

The Second Rising

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Brother on parade

With minimal attendance at Remembrance Day parades in November, some Brethren were able to take part in various ways.

In March, WBro. Ray Jack, a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 and Deputy Mayor of the town, fulfilled his official duties.



Wreaths on behalf of both Caldwell Lodge and Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 were placed in St Peter's Church by WBro. Gavin Philpott, the new Master of Stone Cross. The wreaths were later moved to the town's war memorial in Broad Street.

Les Mills



Hospices receive grants from the Masonic Charitable Foundation

Two Cambridgeshire Hospices have been awarded grants from Cambridgeshire Freemasons through the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in Cambridge has been chosen to receive a grant of £2,270 which they will use to help with the running costs in these difficult times. The East Anglia's Children's Hospice in Milton will receive £1,010 which will be used to give families a well-earned rest via the emergency short break care.

These are just two of 203 grants to hospices around the country from Freemasons. In total £750,000 will be donated to hospices all over England and Wales this year. This includes £300,000 which will be distributed to each hospice that receives less than 60 per cent funding from the NHS. A further £450,000 will be provided to individual hospices across England and Wales via Hospice UK, the national charity for hospice care. The MCF is partnering with Hospice UK to widening access and address barriers to local hospice services to ensure they are accessible to everyone.

Rebecca Levy, Trust and Foundation Manager of EACH, said "The generous funding provided by the Masonic Charitable Foundation is an extraordinary support to the children, young people and families we support who are extremely vulnerable to the coronavirus".

Sharon Allen, Chief Executive, of the Arthur Rank Hospice, said " We are so grateful for the donation. This has been a difficult year for everyone and demand for our Hospice services has increased. Your support makes such a difference to us and to the patients and families we care for".



Top award for Newmarket stalwart

A prestigious Certificate of Service has been awarded to WBro. Peter Brown, a stalwart of the Newmarket Masonry, who has been hall steward for more than 15 years. The rare award was announced at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Newmarket Masonic Hall on Thursday 29th October, under the 'Rule of Six' regulations.

Certificates of Service to Masonry have been awarded by our Provincial Grand Master since 1996. Only 19 had been awarded with Peter's making it 20. It was fitting that the announcement could be made during the meeting as Peter has been a stalwart of Masonry in Newmarket and particularly Newmarket Masonic Club.



Having been Initiated into Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107 in 1990, Peter was their Master in 2002 and is well known as an Almoner and Organist for both Etheldreda Lodge and Logistica No. 9804. He is also the organist for Cambridgeshire Installed Masters Lodge No. 7429 and St. Wendred Lodge No. 8374. In 2008 he was the Provincial Grand Organist.

In the Royal Arch, Peter was Exalted into St. Etheldreda Chapter in 1993, where he is also Almoner, and became a founder member of Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter No. 8374 in 2013.

Kevin Mader

Fifty years for busy March mason

Congratulations to WBro. Bill Becker who, in November, completed the milestone of 50 years in Freemasonry and in December celebrated his 80th birthday. A joining member in October 2003 of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201, based in March, and of Fenland Meridian No. 9858 in September 2010, Bill was initiated into Wanstead St Mary Lodge on 5th November 1970 and its Master in 1981, 1985, 1998 and 2007. He has also served as Master of Wanstead Lodge No. 3524 in 1985, 2011, 2012, 2013 and took up the chair again in September 2020, as well as Fenland Meridian in 2016.



Bill was promoted to London Grand Rank in 1990 and Senior London Grand Rank in 1996. He also holds Senior London Grand Chapter Rank. Well known in the town due to his former job as a taxi driver, Bill is a member of the Royal Arch, Mark Master Masters, Royal Ark Mariners and Rose Croix in both Cambridgeshire and Essex Provinces. He joined Caldwell after moving to March from Essex with his wife Hazel. A superb ritualist who is happy to step into any role at meetings, Bill is also a member of St Wendreda Royal Arch Chapter No. 3201 and Cambridgeshire First Principals Chapter No. 7429.

The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Bill Dastur was due to attend the Caldwell Lodge Meeting on 17th November to present a certificate issued under the authority of the Grand Master HRH The Duke of Kent. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the meeting did not take place. Luckily, the Provincial Junior Grand Warden, WBro. David Fountain is also a member of Caldwell Lodge and was pleased to present the certificate. This had to be done in Bill's garden to meet Covid-19 restrictions.

Les Mills

Thirkill help for Petals

A baby loss counselling charity has received £500 from Thirkill Lodge No. 7333 at Cambridge. The cheque was presented to Petals by the lodge's Director of Ceremonies WBro. Terry Tinkler, and it was funded from £250 raised by Thirkill members and a matched amount from the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Petals was founded in 2011 to support women and couples who experienced the death of a baby. During this time, it has supported more than 2,000 parents through this devastating life experience.

Dave Kirkham



Assistance for foodbank

A Fenland town's foodbank has benefitted to the tune of £2,000 thanks to the generosity of members of two local lodges. The March Foodbank received the sum thanks to the efforts of the town's Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 and Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704. The total consisted of £250 from Caldwell, which was match funded by the Province's Charity for Care and Relief, £500 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and £500 from each lodge from the MCF's Covid grant scheme.

The cheque was handed over by WBro. Paul Ashby, Charity Steward of Stone Cross Lodge, WBro. Les Mills, secretary of Caldwell Lodge, and WBro. Brian Sutton, Charity Steward of Caldwell Lodge.

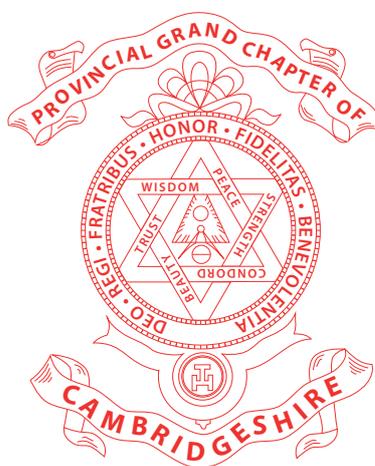


Charity Stewards Brian Sutton and Paul Ashby with the cheque for the foodbank

Rare awards for Royal Arch Companions

Two Companions have been awarded certificates for continuous exemplary service to Royal Arch Masonry. At the 2020 Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter at Newmarket on 2nd November, the Grand Superintendent, EComp. Bill Dastur announced that for only the second time he was awarding his Certificate of Service to Royal Arch Masonry.

The first was awarded to EComp. John Breeze PProvGScN, of Etheldreda Chapter No 809, who with 45 years of membership continues to act as Scribe Ezra.



The second was awarded to EComp. Doug Forsdyke P2ndProvGP, of Chapter of Fidelity No. 441, who with 47 years' service still holds active office and celebrates his 100th birthday this January.

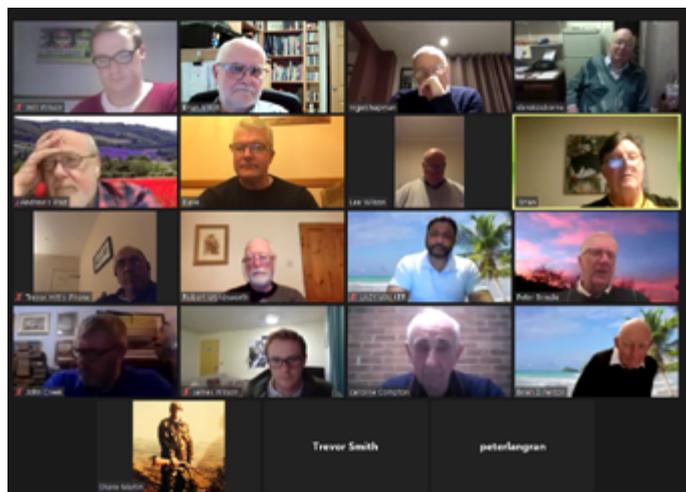
After the meeting the Grand Superintendent delivered the certificate to EComp. Forsdyke while that to EComp. Breeze was presented the next day in Wisbech.

Edmund Brookes

Daily advancement at virtual get-together

Keen to keep junior brethren in touch, Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 has made use of the increasing popular virtual world by combining not only a much-needed social gathering but also providing some daily advancement in masonic knowledge.

On 17th November, 19 members of the Lodge heard two presentations from junior brethren. The first, entitled 'The Meaning Behind Common Masonic Symbols' was researched and presented by the Lodge's Senior Deacon, Bro. Nigel Chapman.



The second was an item taken from UGLE's Solomon resource on the meaning behind the ceremonial use of the hoodwink and was presented by Bro. Will Wilson, a Lodge Steward and Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Light Blues Club.

The meeting, hosted by WBro. Brian Elliott, was chaired by Lodge of Instruction Preceptor, WBro. David Parker, and included a range of members from the Lodge's senior Past Master, WBro. Derek Osborn, and Worshipful Master WBro. John Creek, along with twins, James and Will Wilson, and the Lodge's most recent joining member, Bro. Andy Nicholson.

Brian Elliott



Ely support for Scouting premises

Urgent repairs to a hall used by Scouts and associated groups in Fordham will be able to go ahead thanks to a donation of £950 from Ely Freemasons.

On Saturday 24th October, Ely Freemasons assisted by the Province of Cambridgeshire handed over the cheque to 1st Fordham Scout Group leader, Tom Jacobs. This will go towards the repairs to windows, guttering and facias to make the building watertight and fit to be used by up to 150 local children that frequent the building.

The money was raised by Descensus Aquarum Lodge No. 8655, The Ely United Lodge of Instruction and a supporting grant from the Province of Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief.

The cheque was presented outside the hut in Fordham, in a socially distanced manner, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, VWBro. Pat Kilby, representing the Charity for Care and Relief, WBro. John Sinclair, Charity Steward of Descensus Aquarum Lodge and WBro. Martin Rose, Secretary of Ely United Lodge of Instruction.



Scout Leader Tom Jacobs gave the visitors a tour of the premises, pointing out the areas in need of repair. With the hut used by up to 150 local Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Rainbows, it is important to make the building fit for use.

John Sinclair

Installation with a difference

Thursday 22nd October would normally have seen members of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 assemble for their Installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge, but due to Covid-19 regulations things had to be done a little differently.

On that evening, with the approval of the officers and Past Masters in a previous video meeting, six brethren met at the home of the Worshipful Master, WBro. John Creek, in St Neots, under a Dispensation issued by the Provincial Grand Master.

In a spacious kitchen-diner and suitably robed and protected, the essential business of the Installation was completed in 40 minutes. It included the Director of Ceremonies proclaiming the Worshipful Master to serve for a further year in office, the appointment of WBro. John Bailey as Treasurer and the re-appointment of all officers, except the Secretary and one Steward. The WM appointed WBro. Ted Ridgway Watt to succeed WBro. Andrew Fordham as Secretary.

Brian Elliott



Over Day Centre receives support

Nourse Lodge No 8590 in Cambridge and the Masonic Charitable Foundation have provided £500 for the Over Day Centre, which aims to maintain and enhance the quality of life for older people in the area, by helping to combat loneliness and provide respite for their carers. Opportunities are also provided for local people to volunteer to support the above objectives to enhance community support and spirit.



Helping out the Young Carers

A donation from Freemasons in March will have a positive impact on the support given to young carers attending the town's Neale-Wade Academy. Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 took advantage of the Province's offer of nominating a good cause for a proportion of £11,000 being shared out locally. As a result, the Province was able to secure £500 for the Young Carers from the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The Neale-Wade group provides support and activities for those pupils who act as carers for members of their families.

Mrs Hilary Hitch, Senior Lead for Safeguarding and Welfare, said: "We felt that the money would be most effectively used to further resource the Young Carers group. This will be by purchasing further board games and craft materials for them to have access to during the after-school club that we facilitate here at the Academy. We have also discussed using a proportion of the money to fund an activity with our carers once Covid-19 restrictions have ended. This will have a positive impact on the support we offer our Young Carers."



Trumpington Community Fridge donation

Just before Christmas Alma Mater Lodge gave £1,250 to the Trumpington Community Fridge to help provide essential food to those in need over the Festive period. This grant was funded by Alma Mater Lodge, the Cambridgeshire Province Charity for Care & Relief and the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

The Trumpington Community Fridge was set up earlier this year in response to an urgent demand for basic foodstuffs from those seriously affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. They supply food on a "no questions asked" basis to those who cannot obtain supplies from anywhere else.



Jackie Colvil, Co-ordinator of the Trumpington Community Fridge said: "We much appreciate the generosity of Alma Mater Lodge and all Cambridgeshire Freemasons, especially at this time of year when there are very heavy demands on our services".

The Province of Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a Registered Charity. The objects of the Charity are to dispense funds for the benefit of poor and distressed throughout Cambridgeshire.

Nationally, freemasons are now focusing on protecting the homeless, with a new series of donations across England and Wales.

Freemasons will be providing the following support across the country: More than 40,000 homeless people will be provided with essentials, transport and support, as well as help accessing services such as counselling, healthcare and benefits; Almost 197,000 meals will be provided to homeless people; Approximately 600 people are being given employment and training opportunities; Nearly 1,400 individuals are being provided with accommodation and support.

Boost for RSPCA

Following the death of Gill Lea, the wife of WBro. Dave Lea, Director of Ceremonies of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 in March, the brethren donated £100 in her memory to the RSPCA. The cheque was presented to a representative of the RSPCA shop in March by WBro. Brian Sutton, the lodge's Charity Steward



Kynaston Lodge recovers collar jewel



A long-lost solid silver officer's collar jewel was recently recovered from an eBay vendor and returned to its rightful home at Kynaston Lodge No. 5810. The original Lodge Steward Jewel was presented by Bro. A. S. Barker following the Lodge's Consecration in 1939 and had been missing for some years.

WBro. Brian Elliott was tipped off about the find by fellow eBay hunter, WBro. Danny Ellis, of St. Andrew Lodge No. 4087, and following help in valuation from WBro. Jonathan Lambert, of Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107, a successful bid was made.



The jewel is now ready to be used again by the current Lodge Steward, WBro. Lee Wilson. Following the generous contributions from Lodge members, a surplus of £140 is being made available to the 2023 Festival.

Last but not least!



After completing 10 issues of the Second Rising, which was launched to bring regular news to brethren during the coronavirus pandemic, this is the last, but now the Cambridgeshire Mason will move from twice yearly to four times a year.

Having been editor of the Cambridgeshire Mason (launched in 2010) since issue 6 in Spring 2013, I was asked in March 2020 to launch a regular newsletter for the Province with the idea of keeping Brethren in touch during the first lockdown in 2020. As a result, there were nine issues between March and September, with the autumn edition of Cambridgeshire Mason in November.

Following distribution of this, the final edition of The Second Rising in January, the Spring edition of the Cambridgeshire Mason will be circulated in March. It will include the Provincial appointments usually announced during the Province's visit to Grand Lodge. There will be further issues in the Summer, Autumn and Winter, meaning you will get all the news much quicker. The Summer edition will include coverage of the Provincial Grand Lodge/Chapter meetings, being held on 2nd July.

The deadline for submitting stories and pictures for the Spring issue will be **1st March**, except for news about the appointments and promotions. For the Summer issue, the deadline will be **11th June**, except for coverage of the Provincial Grand Lodge/Chapter meetings. When sending photographs these should be sent in jpeg format and be at least 200dpi.

I have been a professional journalist for more than 40 years on both newspapers and magazines and so it's very fitting that it is my role to bring brethren in the Province news about your events, celebrations and fundraising activities, but, of course, there are many willing helpers from Lodges, Chapters and other orders.

'TSR' in numbers

10 issues

120 stories

24,100 words

I am incredibly grateful to all those who submit stories and photographs for inclusion in The Second Rising and The Cambridgeshire Mason. Thanks for your continued support and keep those stories coming.

Provincial Communications Officer Mike Hinton continues to lend great support, while the layout of the Second Rising has been in the capable hands of Mike Richardson since Issue Seven. Thanks go to Nick Knights too for his layout skills in producing the three most recent issues of The Cambridgeshire Mason.

As well as changing the schedule for newsletters we plan to use MailChimp to produce a version of the newsletter to be emailed directly to all members. If you have experience and the time to help please get in touch.

Cliff Brown

This final edition of 'The Second Rising' was produced by WBro. Cliff Brown and WBro. Michael Hinton. Please email your stories and pictures for the next newsletter to editorcambsmason@yahoo.co.uk