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Michael Hinton and Edmund Brookes



David Cameron



Tony Mason



David Parker



Alan de Laune



Alan Brown

The Provincial visit to the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge saw around 90 brethren watch RWBro. Steven Varley from Derbyshire invest as Assistant Grand Master. After lunch, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur announced principle appointments and promotions in Grand Rank and Provincial Grand Rank.

WBro. David Cameron will be appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and WBro. Bharat Khetani will become Past Junior Grand Deacon, while WBro. Edmund Brookes is promoted to Deputy Grand Sword Bearer and WBro. Tony Mason to Past Junior Grand Deacon.

In the Royal Arch, there is a first appointment to Grand Rank for EComp. Michael Hinton who becomes a Past Grand Standard Bearer.

WBro. David Broker (809) will be appointed as Provincial Senior Warden and WBro. Bob Hammett (441) as Provincial Junior Warden. WBro. David Parker (5810) will become Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, WBro. Alan de Laune (2107) will become Provincial Grand Almoner and WBro. Alan Brown (7288) will be Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

WBro. Razvan Dinita (1492), WBro. John Creek (5810), Bro. Freddie Lawes (8655) and WBro. Bob Whitnall (9933) will be appointed Provincial Grand Stewards and, as such, will be eligible to join the prestigious and hard-working Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards No. 9927.

WBro. Brookes, having already served as Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra and Third Provincial Grand Principal is to become Second Provincial Grand Principal.

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Our Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent says

Welcome to the latest edition of The Cambridgeshire Mason. We shared a delightful day at Quarterly Communication on 8th March to witness the installation of the new Assistant Grand Master. I was thrilled with the fantastic attendance at the Cambridgeshire lunch which followed (see image below). It is so good to be back in full flow following Covid.



We can all help by contacting them, giving them lifts, booking them in and ensuring they enjoy their first meetings back. These two simple actions will do so much to ensure we can do our bit to close the gap between leavers and new members thus ensuring we grow as a Province, and indeed nationally, whilst meeting, if not exceeding, the Membership Challenge set by the Pro Grand Master.

It was pleasing to be able to announce that our Festival appeal in support of MCF, your charity, has reached the target we set back in 2018 but I am hoping that we can continue to work hard for the MCF and, perhaps, lift the eventual sum raised to some seven figures. This would reaffirm that Cambridgeshire continues to punch above its weight.

The Pro Grand Master's strategy is critical to the future of the Craft and, indeed, the Royal Arch. We have already had a great impact rolling out the Membership Pathway and initiatives BUT I should like each and every one of us to concentrate in the next three months or so on two aspects.

Firstly, please continue to approach candidates who will enhance our meetings, lodges and chapters. We each have an important role to play in this and should not just leave it to others. Please, please make new members welcome and feel wanted – something I endeavour to do whenever I visit. The Light Blues Buddy initiative is working so well and I encourage you to make the visiting initiates, fellowcrafts etc. especially welcome when they attend your lodges.

Secondly, too many meetings are still missing brethren and companions who used to come but haven't since 2019. It is vital that we continue to engage with them and try to encourage their return.

Hutchinson Masters Lodge consecration is scheduled for Thursday 30th March at Wisbech St Mary becoming our 33rd lodge. It will perpetually commemorate a fine leader of this Province. It is an incredibly special event and one that does not happen that often so I hope some of you will take the opportunity to come along.

The new Provincial Wardens and Second Grand Principal as well as some other key changes, are on the front page of this edition and my congratulations go out to them as well as to Dr Bharat Khetani, David Cameron, Mike Hinton, Edmund Brookes and Tony Mason on their Grand Rank appointments/promotions. Congratulations also to all those brethren and companions who are receiving appointments or promotions. I am looking forward to the April investiture meetings as well as our Provincial Meetings at the West Road Concert Hall and Queens' College on 22nd June 2022

Brethren, continue to help us grow this magnificent institution and enjoy your freemasonry!

This latest edition reprises many important stories and items across the Province in recent months as well as previewing forthcoming events. It amply illustrates what a busy, successful and happy Province we are and I commend it to you.



A short history of St Andrew Royal Arch Chapter

St. Andrew Chapter No. 4087 at Whittlesey celebrated its 200th meeting on 28th February, when a short history was given by EComp. Russell Jackson, Past Deputy Grand Superintendent. Perhaps the biggest shock he had when compiling this short history was to realise he had been a member of St Andrew Chapter No. 4087 for three-quarters of its life:

St Andrew Chapter was consecrated on 26th April 1955 at the Masonic Hall, Woolpack Lane, Whittlesey, and still meets at this same address some 68 years later. It is attached to St Andrew Lodge, which was consecrated in 1920.

Why it was decided to leave the formation of the Chapter for some 35 years after the Lodge was consecrated is not now known. I suspect that having got the Lodge well established, and having acquired the premises in 1935, the Brethren were looking for something else significant to do and a Royal Arch Chapter was top of the list.

It could, of course, have been that there was heavy pressure from Province to form a Chapter as the Grand Superintendent at the time wanted to perform a consecration ceremony. The main driving force in forming the Chapter was WBro. and EComp. John Henry Poles, who had been the prime mover in forming the Lodge and was its first Worshipful Master.

The consecration was conducted by the then Grand Superintendent, Sir Henry Thirkill, assisted by the 2nd and 3rd Provincial Grand Principals, EComps. Pitstow and Riddiough, and seven other Provincial Officers. The consecration, as noted in the minutes, was conducted "with all due solemnity and ceremony" and a total of 70 Companions attended.

Listed in the consecration summons are the 29 founders and many were well-known local Masons. EComp. Poles became the first MEZ. This complemented his earlier appointment as the first WM of the Lodge and ensured his name will be ever remembered locally as the "Father of Freemasonry in Whittlesey".

The first regular meeting followed on 25th October 1955 when WBro. Ken Greator, a local wholesale tobacconist, was exalted. The Historical, Symbolical and Mystical lectures were all delivered in full and the version of the Mystical then used, as it was when I was exalted in 1973, was even longer and more complicated than the one used more recently.

The last time all three lectures were delivered was in 1963 and the first exalte to receive the Mystical and one other lecture was EComp. Ted Little, who would, I think, have been quite capable of understanding all three of the lectures on first hearing them if anyone could.

At the third regular meeting in October 1956, EComp. Poles retired as MEZ and was immediately appointed DC, which office he held until his death in January 1963.

At the 100th meeting on 25th October 1988, Bros. Victor Wright and Alan Crowe were exalted but, sadly, neither are now with us. Alan's son-in-law, EComp. Eugene Brook has been our Janitor for 29 years after being asked by his father-in-law if he would mind doing it for a couple of meetings back in 1994.

The first regular Janitor was Comp. Walter Holmes who was exalted in October 1960 and appointed Janitor in April 1961. He held the office until he died in 1967. He was succeeded by Comp. Herbert Hickman on 28th February 1967 and held the office until he retired some 27 years later in 1994. Both these Companions also held the office of Tyler of the Lodge at the same time as that of Janitor of the Chapter.

From the combined 63 years of service of our last three Janitors it is not an easy job to get rid of, so if you are asked to stand in, it might just be a lifetime appointment!

Also at the 100th meeting, Bro. Tony Browne was successfully balloted for exaltation and EComp. Jim Whitehead, ProvGSE at the time, was elected an Honorary member. The vast majority of new members originally came from St Andrew Lodge but now from all the Whittlesey Lodges but we are always pleased and very happy to welcome a Brother from other areas.

Russell Jackson



Why Jerusalem?

This lecture was delivered by EComp. Edward Boyd-Tuck, MEZ of Cambridgeshire Installed First Principals' Chapter, at its meeting in March.

Jerusalem, the Holy City. Coveted, prized and disputed by three of the world's greatest faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Jerusalem has been conquered and occupied more than any other city in history.

Throughout its long history Jerusalem has been destroyed at least twice, besieged 33 times, captured and recaptured 44 times and attacked 52 times and the more it is destroyed the more revered it has become. Yet the holiness of the early city dates back long before the arrival of Islam, long before the advent of Christianity, and long even before Judaism. So how did a craggy, remote, obscure little stronghold become the Holy City, the prime place on Earth for God to meet man?

To understand the reasons we have to go back to the early bronze age, perhaps around 3,200 BC, when a sparse population lived in the hills of the area in small square houses. They herded sheep and they buried their dead in caves around Jerusalem. Over the next thousand years or so this land, known as Canaan become part of a province ruled by the Pharaohs in Egypt.

On the fertile plains of the Mediterranean coast there were already several thriving cities but inland, the hill country was a backwater. The ancient city would eventually be founded on two mountains, Mount Moriah and Mount Zion, but it all began on Ophel Hill.

The Ophel Hill was where the Canaanite settlers first began to build. Their settlement was named Urusalem which some believe means "founded by Salem", the Pagan God of the evening star. This small, arid little hillside may seem a strange place to build. It is far from the trade routes and distant from the Mediterranean but it did have two distinct advantages. First, its steep ravines made it almost impregnable and crucially, it had a spring, and it was this combination that attracted the first settlers to build there.

Archaeological evidence suggests that by 1700 BC the Canaanites had protected the spring with a tower and a massive wall, 23ft. thick, using stones up to three tons in weight. This was the only spring in a very large radius and was their lifeline. The spring was also positioned so it pointed east towards the sun, meaning the morning sun's rays hit the water in such a way as to cause there to be a sanctity attributed to it in those early days.

So long before the Christians, long even before the Israelites captured Jerusalem, this was already considered a holy place.

Now Companions, bearing in mind the time period we have reached in our researches, we would hardly expect any contemporaneous notes being found giving an idea of what was happening at that time. Yet we have just that!

Included in the collection of Armana letters which were written about 1350 BC we find a tablet inscribed in delicate cuneiform characters, sent by the Canaanite King of Jerusalem, Abdi-Heba, to the Pharaoh in Egypt pleading for archers to help defend the city from attack. Strangely no more is heard of Abdi-Heba, so we do not know if the Pharaoh came to his aid or if he got his archers. Neither is any more heard of Jerusalem for several centuries. All we know is that this small provincial town not only survived the attack but carried on growing, albeit slowly, with several new buildings clinging to the slopes of the Ophel Hill.

So after 2,000 years, we have established that Jerusalem has become a town of some importance and a place of sanctity, but to find the undeniable reason for it becoming the Universal City we must turn to the story told by a book of unique and global prestige - the Bible. It made Jerusalem the most famous city in the world.

Many of the stories told in the Bible originated in the arch traditions of the Hebrew people. They were often only put down in writing hundreds of years after they were supposed to have happened. To some believers the Bible is the fruit of divine revelation fundamentally infallible in every detail, but for the historian it can be a troublesome, complex and subtle source. Some of it is undeniably factually correct, some of it mythological, some of it is poetry of soaring beauty and much is absolutely mysterious to us all.

The Bible isn't only a mystical and sacred text, it forms a chronical of Jerusalem's history and a hymn to its holiness. It is not always reliable but it can be useful when you can check it against other sources. The first reference to Jerusalem is in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 14, which recounts how the patriarch Abraham visited what was the Canaanite city. It says "and King Melchizedok of Salem welcomed him with bread and wine, in the name of EL-Elyon, the Most High God" This suggests that Jerusalem was already a Canaanite shrine ruled by priest kings.

The Bible goes on that centuries later Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt to take over the promised land - Canaan. The Book of Joshua tells how they occupied Canaan in a series of battles and massacres although there is not much archaeological evidence of a violent conquest. There are hardly any ruined cities or mass graves but there is evidence of pastoral settlers building new villages in the countryside.

Why Jerusalem? - continued

The Israelites brought with them a new religion - they believed in just one God - Yahwey and the first of his Ten Commandments was to reject the pagan gods of old. The Israelites were united in their faith but politically they were divided. There were twelve district tribes split into two warring factions, the northern tribes known as Israel and the southern tribes as Judah.

Uniting these warring tribes would take a charismatic warrior king - David. The Bible presents him as a flawed sinner, adulterer and a man of blood, but also as a sacred hero and poet. David took over as a popular king who was able to unite both the southern and northern tribes to one nation.

He believed that his capital at Hebron in the south was too far from the borders so he created a new capital at Jerusalem which had belonged to neither north nor south, so was acceptable to both. At that time Jerusalem was probably no more than 15 acres in area, just enough to house about 1,200 people around the citadel.

There is archaeological proof that David himself existed and the Bible describes his Jerusalem as the magnificent capital of a large kingdom, but after years of searching there is very little evidence of a city built by David and what evidence there is is hard to interpret.

The Bible says that he planned to build a temple to house the Ten Commandments and the Ark of the Covenant just above the Ophel Hill on the summit of Mount Moriah but it was not to be. David was now old and stricken and his courtiers and sons intrigued for the succession. His elder son Adonijah made a bid for the throne but the plotters underestimated Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon.

After an extraordinary career that united the Israelites and cast Jerusalem as God's city David died having ordered Solomon to build the temple on Mount Moriah.

So we now have Jerusalem firmly established as the Holy City under the reign of David. When Solomon started his reign in 970 BC he undertook the sacred mission of constructing the temple taking seven years and upwards in building, completing and dedicating it to God's service. The temple was not just a shrine, it was the home of God himself.

When all was finished, Solomon assembled the people to witness the priests bear the acacia wood chest of the Ark of the Covenant from its tent on the citadel of Zion to the temple on Mount Moriah. Solomon sacrificed at the altar and the priest took the Ark which contained the tablets of Moses' Law into the Holy of Holies. As the priest came out it is said the "cloud of Divine Presence, the Glory of the Lord, filled the house of the Lord."

At that moment the concept of sanctity in the Judaeo-Christian-Islamic world found its eternal home. Jews and the other Peoples of the Book believe that the Divine Presence has never left the Temple Mount. Jerusalem would become the superlative place for divine-human communication on Earth.

Of course we all know that this is not the end of the story, nor is it the beginning of the end, but to complete the well-known quote, it is the end of the beginning. Jerusalem would, and does, remain the Holy City in spite of many more trials, tribulations and near destruction.

Edward Boyd-Tuck



A big night for Alma Mater

Saturday 25th February was a significant evening for the members of Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 and their guests. Capping off a brilliant evening the Worshipful Master WBro. Terry Lewis was presented with a Rhodium Festival Honorific, marking the fact that the Lodge has raised over £86,000 in support of the Province's Festival 2023, the first Lodge in the Province to earn this reward.

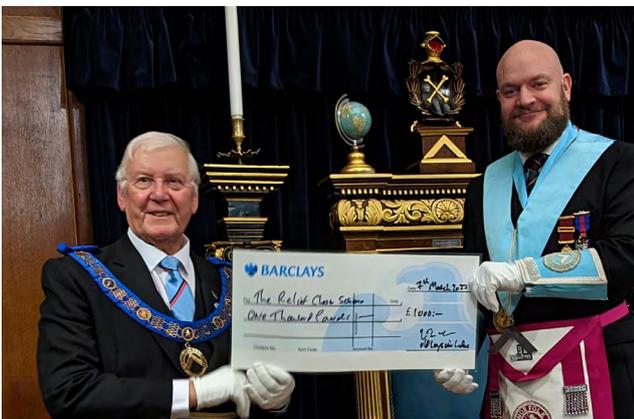
The Rhodium Honorific was presented to WBro Lewis by CMBA chairman WBro. David Cameron, who congratulated the Alma Mater Brethren on their amazing achievement and pointed out that Rhodium is the rarest of all non-radioactive metals and this Rhodium Honorific is the rarest of all Festival Honorifics.

The evening started with eulogies for WBro. Stewart Kerr and WBro. Peter Beaumont and were followed by a double initiation.

David Patterson



Festival boost from Old Leysian



At the Installation meeting of Old Leysian Lodge No. 4520, the new Worshipful Master, WBro. Luke Loades presented the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Pat Kilby PGSwdB, with a donation of £1,000 in support of Cambridgeshire Festival 2023.

During the Festive Board, VWBro. Kilby awarded WBro. Loades a Bronze Festival Honorific marking the contributions of Old Leysian Lodge to the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

David Cameron

Rose Croix gets new District leader



The Ancient and Accepted Right's District of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely has a new Inspector General and Recorder. Justin Curtis, currently Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Craft, takes over as the new Inspector General for the Rite (known as Rose Croix) from Very Illustrious Brother Dr Nigel Williams.

Justin is a member of Three Virtues Chapter Rose Croix No. 972 at Cambridge and will be formally invested by members of Supreme Council 33° at a special meeting of Cambridge & Isle of Ely Chapter Rose Croix No.1157 on Monday 22nd May 2023 at Bateman Street, Cambridge. Brian Elliott will be the Recorder for the District of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, which has eight Chapters. Visit: <http://www.sc33.org.uk>

Ian Greig

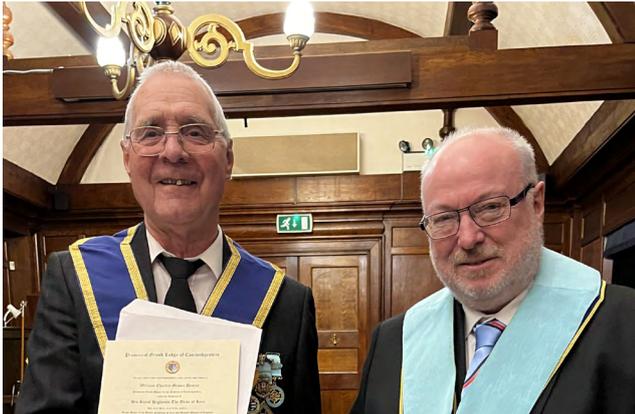
Double presentation for long-serving Brother

The Cantabrigia Lodge No. 3532 witnessed a special event at its meeting on 22nd February when two presentations were made to WBro. Rodney Benham PPGReg.

A 50-Year Certificate was presented by the Lodge Secretary, WBro. John Jones PAGDC, ProvGReg, followed by a Cambridgeshire Festival 2023 Stewards Jewel presented by the Lodge Charity Steward, WBro. Bryan Randall.

The evening was made even more special with the bi-annual visit from the members of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959, the daughter lodge of Cantabrigia, and the Initiation of Brandon Songest, a family connection of the Immediate Past Master, WBro. Paul Arnill.

Bryan Randall



Athelstan supports Festival 2023

At its March meeting, the Worshipful Master of the Athelstan Court of Unity at Witesie No. 84, WBro. Eugene Brook, along with the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Alex Allan and his Deputy VWBro. Danny Ellis, presented a cheque for £1,000 in support of the Cambridgeshire Festival 2023.

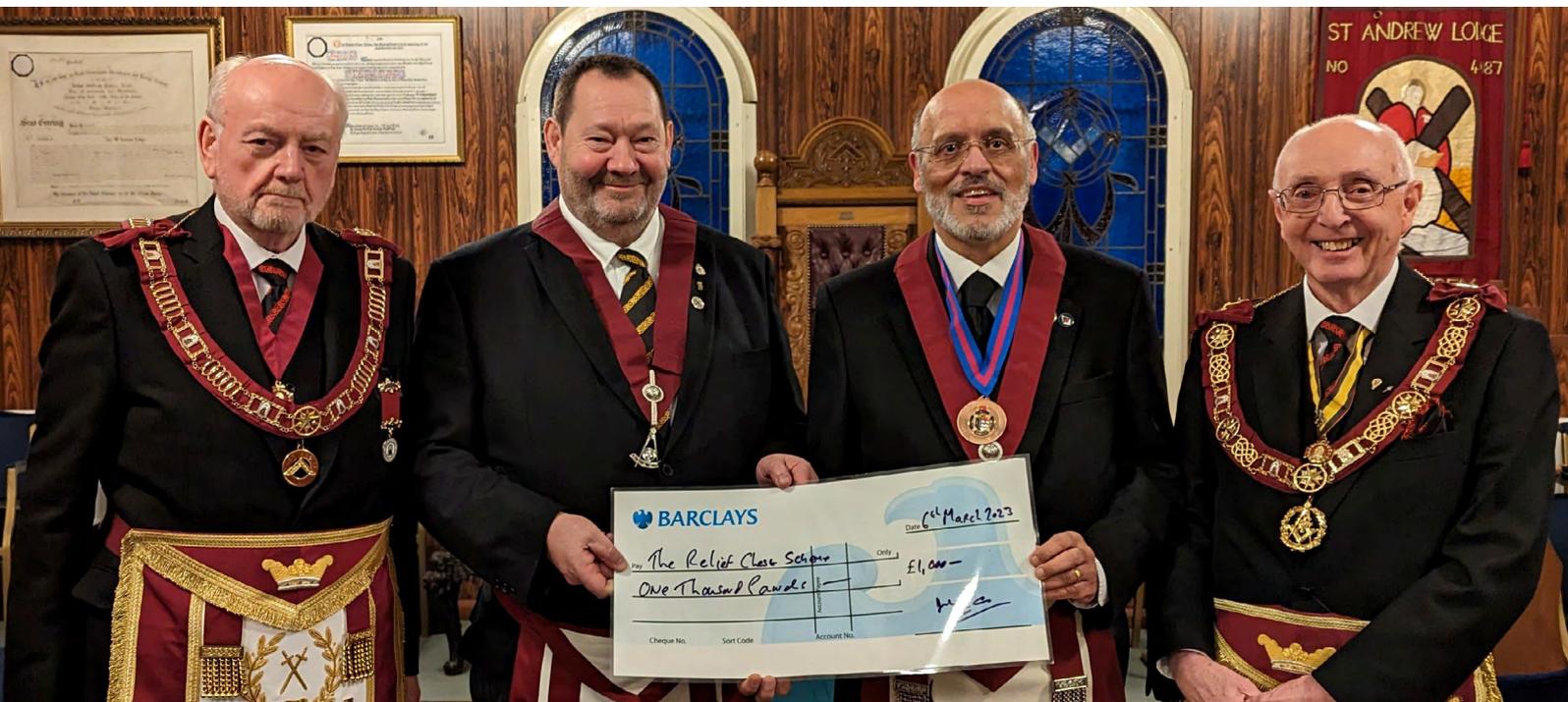
The cheque was presented at its meeting in Whittlesey to WBro. David Cameron, CMBA chairman and a Past Master of the Athelstan Court of Keith Ansell at Grantebrycge No.150, meeting at Cambridge.

WBro. Cameron was delighted to present WBro. Brook with a Bronze Festival Honorific, which RWBro. Allan has agreed that the WM could wear at the Festive Board.

For more information on the Masonic Order of Athelstan in East Anglia, visit:

www.athelstan-eastanglia.org.uk

David Cameron



Race night at March Masonic Hall



The Caldwell & Stone Cross Joint Race night was held at the March Masonic Hall on Saturday 18th February, having been originally planned for 2020 but postponed due to Covid.

Over 60 members and guests enjoyed a night at the races organised by WBro. Les Mills (Caldwell) and Bro. Clinton Elkin (Stone Cross). Behind the bar were the Worshipful Masters Andy Murfitt (Caldwell) & Andy Sullivan (Stone Cross). An excellent buffet was provided during the evening by Richardson's Catering.

Cliff Brown

Donation to Peckover School in Wisbech

The trustees of the Wisbech Masonic Benevolent Fund have donated £250 to the Sensory Room being set up at The Peckover School in Wisbech.

The Vice Principal Kate Kendal said: "The money will be used to buy sensory equipment for use in a quiet area for the children that need that support. Thank you to the Freemasons for their donation - it is much appreciated".

Andy Clifton



St Andrew Lodge keeps it in the family



Congratulations to WBro. Tim Downes, who Initiated his second son Jamie into St. Andrew Lodge No. 4087 in Whittlesey last night. A surprise visit by Provincial Grand Master RWBro. William Dastur and his Deputy Pat Kilby made the evening even more special!

Tim's third son will be Initiated in March...

Dave Sowman

Eyes down for a full house in Wisbech

Three, five seven or more? It was eyes down for a full house in Wisbech for the Lodge of United Good Fellowship Lodge No. 809, who ran a very successful Bingo Night.

Congratulations to Bro. Matthew Green and his team for organising the event, which was attended by over 60 people and raised around £500 for the Festival.

Michael Humphrey



Preparation of a Candidate for Initiation: In My Heart

Freemasonry has an important spiritual significance. It is not a religion; it says only that if you practice its tenets and principles you will become wiser. Its final goal is the Wisdom and Truth to which we dedicate our hearts. It is a system with philosophical principles that have psychological effects on those who practice it.

Our three Grand Principles, as stated in the ritual are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. You cannot be openhearted unless you are in a trusting environment but once you are, compassion is a natural consequence and the pursuit of Truth becomes the quest. The point of Freemasonry is to improve people; to encourage a transformation through a better understanding of themselves and a better understanding of their place in the Great Architect's grand design.



As the address to the new Master of a Lodge upon his Installation explains, a Freemason is one, "...whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence".

It is thus fitting that the preparation of an Entered Apprentice is coupled with the preparation of the heart. The heart is our centre; it allows blood to flow and emotions to clear. If the heart is not ready, there is no way the mind is ready. Because the Entered Apprentice is joining Freemasonry to look for character building and strength, it is vital to have an open heart prepared as the foundation for the building. Light cannot be found on a path carved by fear. Seek light with an open heart.

Peter Crussell

Cambridgeshire Light Blues thank Past Chairman

The Cambridgeshire Light Blues Club held its AGM at Ely Masonic Hall in February. Around 30 members attended including seven Provincial Officers, who were there to provide support.

The meeting reviewed the 'Buddies' scheme, whereby groups of initiates visit other Lodges to meet fellow masons, see how other Lodges work, see an Initiation ceremony, and get to know each other. These visits are funded by the CLB, so fundraising, in the form of the Chairman's raffle, is vital to ensure the program can continue.

The CEO, WBro. Ed Williams, presented the outgoing Chairman, WBro. Adrian Peters, with a beautifully engraved decanter as a thanks from everyone for all his hard work in getting the Club up and running once again.

Ed Williams



**Cambridge
Freemasons' Club
St Georges Day Lunch**

Sunday 23rd April 2023 ~ 12.00 for 12.30 ~ £20.00 per Person



MENU

*Smoked Salmon Parcels
with Cream Cheese
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15th April 2023

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£5 a ticket. Proceeds to be shared between :

The Festival 2023
Cambridgeshire Light Blues Club

Get your tickets from your lodge's CLB Rep

Raffle Prizes include -

- £100 M&S voucher
- £100 meat hamper
- Case of mixed wine
- Bottle of champagne
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- Cream tea for 4

Raffle drawn on Monday 3rd April at the CLB Buddies visit at Three Grand Principles lodge

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by Peter Crussell

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Cambridge Freemasons' Club Events 2023

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Saturday 17th June

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Saturday 14th October

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Saturday 16th December

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*Ely United Lodge of Instruction
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Followed by a Sausage Supper*



MENU

Tuesday 4th April 2023
Starting at 6.30pm
Ely Masonic Centre, Silver
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Dress – Smart Casual
Raffle to support local
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rank and Lodge number, plus any
dietary requirements to:-

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Gray Lodge makes charity donations

Gray Lodge has recently made three donations totalling £670 to local good causes with the assistance of matched funding from the Cambridge City & University Charitable Trust:

Chatteris Guides who are saving for a new banner; Sutton Squirrels (young scouts) who are extending their premises to avoid having to rent; and Cromwell College in Chatteris which hopes to construct a 'Sensory Garden' for their needy and disadvantaged pupils.

All three recipients were most grateful when presented with their cheques by WBro. Ken Robson, the lodge's Charity Steward.

Cliff Brown



Kynaston Lodge celebrates Bill's 50 years

WBro. William Parker, better known to most as Bill, was delighted to receive his 50-year certificate at his home from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Pat Kilby, watched by his son WBro. David Parker.

Bill was Initiated into Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 on 7th December 1972 and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1986. He was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

Bill was a very keen golfer, including being captain of The Links Golf Club, Newmarket, in 1994 and playing in both Provincial and Lodge events. In later years he has found it hard to attend meetings due to mobility, but has keenly supported the Lodge and Province over the years. Recently he donated several of his own watercolours to be auctioned in aid of the Festival 2023. It is expected they will raise more than £400.

David Parker



Fenland Farmers support mental health charity

The Fenland Farmers Lodge No. 9933, presented a cheque for £2500 to CPSL Mind at its Peterborough office. This money was raised during WBro. Tim Smith's time in the chair and money raised by WBro. Gordon Easton's museum, and also with help from the Bethel Scheme.

CPSL Mind is a Charity supporting positive mental health for residents of Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire.

Gary Sutcliffe, Fundraising Manager at CPSL Mind, said: "We are all so grateful to the Fenland Farmers Lodge, Tim Smith and Gordon Easton for their donation and it will be well used to help us to help local people in their recovery from mental health challenges.

"Mental Health is as relevant and as prevalent as ever as we exit the pandemic and fundraising like this will allow us to develop and grow our key services, to support individuals and communities and have a very real impact.

"Last year we provided direct mental health support to more than 4,300 local people and we are always trying to reach more. This donation will support us in our goals."

David Watson



Widows hear about work of Guide Dogs

Members of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Widows' Friendship Club gained an insight into the work of the Guide Dogs charity at their meeting on 2nd March.

During the meeting held at March Masonic Hall, the widows and their drivers enjoyed an interesting talk from one of the charity's trainers, who brought along Quest, her puppy undergoing preliminary training. Afterwards, club chairman WBro. Tony Mason presented a cheque to the charity.

A second presentation, this time to the Widows' Club, was made by WBro. Brian Sutton, Charity Steward of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201. The event concluded with a meal funded by the club.

Guide Dogs is the working name of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, which started in 1931. Today it is the world's largest breeder and trainer of working dogs. Thanks to its dedicated staff and volunteers – and vital donations – 36,000 lives have been transformed through a guide dog partnership since 1931.

David Sowman



Boost for children's bereavement support service

It was the bereavement support staff at the Ormiston Families receiving help when they received a donation of £600 from Cantabrigia Lodge No. 3532.

The Stars Children's Bereavement Support Service offers specialist support and counselling to children and young people in Cambridgeshire finding it difficult to cope with the loss of someone significant in their life. These services have been in especially high demand since the pandemic with some of their services having grown up to 35 percent over the last year and a number of them now with waiting lists.



The members of the lodge made the donation in conjunction with fund matching from the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust. This followed an appeal made by one of the members who, as a teacher, witnessed first-hand the impact that bereavement can have on children's education and the transformative work that the charity provides in supporting young people towards brighter futures.

Senior Philanthropy Manager Gavin Lamb said: "Research has shown that bereavement at a young age can lead to a number of negative consequences, including anxiety, depression, anger, lower self-esteem and external loss of control.

"This can lead to disengagement from school, alcohol or substance misuse and can ultimately have a long-term detrimental impact on a young person's future. It can be hugely beneficial for young people experiencing bereavement to have support from someone outside of their family, who may also be grieving, to enable them to share their thoughts and emotions.

"By improving communication about their feelings with family members, young people are able to reduce feelings of isolation and create the possibility of hope for the future while cherishing memories of a lost loved one".

While presenting the cheque to Ormiston Families, the Master of Cantabrigia Lodge, WBro. Zedric Grosvenor, said: "The work Ormiston Families does with children and young adults is very important. Situations entirely beyond a child's control can withdraw a child from continuing education, and no tragedy is as great as the loss of opportunity, access and engagement with education for a child.

"Something that my mother persisted on before passing, was that I never missed a day of school and I always got my studies complete before assisting with care or visiting. This value of education has stuck with me into adulthood. If other children and young adults can be supported through difficult losses and see the value in their life and own education once more, then that is truly a blessing in my opinion."

Bryan Randall

A new and easy way to contribute to charity

Some sad news, Amazon withdrew Amazon Smile from 20th February 2023. So far CMBA have received £835.67 and we may get an extra £131 - so it has been very worthwhile.

As such we have been looking at a new platform offering a similar benefit to the CMBA. I am delighted to report that we have found one which offers even greater cashbacks to the CMBA.

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David Cameron



Caldwell Lodge Ladies Festival



WBro. Andy Murfitt and his wife Tracy welcomed almost 80 people to the annual Caldwell Lodge Dinner & Dance which was held at the March Braza Club on Friday 3rd March.

A fabulous four-course dinner was followed by a disco and entertainment with Elvis impersonator Leigh Casling involving many of the audience!

Needless to say much fun was had by all and the raffle made £575 for the Festival 2023.

Andy Murfitt

Master's List marks a busy year in Whittlesey

W.Bro. John Down, Immediate Past Master of St. Andrew Lodge No 4087, was pleased to present a cheque for £2,382 to Samantha Ronnay, who is in charge of Community Engagement and Fundraising for the Young People's Counselling Services. YPCS offers free and confidential help to those aged between 11 and 18 in emotional difficulty throughout the Fenland area.

Another donation, of £3,382, was made to Dawn Golder (pictured right), Executive Director of FND UK, which will assist in promoting awareness and support for individuals and carers affected by FND (Functional Neurological Disorder) with which his own 19 year-old daughter was diagnosed in February 2021.

John would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone for the kind support and assistance given to his family during very difficult times.

John would also like to thank those Brethren who sponsored the team (pictured right) which finally completed the Inflatable 5k Challenge on Saturday 11th December 2022, following a cancellation due to COVID and managing to raise a further £1,600 for FND, bringing the total amount raised for his charities during his term as Master to a fantastic grand total of £7,364

John Down



Grand Council of Knight Masons

The new Council planned for Cambridge will be the Anglia Centenary Council - anyone interested in becoming a Founder or member should initially contact Dr. MC Black (mc.black@hardknott.org) who will be pleased to give further details.

The Order confers three Degrees: Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, and Knight of the East and West. The Region covers the Southern Half of England and Wales. Councils meet in London, Gillingham, Plymouth, Southend on Sea and Sutton. Admission to this Order is by request. Candidates must be subscribing members of Craft, Mark and Royal Arch. www.knight-mason.com

MC Black

The completion of your Third Degree....

Continue your Masonic journey by becoming a Companion of the Royal Arch. The Ceremony of Raising implies that there is more to learn, for it urges us to lift our eyes beyond our civil duties and routine existence. The Royal Arch develops this theme because it teaches us that the true secrets of a Freemason are to be found within ourselves.

When a Freemason has attained the rank of a Master Mason he is then entitled, after a period of one month, to be exalted into a Royal Arch Chapter in order to complete his journey in pure and Ancient Freemasonry. Members of the Royal Arch are known as Companions and meetings are called Convocations. Companions wear unique regalia.

Within English Freemasonry there exists an indissoluble link between Craft Freemasonry and the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch. Together they constitute "pure Ancient Masonry", as defined in the preliminary declaration of the Act of Union that in 1813 created the United Grand Lodge of England.

As in all Masonic degrees, the ritual of the Royal Arch is an allegory. It helps to focus the minds of the Companions, without conflicting with their religious beliefs, to a contemplation of the nature of, and their relationship with their God which will be appropriate to their own religion.

If you are interested in joining a Royal Arch Chapter you should first speak to your Lodge Royal Arch Chapter representative or your Lodge Secretary. Like Craft Freemasonry, the Royal Arch is open to men of all faiths.

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A recent interview with the Pro First Grand Principal, Jonathan Spence is on page 65 of the Winter 2022 edition of Freemasonry Today:
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