall in a small lock-up garage in Brunswick Gardens, over the next 100 years the company expanded into aerospace and defence work in addition to achieving substantial growth in its original motor business.

In 1937 the group purchased farmland on which Cambridge Airport is situated. The company now has a turnover of £1.6 billion and more than 5,000 employees. Defence work has been an important part of its business and the picture shows a Hercules aircraft being serviced.

Peter Sutton



We are, as I am sure everyone knows, fast approaching the Tercentenary, a very special celebration for the Craft. Cambridgeshire is starting its own celebrations with its opening event being the sixth Festival of Carols on 9th December at Ely Cathedral; the proceeds will go to supporting the Cathedral and EACH.

The soprano, Laura Wright, is booked for the evening and, after her memorable performance two years ago, I am sure it will be another special evening. A great way to start our 300-year birthday celebrations but also, of course, for you to start Christmas with your friends and families. I hope we can again fill Ely Cathedral and raise its roof with our singing!

The Building Fund appeal momentum continues and I do urge everyone to support it so that we can ensure we have a sensible endowment to support the masonic buildings in our Province and ensure they are being kept in good condition for now and the future.

I am sure you will enjoy this edition of The Cambridgeshire Mason with the huge wealth of stories and articles in this edition.

I look forward to seeing a number of you at our various lodge and chapter meetings in the next few months, whilst we all continue to enjoy ourselves and have fun whilst prospering and promoting the Craft.

William Dastur

Caldwell donates to local school

A March school is a step closer to developing an improved outdoor area for its younger pupils thanks to two donations. Burrowmoor Primary School was given £1,500 by the Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 and a collection of building materials by local builders’ merchants, Ridgeons. Both donations will be used to help improve the reception class’s outdoor area, including rebuilding the existing storage shed.

The £1,500 cheque, which included £250 from the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust, was presented in February to Carolyn Davies, phase leader for the reception class, by lodge charity steward, WBro. Brian Sutton.

A classic car and motorbike show with buffet held in March on 14th May raised £454.10, which was presented to Mary Dunn, of the Air Ambulance, by members of the Caldwell Lodge social committee (pictured below).

Dave Matthews



Past Master launches children's book



Outside of Freemasonry, WBro. Peter Crussell, charity steward of St Audrey Lodge No. 2727, is also known as P.C. Crussell, the author and illustrator behind 'Tales from the Enchanted Forest', a new children's book that was recently released on Amazon to rave reviews. Aimed at children aged from about five years upwards, 'Tales from the Enchanted Forest' is the first in what will be a series of books penned and illustrated by the Little Downham author.

"The inspiration came from a fantasy painting I produced a couple of years ago, depicting fairies flying around an apple core," said Peter, "and after posting it on Facebook, several friends suggested that I should write stories based on the picture as I used to make up fairy stories to tell my children and their friends when they were young."

At the beginning of 2015, Peter accepted the challenge and set out to write and illustrate some short stories and in 2016 they were published as 'Tales from the Enchanted Forest'.

The magical world of the Enchanted Forest, the woods surrounding the fictional village of Little Hamden, is where Becca and her friend Emma spend their time playing with the Fairies of the Forest.

The author recently donated a signed copy of his book to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital after a friend who teaches at the hospital got in touch, enquiring where she could purchase a copy to read to the children.

"I donated a copy of the book and decided that for every copy sold via Amazon (either paperback or Kindle) I will donate 20 pence from my royalties to Great Ormond Street hospital."

More details and a link to Amazon can be found at: www.myenchantedforest.co.uk.

Cliff Brown



Pantomime raises £3,000 – oh yes it does!

Twenty-six Masons from 10 different lodges in the Province of Cambridgeshire presented their version of the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to more than 200 people at The Masonic Centre, Newmarket, on 29th and 20th January.

The audiences, including 100 children, had a wonderful time and the raised the magnificent sum of £3,000 to be divided equally between three charities.



Sums of £1,000 have been presented to the Wisbech and District Talking Newspaper, the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and the Province of Cambridgeshire Masonic Building Fund. Cambridgeshire Masons have presented seven pantomimes since 2006 and have raised in excess of £14,000 for local, national and Masonic charities.

The cheque for the talking newspaper was presented at the installation meeting of Lodge of United Good Fellowship No.809 in Wisbech on 4th May. The sum provided to the ARHC adds to the £215,000 already presented for its new building appeal.

Donna Talbot, director and fundraising co-ordinator, who received the cheque from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. John Sherriff (above), said: "I am absolutely thrilled the charity has the unrelenting support of the Freemasons.

Each of them is so passionate about giving back to those within their community and they value the work of the Arthur Rank Hospice and other local charities so greatly, it is really heart-warming to see."

Mark Long

A record for St Andrew

You might get one Lewis at a meeting or perhaps a couple, but there were seven present when St Andrew Lodge No. 4087 at Whittlesey held its Lodge of Instruction sausage supper meeting on 22nd March. Brethren were treated to an excellent first degree ceremony by the lodge's junior brethren.

Peter Corley



From left to right, standing are Bro. Mathew Ellis (Lewis), Bro. Richard Taylor (L), Bro. Russ Huber (L), WBro. Mick Huber, Bro. Gordon Stuttard (L), WBro. Gordon Stuttard, WBro. Richard Phillips (L) and WBro. Steven Keen (L). Sitting at the front are WBro. Ken Mayor and Bro. John Mayor (L).

Team effort for Provincial appointment

Even though he was on crutches after replacement knee surgery, WBro. Ken Stafford was determined not to miss Provincial Grand Lodge on 15th June when he would receive his first appointment. It proved to be a real team effort.

Ken, a member of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 at March, was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon and was invested by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur.

He said: "I give my sincere thanks to everyone who helped out beforehand and on the day, particularly the Provincial Grand Secretary, WBro. Pat Kilby for arranging transport between the Guildhall and Queens' College, the brethren who escorted me to receive my honour, and, of course, the Provincial Grand Master who had offered to make things easier for me by investing me where I was seated."

Transport to Cambridge was provided by WBro. Rod Harrison, who was one of the Provincial Junior Grand Deacons at the ceremony.

Cliff Brown

Blues Night help for Arthur Rank charity

For his second time as Master of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810, WBro. Andrew Fordham decided he wanted a different type of Ladies Night to pay a tribute to Arthur Rank Hospice at Home Charity for the help that his family received prior to his father's death in 2011.

The result was a Blues Night, his a one-man performance of some of his favourite music from that genre covering nine decades between the 1920s and 2006.

On Saturday 17th September, 188 people thronged into a marquee on the lawn at Bateman Street, Cambridge, to witness this unique event. Andrew sang and strummed his way through about fifteen songs in two sessions interspersed with references to the origins of each song and describing some of the guitars he was playing. Among them were the four string banjo, three-string 'Cigar Box' and a one-string 'Diddley Bow'.

He was joined by his son, Howard playing harmonica for a couple of numbers. His wife Debbie, with daughters, Becca and Rachel, provided a superb buffet.

During the second session he was joined on stage by four Blues Brothers complete with maracas and kazoos. They were Dave 'Nosey' Parker and Shaun 'Kazoo' Williams from Kynaston Lodge, together with David 'I'm not an MP' Cameron and David 'Rockabilly' Smith from Nourse Lodge No. 8590, who added what can be loosely described as entertainment but not a lot of rhythm.

The session concluded with the song 'I Can Always Play the Blues', written by Andrew after the loss of his father and which told of his feelings during that low period of his life.

It was a great charity fundraiser and, at the end of the evening, Andrew and his mother presented a cheque for £2,000 to Mike Pocock and Annie van Heerden on behalf of the Arthur Rank Hospice at Home Charity. The leftover food from the enormous buffet was later that same evening donated to Jimmy's Night Centre for the homeless of Cambridge.

Brian Elliott



New RCC conclave consecrated for Chatteris

A second conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine has been formed in Cambridgeshire. The consecration meeting of the new St Huna Conclave No. 525 was held on 18th June at Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge, but its regular meetings will take place at the Masonic Centre in Chatteris.

As a result, the Order, for which candidates must be Christians, Masters Masons and Royal Arch Masons, now has nine conclaves in its Division of East Anglia, including Corpus Christi No. 388 at Cambridge.

At the St Huna consecration, a full team from Imperial Grand Conclave carried out the ceremony. They included the Grand Sovereign, the Most Illustrious Knight Graham Leslie Flight, GCC; Grand Eusebius, Right Illustrious and Venerable Knight, Dr the Rev Charles Peter Blackwell-Smyth, GCC; and Grand Sub-Prelate, Ill Kt Rev R Friedrich Roeschard.

Rt Ill Kt David Adams, KCC, Past Intendant-General for the Division of East Anglia, was enthroned as St Huna's first Sovereign by Rt Ill Kt Dr John Elmore, current Intendant General. St Huna's first Viceroy is Very Ill Kt Christopher Ansell.



On 13th August, the new St Huna Conclave held its first meeting at Chatteris when two candidates were installed. The conclave will meet three times a year in January, April and August. Details can be found on page 160 of the 2016 edition of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Year Book.

Tony Mason

Consecration of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards



More than 190 Brethren witnessed the consecration of the first new Lodge in Cambridgeshire since 2010. On 12th September at the Wisbech St Mary Sports and Community Centre, the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927, became the Province's first new Lodge since Fenland Meridian Lodge No. 9858 was consecrated at the same venue.

The Provincial Grand Master RWBro. William Dastur, the Consecrating Officer, supported by active Provincial Grand Officers, conducted the ceremony.

At the completion of the Consecration, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. John Sherriff, installed RWBro. Rodney Wolverson, Past Provincial Grand Master, as the Lodge's first Worshipful Master, who then subsequently invested his officers, including WBro. Charles Overland and WBro. Peter Brindle as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively. Sadly, the IPM designate, Past Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Colin Hutchinson was unable to be present.

It was a very special day for the founders, with more than 190 Masons attending the meeting, including guests from Provincial Grand Stewards Lodges of Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Essex, Suffolk, and Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

In his Oration, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro. Nigel Pett spoke about the role of a steward, that it has been in existence since Biblical times, when we read in the Gospel of Luke:

"And the Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

It is considered that the word is derived from the Medieval Latin *seneschal*, who was the major-domo of a medieval great house, a governor or other administrative or judicial officer. We also find that the Old English is *steward* or *stigward* – the *stig* being cattle pen, a hall or house and the *weard* a guard.

Such men - as they normally were – had charge of the household, the tables at eating times, acquiring good wine and ensuring that all needs were met. An important person in any household who looked after the goods and chattels.

The new Lodge aims to serve Freemasonry in the Province of Cambridgeshire, with such activities as may best encourage and assist in promoting the principles of the Craft, but particularly in the development of a sense of Provincial unity.

Provincial Stewards will also assist in a variety of tasks and duties, especially when the Provincial Grand Master convenes major assemblies such as festivals, carol concerts, dinners, and Master Masons' welcome evenings. They will particularly assist at the annual Provincial meetings in June each year both for Craft and Holy Royal Arch. At the Festive Board afterwards the brethren dined on a five-course banquet.

Jim Stokes



Wisbech donation marks Tercentenary

Masons in Wisbech have handed over a cheque for £1,250 to a palliative care centre in the Fenland town. To mark the start of Grand Lodge's Tercentenary celebrations, the sum was presented to the Macmillan and Hudson Palliative Care Centre, based at Wisbech's North Cambridgeshire Hospital.

Making the presentation to Michelle Knight, clinical nurse specialist team lead, were WBros. David Bays, Edward Boyd-Tuck and Nigel Williams (pictured below).

The total included £750 from the Wisbech Masonic Benevolent Fund and £500 from the Province of Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief

Bob Kidger



Thirkill provides boarding ramp

An organisation providing boat trips to disadvantaged members of the community has been able to replace its boarding ramp thanks to Cambridge Masons. A cheque for £500 has been presented by Bro. Graham Murray, Senior Warden of Thirkill Lodge No. 7333, to Alan Worth, of the Ladybird Boat Trust.

The presentation took place in April at Thirkill's Lodge of Instruction/widows supper. Half of the sum was provided by the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

The trust is a charity providing daily boat trips to disadvantaged members of the community. Crewed by volunteers, the Ladybird is fully wheelchair accessible and offers a five-hour trip to those who do not usually have access to the river.

David Kirkham



Stone Cross donates towards new kit

The Worshipful Master of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 in March decided to get his football feet out to support a club's newest team for under sixes with a donation of £130 towards some new kit. Mark Jones, co-ordinator of March Town Athletic FC, and Matty Alexander, under sixes team coach, thanked WBro. Mark Prince for the donation and invited Brethren to watch the boys play their matches.

All team coaches are volunteers so donations go towards buying equipment and kits for for the players. The sum donated by Stone Cross Lodge was a share of proceeds from a casino night at March Masonic Hall.

Peter Wheeler



Bears that care

When young Joshua Wheeler had to have an eye operation at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at King's Lynn, he took along a special bear. The day before the hospital visit, WBro. Nigel Williams had delivered one of the TLC bears to Joshua's home, where he lives with his parents Peter Wheeler, Master Elect of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704, and his wife Carrie.

Peter sent a message of thanks to Provincial Grand Almoner, WBro. Tony Mason, who commented: "It's just what the teddies are all about."

Cliff Brown



Master Masons visit Quarterly Communication

At the regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 14th September, a number of Grand Officers of the Province supported 10 Master Masons who had accepted the Provincial invitation to attend the September meeting at Great Queen Street, London. Attendance is normally restricted to brethren of Warden and above, but the initiative of UGLE, supported by the Province, allowing their attendance, was well supported.

The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Grand Master, RWBro. Jonathan Spence, who in his opening remarks to all the assembled brethren, specifically welcomed the Cambridgeshire Master Masons along with another group from Durham.

Following the normal business, Grand Lodge was 'called-off' and a talk given jointly by Diane Clements, director of the Library and Museum, and Stephen Greenberg, founder and director of Metaphor, on the recent project by the Museum to create an exhibition about three centuries of English Freemasonry. Metaphor provided guidance to the Library and Museum on the exhibition designed to augment the Tercentenary in 2017.

After Grand Lodge was closed, a total of 23 brethren adjourned to a nearby restaurant for lunch. Speaking at lunch, Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur said he hoped they had enjoyed the experience and thanked WBro. John Jones and WBro. Brian Elliott for making the day's arrangements.



The Master Masons who attended were Tom French (St. Wendred), Razvan Dinita (Alma Mater), Jack Cooke (Virtute et Fide), Alex Diaz and Tom Whitney (Isaac Newton), Paul Gale (St Andrew), Liam Myers and Richard Brindle (Kynaston) and Andrew Waling and George Downing (United Good Fellowship).

Brian Elliott

T-shirts for Ladybird crew

The volunteers who act as the crew of the Ladybird Boat Trust were presented with t-shirts financed by collections raised by the members of Cantabrigia Chapter Rose Croix No. 112.

The garments were presented on 17th August on board the boat, which provides trips for many who, due to disabilities, would not otherwise be able to enjoy river journeys along the River Great Ouse.



The picture shows VlllBro. Dr Nigel Williams, Inspector General for the District of Cambridge and Isle of Ely, making the presentation to Alan Worth of the Trust, with E&PP Michael Cartwright, MWS of Cantabrigia Chapter Rose Croix.

Peter Sutton

Support from Care & Relief charity

The Provincial Charity for Care & Relief has awarded £2,500 to the Friends of Cornwallis Court care home for help towards providing extra comforts for the residents.



Helping Cornwallis Court (from left to right): WBro. John Surbey, WBro. Graham Kent, John Riches (treasurer, Friends of Cornwallis Court), Peter Gosling (chairman) and WBro. George Brennan.

All Brethren and families are welcome to join the residents on the first Saturday of each month for a coffee morning and raffle (donations of raffle prizes are always welcome). For further information contact one of the Cambridgeshire representatives: WBro. Graham Kent, of Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107, WBro. John Surby, of The Porta Lodge No. 9511 or WBro. George Brennan, of Gray Lodge No. 4334.



The charity is also supporting the granddaughter of a Cambridgeshire Mason, Freya Leigh, who is currently in training for the British Ice Skating team. The chairman, VWBro. John Sherriff and the committee feel that both Freya and Masonry will benefit from our support. We will follow her progress with interest.

George Brennan

Chris Godden Memorial Lecture - The evolution of Masonic tracing boards

Nourse Lodge No. 8590 and Kynaston Lodge No. 5810, held their seventh annual memorial lecture for a former DepProvGM, VWBro. Chris Godden PGSwdB, on 12th April.

WBro. David Parry, of Nourse Lodge, wrote a paper about the evolution of tracing boards from Persian times through to the present day in preparation for the lecture which, with the help of Brethren from both Lodges, was turned into a series of five short, light-hearted plays illustrating the different architectural practices of each period in history.

Progressing 4,000 years from the wonders of Persian architecture and waxed tracing boards to the plaster versions and floors of Medieval masonry, the plays included the extraordinary skills of Roman stonemasons; a brief insight into the military and financial might of the Knights Templar; King Athelstan bringing a unity to the Kingdom of England, and how the values of Operative Stonemasons' Guilds had a significant influence on the development of speculative Freemasonry as we might understand it today.

Finally, there was a live demonstration of how our ancient Brethren might have drawn the tracing board in the 17th Century, carried out by WBro. Dennis Fordham, PGStB, from Essetesforde Lodge No. 9746, Ashford, Kent

With more than 90 Brethren attending, including the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur, the evening was a resounding success raising £600 in aid of Cancer Research.



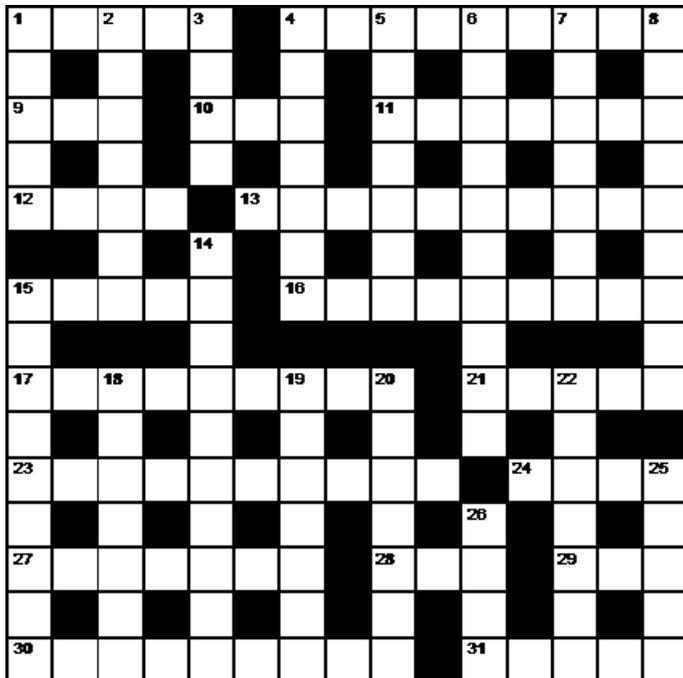
Players and narrators (from left to right): back row: Bro. Mike Chapman, Bro. Ian Carruthers, WBro. David Parker, WBro. Andrew Fordham, Bro. Ted Ridgeway-Watt, W Bro. David Sculthorpe and Bro. John Creek. Front row: WBro. John Jones, W.Bro. Richard North, RWBro. William Dastur, WBro. Dennis Fordham, W Bro. David Parry, Bro. Lacy Walker and Bro. Alec Thomas.

WBro. Parry commented: "Tracing boards in different forms go considerably further back than Speculative Freemasonry, although it is intriguing to find that we are able to trace connections in symbolic content dating back into antiquity."

The players and narrators are keen to do a repeat performance and anyone interested should contact WBro. Parry or WBro. David Cameron, secretary of Nourse Lodge, in the first instance. Copies of the paper are also available on request.

David Parry

Crossword



Across

- 1 Wall artist's product. (5)
- 4 Disown what is now due at pier. (9)
- 9 Speed up short cleric. (3)
- 10 Droop back rabbit. (3)
- 11 Gold composer starts to enter tavern. (7)
- 12 With cold for hot he'd be bald, but couldn't give one anyway. (4)
- 13 Home to a more widely recognised 15 across. Why let ties hold it? (10)

Solution on back page

- 15 Isn't a special day often allocated for one? (5)
- 16 DC's work to a nicety? (9)
- 17 Fresh sales opportunity at base for local 15 across (9)
- 21 Flavoursome, thanks to pig's environment. (5)
- 23 Brief lament at being in call for process of demotion. (10)
- 24 Non-scientific experiment with rats? (4)
- 27 All of Henry VIII's wives were. (7)
- 28 One of the Apostles'? (3)
- 29 Stately conclusion for two local 15s across. (3)
- 30 Newlywed holds note after hanging up coat in Provincial centre. (9)
- 31 Circles of dry grass backed for hooligan. (5)

Down

- 1 Step out smartly to centre of local 15 across (5)
- 2 A pocketful of food Italian style? (7)
- 3 Insulates old prison inhabitants. (4)
- 4 Got up joint to produce syrup. (7)
- 5 On tap he awkwardly carried Regency Buck. (7)
- 6 Run down what I ignited in serious discussion. (10)
- 7 Once major Internet Provider holds love under pressure. (7)
- 8 Over by dye - works we're all included. (9)
- 14 Girls great changes make hair more dishevelled. (10)
- 15 Twists in my cords, characteristic of symptoms. (9)
- 18 Very beastly element! (7)
- 19 Cricket, and 'What' makes it novel. (7)
- 20 Load possibly borne by horse at start of Epsom. (7)
- 22 Piercing cry of Indian in school briefly. Not like 12. (7)
- 25 Speak note of approval. (3-2)
- 26 Guy to remain in support? (4)

Jim Whitehead

Success for Initiates' events

A new initiative in the Province has proved a resounding success. Instead of a Master Masons' reception, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur decided that for 2016 he would stage two events for new initiates, their partners and any of friends or colleagues who may have shown an interest in Freemasonry.

The initiative was a two-centre event, one at Cambridge on the 7th June and a second at Wisbech on the 13th September.



Following an introduction by the Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial team explained the various ways that Freemasonry in Cambridgeshire is conducted, with a tour of the two Masonic buildings, followed by a buffet where all were able to meet the members of the Provincial team in a less formal atmosphere. The success can be measured by the fact that 86 attended the two events, with 18 being non-masons interested in our organisation.

Pat Kilby



Maid's Head Lodge demonstration at Kynaston

More than 100 brethren attended Kynaston Lodge No.5810, on 8th April to see the Maid's Head Lodge No.8558 demonstration team from the Province of Norfolk present its production 'The founding of Australia and its first Masonic Lodge'. The play was first premiered in December 2014 and written and directed by WBro. Gary W Allen, PJGD.

The team arrived at midday to set up its equipment in the large temple at Bateman Street, Cambridge, and spent the rest of the afternoon rehearsing and arranging the lighting and settings. All was then set for the evening's performance.

Throughout history, when the British colonised new lands, they endeavoured to reproduce as far as possible the customs and institutions of their own land. Among those established early in the new colony of Australia was Freemasonry. Over the years historians have been divided about which lodge should be credited with the founding of Freemasonry in Australia.



The play follows the colonisation and those events between 1778 and 1820. At the conclusion, the WM, WBro. Andy Fordham, thanked the team on behalf of Kynaston Lodge and guests. Attendance was just over 100. At the Festive Board, a cheque for £900 was presented to WBro. Gary Allen, Director to the team, for the Norfolk Festival for which grateful appreciation was shown by the brethren from Norfolk.

Brian Elliott

Helping hand from Cambridgeshire Meridian

An exercise programme run by a local branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society has benefitted to the tune of £300 thanks to Cambridgeshire Meridian Lodge No. 9687.



Half of the sum was raised at the Lodge's ladies' lunch in May, with the remainder match funded by the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Meridian's Worshipful Master, WBro. Ian Barnes accompanied by Senior Warden, WBro. Sean Tirrell, presented the cheque on 17th August to the Society's Cambridge Branch.

Ian Barnes

Choir makes its debut

The consecration of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927 also saw the first appearance of the Province's fledgling choir. Although small in number, the six Brethren, under the guidance of its musical director, WBro. David Warham, Deputy Grand Organist, and WBro. Richard Dean. The latter described the choir as a work in progress.

Cliff Brown

Kynaston Lodge widow reaches 100th birthday

Members of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 in Cambridge have honoured one of its widows on reaching her 100th birthday. On 12th September, WBro. Bob Wordsworth, the Lodge's Almoner, and his wife Diana, visited Mrs Joan Hewett at her residential home in Aylsham, Norfolk, to present her with a bouquet and card. They later joined Joan, her family and fellow residents for a celebration.

Joan expressed delight at receiving greetings from the Lodge and sent her thanks and best wishes in return. Her late husband Henry Edward Hewett, known as Harry, passed away, aged 80, in 1990. He had been a member of Kynaston Lodge for many years. A keen golfer, being one time captain of Girton Golf Club, he was also a well-known builder, who had worked on the construction of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and retired as a director of Rattee and Kett, of Cambridge.

Bob Wordsworth



Air Ambulance donation

WBro. Peter Sutton recently presented a cheque for £4,000 to Barbara McGee, fundraising manager of East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) on behalf of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which makes a similar grant every year to all air ambulance organisations throughout the country.



The EAAA is based at Cambridge Airport on Marshall premises in splendid new offices with facilities for air and medical crew. The EAAA operates two H145 helicopters from Cambridge and Norwich Airports. The annual cost of these services is more than £10 million. Approximately half of this cost is raised from a dedicated Lottery, which has currently 90,000 subscribers paying £52 per year.

Peter Sutton



Building Fund help from Bowls Association

Representatives of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Bowls Association have handed over a £500 cheque for the Province's Building Fund to the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur.



The ProvGM and bowls association president Steve Keen with Ed Mann, Phil Ells and Martin Francis who retained the trophy won in 2015.

The ProvGM received the cheque on 6th September when, as patron, he attended the annual general meeting of the Association, held at the City of Ely Bowls Club. He also presented the Rushmore Cup to the winners of the Inter Lodge Triples competition, Ed Mann, Phil Ells and Martin Francis, of Wisbech's Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125, who also won the event in 2015.

The cheque was presented by bowls association president Steve Keen and treasurer Richard Phillips. Further information about the Cambridgeshire Masonic Bowls Association can be found on page 202 of the 2016 Provincial Yearbook.

David Mason

Founder celebrates 65 years in Masonry

A founding member of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959 has celebrated achieving 65 years of service to Freemasonry. WBro. John Woolfenden marked his achievement by enabling Virtute et Fide to host the 2012 Prestonian Lecture 'Scouting and Freemasonry - two parallel organisations' given by WBro. Tony Harvey, at its meeting in September 2016.



The ProvGM, RWBro. William Dastur (left) with WBro. John Woolfenden, WBro. Gary Benn, Deputy ProvGM, VWBro. John Sherriff and WBro. Tony Harvey.

John was a founder member of the Lodge in 1964 and a former District Scout Leader, so both organisations had a significant influence on his life. The Worshipful Master, WBro. Gary Benn presented a lapel pin and inscribed goblet to John, which he said "would be put to good use".

In attendance were the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur and Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. John Sherriff.

Keith Poulson

Quatuor Coronati Lodge visits Cambridgeshire

Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 jointly hosted with Queens' College, Cambridge, the Tercentenary Conference on the history of Freemasonry over the weekend of 9th – 11th September. The initial event of the three-day conference was a regular meeting of the Lodge held under Dispensation from the Province at Bateman Street on the morning of 9th September.



The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur and members of the 2016 Provincial Team were invited to attend as guests and to hear a presentation of the 2016 Prestonian Lecture 'Foundations' by WBro. Dr. Richard Berman, Prestonian Lecturer (pictured above right with the ProvGM).

The Team was welcomed by Quatuor Coronati's Worshipful Master, WBro. James Campbell, who is also a Past Master of Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 and the 2011 Prestonian Lecturer (pictured above).

Quatuor Coronati Lodge is the premier research lodge in the world and was founded in 1884 (consecrated in 1886) by nine founders who wished to use an evidence-based approach to study Masonic history and research the origins of Freemasonry. Their approach was intended to replace the more imaginative writings of earlier authors and was later referred to as the 'authentic school' of Masonic research.



Quite fitting then that the 2016 Lecture by Dr. Berman casts new light and evidence on the formation and early years of the Grand Lodge of England and which commemorates the 300th anniversary of UGLE in 2017.

Following the meeting, members of the Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master and team along with other invited guests enjoyed lunch together before departing to Queens College for the start of the Conference.

Brian Elliott

Pictures by WBro. David Peabody



The year of celebration marking the Tercentenary of Freemasonry in England and Wales started on 24th June.

Cambridgeshire is joining the other United Grand Lodge of England Districts and Provinces in planning events to celebrate this important birthday.



Cambridgeshire's plans include:

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge Tercentenary Conference held on 9th-11th September, 2016 at Queens' College. The theme was the History of Freemasonry and conference hosted a special meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, lectures, keynote addresses and a Gala Dinner. See report above.

The traditional Festival of Carols service at Ely Cathedral on Friday 9th December from 7.15pm. This event is open to all and tickets are available at www.elycathedral.org/events/festival-of-carols.

A Variety Concert at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge on Tuesday 4th April 2017. This event is open to all and promises a range of musical offerings, from pre-war to modern styles. Ticket prices include welcome drink and canapes. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Ian Larkin.

A Garden Party and Teddy Bears' Picnic at Engine Farm, Coates, Whittlesey on Saturday 24th June 2017 from 10am to 4pm. Families are encouraged to attend this picnic, which will provide a range of games, rides and attractions for parents and children. Ticket prices are £10 per family and include a picnic pack from UGLE

A Closing Banquet at Churchill College on Friday 8th December 2017. This the only event restricted to Masons and is designed to allow as many brethren from around the Province to join in celebrating this unique and once-in-a-lifetime event.

Event information and details for obtaining tickets will be circulated to Lodge members regularly and your Lodge Secretary should have all the important information. Details of all the public events are also available on the Province's public website at www.pglcamb.org/tercentenary.

Provincial Bowlers come close to victory

The Province's bowls players put in their best-ever performance at the 6th Masonic Annual Charity Event (MACE) on 12th August at Ipswich. Held on a scorching hot day at Ipswich & District Bowls Club under the banner of the Province of Suffolk, 24 teams from 15 provinces battled it out for the prestigious MACE trophy.

Cambridgeshire MBA had two teams in the event and were edged out in sudden death, one-shot ends to finish second and fourth. The Province's A team played Wiltshire in the third and fourth place match, which was drawn and decided by the captains entering into a one shot end to decide the winner, which, unfortunately, went against Bryan Saddington.

Remarkably, Cambridgeshire B finished undefeated and contested the final against Derbyshire, which again was drawn. The deciding shoot-off went against captain David Mason, so the team of four had to settle for second. The silver salvers for second and fourth places are to be displayed in the trophy cabinet at Freemasons' Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge. A total of £1,700 was raised for Hope for Tomorrow, a mobile chemotherapy unit.

Cambridgeshire A consisted of Chris Whitebrook and Richard Phillips, St Andrew No. 4087; Phil Ells, Gild of Holy Trinity No. 6125 & Bryan Saddington, Virtute et Fide No. 7595. Reserve was Freddie Lawes, Descensus Aquarum No. 8655. Cambridgeshire B was Jim & Sue Burt, Kynaston No. 5810; Ron Nutt, Scientific No. 88 & David Mason, St Andrew No. 4087. Reserve was Roger Kilham, St Andrew No. 4087.

Next year's tournament takes place on 4th August 2017 at Dorchester in the Province of Dorset when Cambridgeshire will hope to go one better.

David Mason

St Andrew provides funds for two causes

WBro. Nick Thompson, of St Andrew Lodge No. 4087 has presented a cheque for £940 to WBro. Jim Whitehead for the 'Teddies for Loving Care' appeal.

The TLC Appeal provides teddy bears for the medical staff at hospitals to give, at their discretion, to children who are in distress particularly from trauma, injury or illness.

Crossword solution



The money was raised from events held during Nick's year in the chair at St Andrew Lodge, Whittlesey, and was presented at the installation of his successor, WBro. Gordon Stuttard. At the same meeting the ProvGM, RWBro. William Dastur accepted a cheque for £560 on behalf of the Provincial Building Fund from WBro. Thompson.

Richard Phillips

Big haul of trophies for St Ovin

Ely's St Ovin Lodge No 7774 dominated the Province of Cambridgeshire Masonic Golf Association event by winning five of the trophies.

Mick Harding was awarded the Roy Perks Memorial Trophy as the top golfer of the event, which took place on 1st July at Ely City Golf Club. He joined Michael Munnely and Robert Shields to win the Hamblin Smith Challenge Cup for the best lodge team. Michael was top in the Isaac Newton Salver event for players with a handicap of 13 or less. Robert won the Chairman's Cup for players aged 65 or over, and paired up with Michael to win the Ernest Mathers Trophy team greensomes medal.



The four other trophies went to brethren from different lodges. Joe MacMurray, of Cantabrigia No 3532, won the Sydney Cole Trophy (14-16 handicap), Peter Brown, of Gild of St Mary No 7288 won the Widdicombe Silver Challenge Cup (17-22), Martin Crutchley, of Kynaston No 5810, was first in the Corbett Cup (23-28), and Charlie Brown, of Nourse No 8590, won the Frank Brittain Veterans' Cup.

Runners-up were: Roy Perks Memorial Trophy, Allan Coughlin, Gild of St Mary; Isaac Newton Salver, Pete Corley, St Andrew No 4087; Sydney Cole Trophy, Bryan Stops, Kynaston; Widdicombe Silver Challenge Cup, Simon Whitmore, Scientific No 88; Corbett Cup, Chris Bull, Thirkill No 7333; Frank Brittain Veterans' Cup, Peter Webster, St Ovin; Chairman's Cup, William Harrison, St Audrey No 2727; Hamblin Smith Challenge Cup, Peter Brown, Allan Coughlin and Henry McTrusty, Gild of St Mary; Ernest Mathers Trophy, Pete Corley and Tim Downes, St Andrew.

Pete Corley

Farmers sow seeds for new lodge

Hot on the heels of the consecration of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927, there will be a second new lodge in the Province.

The Fenland Farmers Lodge No. 9933 will be consecrated on 24th November by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur, at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre. Attracting founders and members from Cambridgeshire and neighbouring Masonic Provinces, much of the work behind the scenes in the new lodge's formation is down to WBro. Danny Ellis, of St Andrew Lodge No. 4087 at Whittlesey. The first Worshipful Master will be WBro. Gordon Easton.

Cliff Brown

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