

The Second Rising

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The Provincial Grand Master's Annual Address

Brethren and Companions, today, Tuesday 16th June, we were due to have held our annual Provincial meetings for both the Craft and Royal Arch but sadly we have had to postpone both of them as a result of Covid 19. This pandemic has of course given the Province and indeed the whole of freemasonry the opportunity to engage with our local communities providing assistance to those in need of our support.

But first I want to give my congratulations to those brethren and companions who were to have been formally invested today with their Provincial Grand rank, active appointment, or promotion. This is a marvellous achievement and one which I did not want to see go by without some form of public recognition and acknowledgement. It is due reward for all that you have done and, whilst today is inevitably different, I hope it may still be a memorable one for each of you.

I hope it will encourage you to do more for your lodge or chapter. In the charge we all received at our initiation we were urged to make ourselves respectable in life, useful to mankind and an ornament to the society we had joined. Brethren and Companions, in these difficult times what better motivation do you need?

All the Provincial appointments take effect from today. The new Provincial executive teams face a challenging time ahead. Who knows when we can return to some form of normality BUT when we do I know it will be for them a fulfilling and enjoyable one.

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Trust hands out £26,500

Grants of up to £3,000 to a variety of good causes in the Province have been agreed by the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Six lodges have so far taken advantage of the Trust's Matched Funding offer. Each lodge in the Province can apply for £250 if it opts to make a donation to a local good cause.

Those receiving donations are:

Camsight £3,000
Centre 33 £2,000
Changing Faces £1,000
CU Disability Resources £3,000
East Anglian Air Ambulance £1,000
Food Cycle £1,000
Fulbourn Charities £1,000
Headway £2,000
Home Start £2,000
Jimmy's £1,000
Lifelites £1,000
Magpas £2,000
Mind in Cambs £500
Red Hen Project £3,000
Riding for the Disabled £500
Tea Pot Trust (Art therapy) £500
Winter Comfort £2,000

In addition, Secretary WBro. Jim Whitehead will be delivering another batch of TLC Teddies to Addenbrookes Hospital at Cambridge.

"That particular and very worthwhile scheme that we run is still operating despite the crisis," he said.

The Provincial Grand Master's Address (continued)

To the retiring wardens, WBros. Danny Ellis and John McCormick, the Second Provincial Grand Principal, Excellent Companion David Blair and the other retiring officers, thank you so much for your service in the last year particularly representing or supporting me at Lodge Installations or Chapter Convocations.

Brethren, we took so much of our freemasonry for granted before it was suspended, and I know that in recent weeks it has been hard for many of us. We are finding new ways of keeping the spirit alive, communicating and engaging together so that when we do resume we shall thrive again – a prospect I fear, sadly may not be true for many businesses especially on our High Streets, and in the hospitality trades.

On the charitable front Freemasonry always excels – it is in some ways the lifeblood coursing through all our veins. MCF has already allocated £1million pounds for Covid 19 causes and is raising a further £2million. From this Cambridgeshire has received two awards for a hospital scrubs initiative and also for syringe drivers for the Arthur Rank hospice. Additionally, we have also obtained matched funding for MAGPAS and the East Anglian Air Ambulance as well as small grant for council educational support packages for poor or deprived children who have limited facilities now the schools are closed.

Some of this has been or will be reported in the press and media and we continue to engage actively with them, but I firmly believe that our first priority is doing the right thing. This is what gets recognised best in the long run.

Mike Hinton who assumed the role of Communications Officer has had a challenging end to his first year as the Executive uses all the media options including Zoom, our Provincial Website and the Second Rising. UGLE has just issued its inaugural First Rising tempting me to suggest that where Cambridgeshire leads others may follow.



I am so grateful to Mike and his team. Leveraging social media can be so rewarding whilst being an important way of engaging with the younger members of society and I must mention the Light Blues Club in this regard under the leadership of Ed Williams. They have stepped up so well to assist in many ways in the last few months since lockdown.

We now have membership officers in almost all our lodges, and they have a hugely important and responsible role at the moment. Brethren, we cannot be complacent – it is at times like these when people re-evaluate

their personal budgets and priorities. Retaining contact with all our members and then encouraging them to return when we resume is so important. Ian Hardman the Provincial Membership Officer, and the Provincial Mentor Jon West, are bringing enthusiasm, new ideas and methods, but they will need all our support when we return especially as we re-engage with candidates and encourage others to join.

Which ceremonies we can practise and when is for the future but ensuring those ceremonies remain attractive, enjoyable and, importantly, with sensible meeting timings and length will remain one of our biggest challenges if we are to encourage brethren, old and new alike. It is at times like this when we both value and miss our brethren and friends. I have not as yet suggested a regular 9.00 o'clock toast BUT perhaps it might be an appropriate for us all to raise a glass to remember old friends and absent brethren at 9.00pm this evening. Brethren, I shall be doing it – will you join me?

We should also take time to remember those members of Cambridgeshire Provincial Grand Lodge, listed below, whom we have lost since last June. They too have played their part in the history of their lodges as well as in that of our province and we should remember them especially at 9.00 this evening.

Geoffrey Parrish 2727	Alan Saggars 6179	Brian Upton 6125	Harold Lancashire 8590
Simon Hatley 3532	David Deverson 2727	Cecil Rose 6125	Paul Rose 809
Alan Abraham 3532	William King 4520	Raymond Rook 2727	Graham Blakeley 3532
Reginald Lowther 3201	Richard Clark 2727	Raith Overhill 441	Richard Poole 4087
Ian Kirk 2107	David Phillips 6704	Barry Love 7288	Reginald Melloy 6125
Barry Hoffbrand 1492	David Gwynn 7333	John Boulter 4334	David O'Leary 9687
Clarence Hurst 4087	Ian Calder 1492	Kenneth Hart 7959	Alan Bertie 8374
Kenneth Fear 4087	Peter Manchett 2107	Richard Fyson 2727	Geoffrey Hearn 3201
William Carter 2727	George Clark 4334	Thomas Murkin 7774	Richard Lawrence 4087
Bernard Shead 8590	Roy Abraham 5810	Anthony Hemming 4520	

When we resume our meetings we have an exciting programme ahead of us. Candidates to initiate, pass, raise or exalt, masters and principals to install, stories on lockdown to tell, a Festival target to meet, possibly a Carol service at Ely Cathedral and three new lodges to consecrate. I shall say little more on these other than to leave that tempting prospect with you.

Excellent Companions David Blair and Paul Gillingwater deserve our hearty congratulations on their first appointments to Grand Rank in Supreme Grand Chapter whilst WBros. Malcolm Basing and Kevin Mader saw similar recognition in the Craft. Sadly, both installation meetings were postponed but their recognition reflects highly on our Province as do the other promotions and reappointments in Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter.

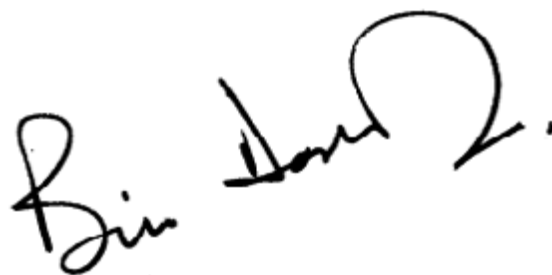
It is particularly fitting that Kevin Mader was recognised as he has done an amazing amount for the Province in the last two years but none more so than in the last few weeks since lockdown. The amount of work we have had to handle has been immense, perhaps five times more than normal, and he has willingly and cheerfully borne the brunt of it as has EComp. Edmund Brookes in rising to a similar challenge in the Royal Arch.

My sincere thanks to them both, as well as to my two Deputies, our Provincial Treasurers, Almoners and Charity Stewards and indeed the rest of the executive team. They are all the unsung heroes in these trying times ensuring we have a successful Province and making my job that little bit easier.

I know there are so many other contributions to acknowledge as we navigate these difficult waters and whilst I cannot name everyone, the fantastic amount of effort and dedication you put in to making this Province so successful is much appreciated. Thank you.

Freemasonry and particularly freemasonry in Cambridgeshire still has a very promising future but it will need everyone to contribute when we resume. Whether this is by bringing in new friends, re-engaging with older ones, working for good causes in our local areas or just simply making sure we enjoy our ceremonies ritual and festive boards. Learning from and building on our experiences during the shutdown and building on the good things that have come out of this pandemic will be a critical and important aspect of our recovery process.

Brethren, it has been a pleasure to address you today and I really do hope it is not too long before I shall be meeting and greeting each and every one of you. In the meantime, keep well, look after yourselves, your families and your friends and may the Great Architect be with you now and always.



Help for food banks - national and local

Freemasons in Cambridgeshire and across the country have provided 120,000 people with donations of 300,000 meals and 38 tonnes of food during the Covid-19 pandemic.

This includes the scheme run in Caldecote by WBro. Adrian Peters of Thirkill Lodge (pictured below), which was reported in a previous edition and in local press.



A food bank in March has benefitted from a donation of £500 from the town's Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704. Worshipful Master, WBro. Nigel Philpott, and Charity Steward, WBro. Paul Ashby, handed over the cheque to co-ordinator Mrs Barbara Taylor.

The donation includes £250 matched funding from the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

"We shall use the money locally to support families and individuals in need during this difficult time," said Barbara.

More than 120,000 people have been helped by Freemasons with a variety of food donation initiatives across England and Wales.



Homeless people, women's refugees and vulnerable people have been provided with assistance, and more than £560k has already been donated to provide meals and help numerous foodbanks during the pandemic.

The United Grand Lodge of England's Covid-19 Response Group supports those in need and identifies food banks and vulnerable people in need of help and galvanised its network to provide food donations, deliveries, and cook fresh meals



Craft Provincial Appointments/Promotions

Active rank

DepProvGM	Patrick Kilby	ProvSGD	Tim Shorey
ProvSGW	Roger Billings	ProvSGD	Robert Stafford-Curtis
ProvJGW	David Fountain	ProvJGD	Robert Parks
ProvGChap	Stuart Lingard	ProvJGD	Michael Huber
ProvGTreas	David Blair	ProvAGSec	Andrew Badcock
ProvGReg	John Jones	ProvAGDC	Keith Worby
ProvGSec	Kevin Mader	ProvAGDC	John Beeken
ProvGDC	Jonathan Lambert	ProvGOrg	David Warham
ProvGSwdB	David Watson	ProvGStdB	Andrew Chandler
ProvGSuptWks	Martin Holmes	ProvGStdB	Adrian Pease
ProvDepGDC	David Parker	ProvGPurs	Victor Saywell
ProvGAlm	George Brennan	ProvGStwd	Andrew Badcock
ProvGChStwd	Paul Gillingwater	ProvGStwd	Chris Bottley
ProvGMen	Jon West	ProvGStwd	Bharat Khetani
ProvGORat	Harry Rooke	ProvGStwd	Mark Upex
		ProvGTyler	Douglas Gates

First Appointment to Past Provincial Grand Rank

PPGSuptWks	Alan Vella	PPGStdB	Gordon Barnes
PPSGD	Terry Stacey	PPGStwd	Jonathan Cooper
PPJGD	Simon Glinos	PPGStwd	Simon Cooper
PPJGD	Graham Monk	PPGStwd	Simon Lennard
PPAGDC	Ian Hardman	PPGStwd	Steve Napier
PPAGDC	Robert Whitnall	PPGStwd	James Rowney
PPAGDC	Edward Williams		

Past Provincial Grand Rank - Promotions

PPSGW	Bernard Lyons	PPGSuptWks	Charlie Brown
PPSGW	Dennis Reed	PPGSuptWks	Christopher Hoffman
PPSGW	David A.D. Smith	PPGSuptWks	Brian Jones
PPJGW	Richard Cook	PPGSuptWks	Ian Mason
PPJGW	Richard Dean	PPGSuptWks	Kevan Mulley
PPJGW	Fred Northrop	PPGSuptWks	David Pasek
PPJGW	Andrew Pallant	PPDepGDC	Tony Lamkin
PPJGW	Stewart Robinson	PPDepGDC	Ivor McLatchy
PPJGW	Bryan Saddington	PPDepGDC	Henry McTrusty
PPGReg	Les Greig	PPDepGDC	Adrian Seal
PPGReg	Amos Hall	PPSGD	Maurice Cooper
PPGReg	Graham Jackson	PPJGD	Geoffrey Allen
PPGReg	Richard Kemp	PPJGD	John Cousins
PPGReg	Kevin Ledgard	PPJGD	John Taylor
PPGReg	Kim Sheldrick	PPJGD	Terry Tinkler
PPGReg	David Sowman	PPAGSec	Joe Fuller
PPGReg	Graham Turner	PPAGSec	Michael Gillon
PPGSwdB	Richard Bodger	PPAGDC	Geoff Day
PPGSwdB	Allan Hunter	PPAGDC	Victor Eldridge
PPGSwdB	Chander Sharma	PPAGDC	John Jewson
PPGSwdB	Trevor Smith	PPAGDC	Mike Watkins
PPGSuptWks	John Bailey	PPGStdB	Nigel Davies



Royal Arch Provincial Appointments/Promotions

Active rank

Deputy Grand Sup	EComp. T. Just	ProvG Sojourner	EComp. I. A. Fawcett
2 nd ProvGPrincipal	EComp. D. R. Sowman	Provincial 1st AGSoj.	EComp. D. Alafouzou
3 rd ProvGPrincipal	EComp. P. C. Gillingwater	Provincial 2 nd AGSoj.	EComp. W. J. Becker
ProvG Scribe E	EComp. E. J. N. Brookes	Provincial AG ScribeE	EComp. M. R. Hinton
ProvG Scribe N	EComp. A. J. Allan	ProvG StdB	EComp. A. B. Clare
ProvG Treasurer	EComp. C. E. Brown	ProvG StdB	EComp. J. S. F Marriott
ProvG Registrar	EComp. C. G. Brown	ProvG Organist	EComp. A. D. M. Warham
ProvG D. C.	EComp. D. K. M. Coupland	Provincial AGDC	EComp. P. Baldwin
ProvG Sword Bearer	EComp. E. Watts	ProvG Steward	Comp. R. J. Kemp
Prov Deputy GDC	EComp. M. W. Upex	ProvG Steward	Comp. R. Keating
ProvG Almoner	EComp. G. M. Brennan	PGStwd	Comp. A. Hunter
ProvG Ch Stwd	EComp. D. G. Cameron	PGJan	Comp. D. C. Gates

Past Provincial Grand Rank - Promotions

PPGSNE	EComp. R. E. J. Wells	PPGSwdB	EComp. A. N. Goodwyn
PPGSN	EComp. T. M. N. Whitehall	PPGSwdB	EComp. J. J. W. Parker
PPGR	EComp. R. A. Lewin	PPGSoj	EComp. N. Paine
PPGR	EComp. A. R. Whitmore	PPAGS	EComp. B. Kett PPrGStdB
PPDGDC	EComp. D. W. Parker	PPAGS	EComp. D. Pasek
PPDGDC	EComp. J. Seekings	PPAGS	Comp. D. R. Reed
PPDGDC	EComp. T. A. Smith	PPGStdB	Comp. C. E. Crysanthou

Wisbech support for blood bikes

A team of volunteer bikers who helping local hospitals has received a £750 donation from Wisbech's Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125. Bro. Martin Calvert, a member of the Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge, received a cheque for £750, which included £250 match funding from the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust, from WBro. Martin Holmes, the Lodge's Charity Steward.

Norfolk Blood Bikes deliver blood, platelets, plasma, medical notes and equipment, donated breast milk and now Covid-19 samples for testing, from hospitals across Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area including Addenbrookes, North Cambs Hospital in Wisbech and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn.



Bro. Calvert is one of a team of volunteer riders who regularly workshifts from 7pm to 7am during the week and at weekends, helping to keep the charity's eight bikes and two cars on the road.

Commenting on the donation, he said that it was extremely welcome at a time when, due to the pandemic, a lot of Norfolk Blood Bikes' fundraising activities had been curtailed.

Meet the Wardens

WBro. Roger Billings will take on the role of Provincial Senior Grand Warden and WBro. David Fountain will be Junior Warden.

Born in 1945, Roger attended Cambridgeshire High School for Boys before spending 10 years working for a North Sea gas company, before joining several contractors in the heating and plumbing trade. He started his own company, mainly engaged in building, in 1983. Roger has been married to Pat for more than 50 years and has two daughters.

He was initiated in Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107 at Newmarket and served as Master in 2000, and then as secretary from 2003 to 2010.

He is a founder, Past Master and former secretary of Logistica Lodge No. 9804. He was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 2007, promoted to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in 2011 and to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 2016.



WBro.
Roger Billings
ProvSGW



WBro.
David Fountain
ProvJGW

WBro. Fountain was educated at the King's School, Ely, and Writtle Agricultural College. A farmer, he is married to Susan and has a son James, who now manages the family farm.

He was initiated into Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 at March in 1986 and was its Master in 1996. He is a founder member of Porta Lodge No. 9511 and was its Master in 2000, and a founder of Fenland Farmers' Lodge No. 9933.

His first provincial appointment was in 2003 as Provincial Junior Grand Deacon and was promoted to Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2008 and Past Provincial Grand Register in 2013.

New role in the Royal Arch



EComp.
David Sowman
2ProvGP

Due to be obligated as Second Provincial Grand Principal in the Royal Arch is EComp. David Sowman, of St Andrew Chapter No. 2727 at Whittlesey.

Born in 1949, David was educated at Fletton Secondary Modern School, and after working for two local companies eventually joined Perkins Engines where he worked for 37 years, mainly in production managerial roles. After taking early retirement, he became a resident quality liaison to Perkins for a number of overseas companies.

He was initiated into St Andrew Lodge in 1990 and was its Master in 2003. Exalted into St Andrew Chapter in 1993, he was its First Principal in 2007.

He served for four years as Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Royal Arch, before serving five years as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. He also received Supreme Grand Chapter rank as Past Grand Standard Bearer.

David married Jan in 1972 and they have a son and daughter.

You've helped Air Ambulance crews get PPE

Essential personal protective equipment for Magpas air ambulance crews during the coronavirus crisis has been provided thanks to a grant of £5,000 from the Province.

The air ambulance provides crucial lifesaving care by land and air to patients in life-threatening emergencies in the East of England and beyond. Our donation will help to purchase protective masks, suits, respirators, gloves and gowns to keep the crews safe.



Magpas Air Ambulance has attended over 60,000 patients since it was founded in 1971. It needs an extra £50,000 a month to keep flying.

Lucy Chapman, Magpas Air Ambulance Director of Fundraising, said:

"We're very grateful to Cambridgeshire Freemasons for their generous grant."

This personal protective equipment is essential to keep our air ambulance crew flying during the coronavirus emergency. We'll be able to carry on providing life-saving treatment to local people while keeping our team safe and protected."

Two Grand Stewards from Cambridgeshire

Two Cambridgeshire brethren have been honoured by the Most Worshipful The Grand Master HRH The Duke of Kent, by becoming Grand Stewards.

In accordance with established tradition, Rule 36(a) in the Book of Constitutions states that "Upon the annual installation of the Grand Master, he shall appoint nineteen Grand Stewards, and for this purpose one Brother shall be recommended annually to the Grand Master for appointment by each of the nineteen Lodges which enjoy the privilege of recommendation for that office."

Very unusually, two Cambridgeshire brethren - WBro. Mark Stollery from Isaac Newton Lodge No.859 and WBro. Jonathan Lambert from Etheldreda Lodge No.2107 - have been honoured this year with appointments to the rank of Grand Steward.



*WBro. Jonathan Lambert (I)
and WBro. Mark Stollery*

They assumed their appointments on the 29th April although they were not able to be formally invested by the Grand Master due to the lockdown.

WBro. Stollery is currently Worshipful Master of Old Union Lodge No. 46 and WBro. Lambert is currently Worshipful Master of The Lodge of Regularity No. 91 and both these lodges, along with 17 others, are known as the Red Apron Lodges and nominate a Grand Steward each year.

The primary role of the Grand Stewards is to organise the Grand Festival, held each year in April after the Grand Investiture, and to assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Lodge.

At a subsequent meeting, held with the Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Secretary, the new Grand Stewards appoint a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer for the ensuing year. At the meeting, this year held on Zoom, WBro. Lambert was appointed as Secretary of the Board of Grand Stewards and is looking forward to the year ahead, despite issues caused by coronavirus.

Whatever this year brings for Mark and Jonathan they will forever be entitled to wear the distinctive red regalia and to take their places in the front rows of Grand Lodge, which are reserved for Past Grand Stewards.

Support for therapeutic horticulture

Nourse Lodge No. 8590 has donated £850 to The Prospects Trust to assist them with essential PPE in order to reopen the farm to their co-workers. The money was raised by WBro. Gordon Dunn and his wife Linda at the Lodge's Ladies Festival.

In thanking the Lodge, Rhian Cornell, executive officer of the Trust, based at Snakehall Farm, Cambridgeshire, said: We are in the process of writing risk assessments so we can safely open our gates to our co-workers and your donation will be used to help us do this - we are thinking of new hand and tool washing stations to minimise the risk of infection, new shelters in the field to give us safe social distancing groups and of course essential PPE.

The Prospect Trust is an 18-acre organic care farm in Cambridgeshire. The Trust specialises in providing therapeutic horticulture to people with learning difficulties, disabilities and those with varying health needs. It is a real farm providing work experience producing real organic products and produce.



The best thing about...

Can you describe, in one sentence the best thing in your experience about being a Freemason in the Province of Cambridgeshire? It's a challenge set by VWBro. Pat Kilby PGSwdB, while the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur, will provide a bottle of champagne to the winner. Pat also added: "Who knows, it might produce a slogan for us." The challenge, open to all Freemasons in Cambridgeshire, will be judged by the ProvGM. Send your answers by 1st July to the editor, WBro. Cliff Brown: editorcambsmason@yahoo.co.uk.

Super-cyclone victims receive £15,000



Some of the thousands of people whose lives were devastated when Super-Cyclone Amphan hit Bangladesh and India in May will be given urgently needed humanitarian assistance, thanks to a grant of £15,000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

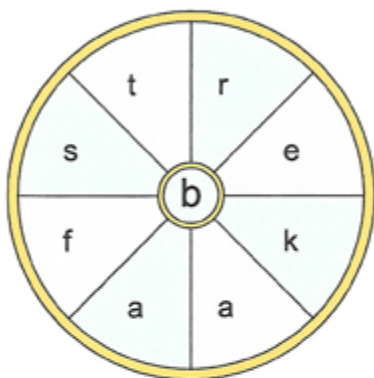
More than 100 people died, despite a mass evacuation in advance, tens of thousands of homes were destroyed and power cut off in many regions. There was massive damage to roads, bridges and other essential infrastructure, and many villages were flooded or cut off.

There is a major shortage of food, and also drinking water supplies have been contaminated. The £15,000 is enough to provide more than 700 families with a comprehensive food basket that will last them up to 20 days in the wake of the disaster. This vital support ensures families will have access to basic necessities like rice, wheat flour, dal and high-energy biscuits.

Fundamental Fun

FUNDamental Lodge will be consecrated once Freemasonry resumes in Cambridgeshire, but in the meantime the 'Secretary in waiting' is WBro. Terry Cole, who has produced a word wheel to keep brethren busy.

The goal is to create as many words as possible with the letters in the word wheel. You must only use each letter once and every word must have the letter in the centre of the wheel. Can you find the 9 letter word?

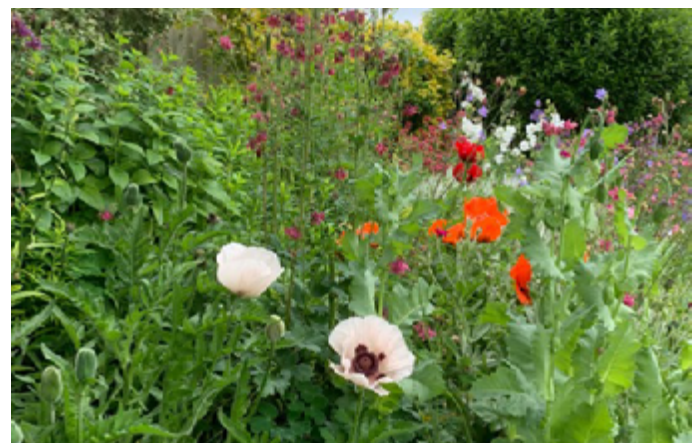


The 9 letter word is:

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Blooming good!

First to reply to our request for proud gardeners to send us pictures of their gardens was WBro. Anthony Pigg, of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959. Anthony, who was Master of his lodge in 2015 is now serving as Senior Warden.



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