

The CAMBRIDGESHIRE MASON



Provincial appointments

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The Provincial Grand Master announced the following appointments and promotions when more than 90 brethren from the Province attended Grand Lodge on Wednesday 13th March.

Grand Lodge

WBro. Peter Brindle is appointed Assistant Grand Sword Bearer*. WBro. Nigel Williams is appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. WBro. William Dastur, PAGDC, our Deputy ProvGM, is promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer. WBro. Simon Duckworth, PAGDC, is promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer*.

* denotes appointment made by Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

Supreme Grand Chapter

EComp. William Dastur, P2ndProvGP, is appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer. EComp. Stuart Moorse, P3rdProvGP, is appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer. EComp. Russell Jackson, our Deputy Grand Superintendent, is promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer. EComp. Len Bradbury, PGStdB, is promoted to Past Assistant Grand Sojourner.

Provincial Grand Lodge

WBro. Peter Brindle is appointed Senior Grand Warden. WBro. David Coupland is appointed Junior Grand Warden.

Provincial Grand Chapter

EComp. Stuart Lingard is appointed Third Provincial Grand Principal.



Grand officers (left to right) – WBro. Nigel Williams, WBro. Simon Duckworth, WBro. William Dastur and WBro. Peter Brindle



Provincial officers (left to right) – WBro. David Coupland, ProvJGW; WBro Graham Turner, ProvGSwdB and WBro. Peter Brindle, ProvSGW

Message from the Provincial Grand Master



Cambridgeshire has always been a wonderfully generous Province. Our charitable giving per capita remains one of the highest in United Grand Lodge of England - dare I mention again our fantastic 2012 festival total for The Grand Charity - £1,283,164?

Currently our charitable focus is on the Royal Arch Bicentenary appeal for The Royal College of Surgeons. This is proving to be a very popular cause, being whole-heartedly supported throughout the UK, and especially in Cambridgeshire, not only by our Royal Arch chapters but also by many of our craft lodges.

There have already been some very exciting fundraising events, and more are planned for the spring and summer, which I hope large numbers of us will be able to attend and enjoy with family and friends. Our celebrations will culminate with the provincial celebratory gala dinner at Newmarket Racecourse on 14th September.

The Royal Arch – the next logical step for every mason after taking his Third Degree – is much in the Cambridgeshire news at present, as recently (on St. Valentine's Day) our number of

chapters rose to 14, when I had the great privilege, in my role as Grand Superintendent, of consecrating Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter No. 8374, our first new Chapter since 2003.

The birth of a new lodge or chapter is a very special event in a Province's history. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into its planning and execution, and I congratulate and thank most warmly all those who produced such a splendid occasion on 14th February. Every happiness and success to our new chapter and its members.

Rodney Wolverson

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Armistice Day ceremony

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, WBro. the Reverend Christopher Woolley, led the Armistice Day ceremony at Freemasons' Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge, on Sunday 11th November.



About 80 people, including the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson and his wife, were present for the now annual event. The poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae was read by Miss Madeleine Goodwyn, with readings given by WBro. Jeremy Miller and WBro. John Brady. Wreath bearers were Samuel and Dominic George (below), the sons of WBro. Richard George.



The wreath laying was performed by WBro. Sqn. Ldr. Nick Goodwyn, RAF, who also gave the Exhortation. WBro. David Adams played the organ, and Last Post and Reveille were sounded by WBro. David Cameron.



The ceremony was followed by lunch in Freemasons' Hall, where WBro. David Parry gave a presentation on the effects of war on those taking part and their families.

Graham Goodwyn

Lancashire working tools arrive at Cambridge



WBro. Tim Smith, left, and WBro. David Warham

A magnificent set of working tools has been presented to the Gild of St Mary Lodge No. 7288 by WBro. David Warham. The tools were first presented by his late father to Windle Lodge No. 7512 (St. Helens) in the Province of West Lancashire, of which he was a founder member.

Windle Lodge has now ceased to exist due to falling numbers and WBro. Warham was invited to attend the very last meeting at which he himself was presented with the tools to pass on as he wished. The presentation took place at the Gild of St Mary Lodge's January meeting.

Kevin Mader

Old Leysian Lodge donates more than £1,000

Brethren of The Old Leysian Lodge No. 4520 demonstrated their commitment to The Leys School, Cambridge, by making a £1,000 donation towards its Great Hall project.

Headmaster Mr Mark Slater and the winners of the Community Prizes, Tom Bailey and Jessie Mackenzie-Denham, were entertained for dinner following the lodge's winter meeting on 30th November, after which the Worshipful Master, WBro. Steven Tamcken presented the cheque.



Mark Slater, left, receives the cheque from WBro. Steve Tamcken

The Lodge has been actively involved in the Province's charitable efforts over the past five years and the school was the first recipient of any beneficence by the lodge since then. It was felt by past masters that the provision of funds for the Great Hall project would be an apt demonstration of the lodge's continued interest and commitment to the school.

Keven Mulley

New editor for The Cambridgeshire Mason

It was an honour to be asked by the Provincial Grand Master to take over the editorship of The Cambridgeshire Mason.



For those of you who don't know me, I'm currently the IPM of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 based in March. As editor, I hope to bring you news and information from throughout the Province but this will only be possible with your help. Everyone should feel able to supply stories and pictures for publication. Please also keep me informed about forthcoming events at your Masonic Centre.

While The Cambridgeshire Mason is mainly aimed at craft and chapter members throughout the Province, I am keen to include items from all the other orders. Again I'd welcome contributions.

I look forward to hearing from you with any ideas, so feel free to contact me by email: editorcambsmason@yahoo.co.uk

Cliff Brown

Ely Cathedral concert raises record sum for charities - £34,000

Cambridgeshire Province held its fourth Festival of Carols in Ely Cathedral on 7th December by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The Cathedral was full with over 1,100 people, such that the record sum of more than £34,000 was raised and will be divided between Cam Sight, which celebrated its centenary in 2012, and the Ely Cathedral Trust.



The ProvGM RWBro. Rodney Wolverson and DepProvGM WBro. William Dastur handed over half of the concert proceeds to Cam Sight. At the presentation were (left to right): the ProvGM, Alan Chamley, Dame Mary Archer, Dean of Ely Cathedral Mark Bonney, Marion Mansfield, Cam Sight chief executive Anne Streather, Cam Sight's chair of trustees Paul Auton, Cam Sight fundraiser Sally Nott and the DepProvGM (Photograph: Peter Jenkins).

In a very moving closing address, Kett McAfee explained that she was diagnosed in 2009 with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a form of retinal disease that affects the eye's photoreceptors ultimately leading to blindness. The support that she has received from Cam Sight proved to be invaluable in enabling her to come to terms with the emotional and practical consequences of this sight impairment.

Gild of St Mary helps Great Ormond Street

At the December meeting of the Gild of St. Mary Lodge No. 7288, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro. William Dastur, presented, on behalf of the lodge, a cheque to a representative of Great Ormond Street Hospital, the charity of the Immediate Past Master of the lodge, WBro. Andy Jones.

Although an initial amount of £285 had been set aside from lodge funds, the brethren voted to add to this amount the raffle money and profit from the Master's Ladies Night, which then raised the final amount to a magnificent £1047.

A certificate (now on show at Bateman Street) and a letter from Great Ormond Street Hospital have been received, thanking the lodge for its donation.

Kevin Mader



Back row (left to right): WBro. Kevin Mader (Secretary), WBro. Richard Brown (Treasurer), WBro. Pat Kilby (Mentor). Front row: WBro. Tim Smith (Worshipful Master), WBro. Andy Jones (IPM), Graham Storey (GOSH) and WBro. William Dastur (DepProvGM)

The festival started with a welcome by the Dean. The programme consisted of carols, Christmas songs and seasonal readings performed by representatives of all sections of the community.

The High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Penelope Walkinshaw led the way with two readings, while others included Amanda Goodman, well known to BBC Look East viewers, broadcasters Nick Barraclough and Mark Peters, as well as WBro. Nick Pett (a last minute stand-in) and WBro. David Adams, who again acted as artistic adviser, working with Paul Trepte, Director of Music at the Cathedral, in devising the programme of carols and readings.

The second half of the concert began with an eloquent address by the Provincial Grand Master explaining the fundamental principles of freemasonry and the very significant contribution made by freemasons across the country in raising funds for a wide range of good causes. After more carols, in which the congregation was encouraged to participate, and readings, the evening ended with an address by Dame Mary Archer, patron of Cam Sight, on her reasons for supporting the charity, and the closing address by Kett McAfee.

A closing collection to which everyone gave generously raised £3,000, and all made their way home in the knowledge they had been present at a great evening's entertainment. The event is now firmly established in the Cambridgeshire calendar.

Peter Sutton

Fenland Meridian Lodge dedicates new banner

The province's newest lodge, Fenland Meridian No 9858, was finally 'completed' at its meeting on 27th November with its banner dedication ceremony.

Consecrated on 14th September 2010, it is the daylight lodge for the north of the province and alternates its meetings between Chatteris, March, Wisbech and Whittlesey.



RWBro. Rodney Wolverson (ProvGM), WBro. Edward Boyd-Tuck (Worshipful Master) and WBro. Chris Woolley (ProvGChap)

The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson and the provincial team conducted an excellent ceremony of dedication at the meeting held in the Masonic Rooms in Wisbech. The Provincial Grand Chaplain WBro. Christopher Woolley offered up suitable dedicatory prayers and invocations.

With more than 100 people attending, this was a first for the Province too, being a special ceremony that the ladies could witness.

Brian January

Consecration of Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter No. 8374

The success of the two daylight lodges in the province led to a happy Valentine's Day this year for members of the Holy Royal Arch. Sponsored by St Wendred Lodge No 8374, Cambridgeshire Meridian Royal Arch Chapter No 8374 was consecrated by the Grand Superintendent, EComp. Rodney Wolverson, at the Newmarket Masonic Club on 14th February.

He was assisted by two former Deputy Grand Superintendents, EComp. Roger Impey and EComp. Jim Whitehead, as principal consecrating officers, assisted by the provincial team. Some 75 founders, consecrating officers and guests attended what was a very happy occasion, carried out with great dignity according to ancient custom.

EComp. David Boswell, the Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, was present as guest of the new chapter. EComp. Whitehead gave a moving oration, which added to the dignity of the occasion.

The founders chose to locate at Newmarket to demonstrate that the chapter seeks members from throughout the province. The success of the chapter is assured because it already has four candidates for exaltation. The companions afterwards retired to an excellent and harmonious festive board.

EComp. Graham Kent, 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, is the first MEZ; EComp. Nigel Williams is the first H, and EComp. Tony Whitmore the first J.

The chapter will meet three times a year in February, May (Installation) and October and although based at Newmarket may move (by dispensation) around the Province. The Scribe E is EComp. Edmund Brookes, who would be very happy to receive enquiries for membership.

Edmund Brookes



Burns Nights help Bicentenary Appeal

Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 held a sell-out Burns Night supper at Bateman Street, Cambridge, presided over by the Worshipful Master, WBro. Mark Layzell, on Saturday 26th January. Such was the demand for tickets that there was a waiting list. Nearly 80 people attended, including members of several lodges and their masonic and non-masonic guests and ladies, who enjoyed a traditional menu of haggis, neeps and tatties.

WBro. John Parker addressed the haggis and WBro. Neil McKittrick proposed the health of Robbie Burns, the poet and freemason, in his inimitable way, with much laughter from those present. Bro. Gordon West sang some Burns songs, skilfully accompanied by WBro. David Warham, who also provided suitable music during the evening.

The event concluded with the surprise appearance of a piper to entertain everyone as they departed. Aided by a raffle, the evening raised £612.20, which is being donated to the Royal College of Surgeons' Bicentenary Appeal.

Next year's supper will be held on 25th January 2014, when an early application for tickets will ensure a place.

Edmund Brookes

Newmarket Masonic Club held its fourth Burns night on 26th January, under the banner of St Etheldreda Chapter No. 2107.



A total of 91 people enjoyed an excellent five-course meal, provided by G & D Caterers. After WBro. Doug Gates piped in the haggis, Dougie Stewart said grace and gave the address. Comp. Rob Negus gave the toast to the lassies, to which Mrs Carolyn Stewart replied.

The evening raised £1262.50 towards the Royal Arch 2013 Bicentenary appeal for the Royal College of Surgeons.

EComp. Jim Stokes, MEZ of St Etheldreda Chapter, presented a cheque for £1262.50 to EComp. Alan Jones, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, at his chapter meeting on 28th January.

Jim Stokes

2013 Royal Arch Bicentenary

Plans are being made for the Province to celebrate the bicentenary of Royal Arch Masonry and its 2013 appeal with a formal banquet and entertainment at Newmarket racecourse on 14th September.

This is a month before the major event being held at Supreme Grand Chapter on 16th October, so that Companions, who wish to, can attend either or both. The convocation of SGC will be presided over by the ME The First Grand Principal, HRH The Duke of Kent. Details of the programme for the celebration in London have been circulated to chapters in the Province and can be obtained by visiting the Supreme Grand Chapter website: www.grandchapter.org.uk.

The 200th anniversary of the formal recognition of the Holy Royal Arch as part of pure ancient masonry is being marked with a 2013 Bicentenary Appeal and Royal Arch Masons in this province are being urged to help raise funds. The Grand Superintendent has set a target of £20,000.

The appeal has been established to help fund the Royal College of Surgeons' surgical research fellowship scheme, which enables the brightest and best surgeons of each generation to explore treatments for conditions and injuries that affect millions of people worldwide. The scheme relies completely on voluntary donations.

Contributions can be made by individuals or by a block payment by chapters from their benevolent fund. Supreme Grand Chapter's initial target for the funding of research bursaries through the Royal College of Surgeons suggested £12.50p from each companion (£10 plus gift aid). Our Province still has a way to go and chapters are urged to continue fundraising in the most generous way that Cambridgeshire masons are known for. A good reality check would be to multiply the chapter membership by £12.50 and check against giving so far. Many Craft Lodges are supporting this appeal.

Pat Kilby

From Cheshunt College to Freemasons' Hall

When six divinity students, because of their non-conformist tendencies, were expelled from St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford, Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, was persuaded by her personal Chaplain, George Whitefield, to establish a college to enable them to complete their education and training.

He preached the sermon when the college was officially opened in 1768, in a leased farmhouse in Wales. The hymn 'Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah' was written specially for the occasion. George Whitefield's bust can be seen carved above the door in the north wing of the present building, below the new sundial presented by Isaac Newton University Lodge to mark the year 2000.

In 1792 the college moved to Cheshunt in Hertfordshire and kept the name Cheshunt College thereafter. At this stage, although non-conformist in doctrine, it was not attached to any particular denomination but in time it became associated with Congregationalism, though the statutes always permitted any denomination to attend.

In 1905 the college moved to Cambridge and was temporarily accommodated in Cintra House, the façade of which still stands near the Catholic Church on Hills Road.



It was August 1913 when Viscount Haldane, then Lord Chancellor, laid the foundation stone of the present building, designed by architect Morley Horder (known to friends as 'Holy Murder'). Because of the war, building stopped in 1914 and it was not completed until 1930.

Post-war cost increases prevented Horder from fulfilling the original plans and the west side, with a grand entrance, was never built. There were thirty sets of student rooms in the north wing; the main body of the college in the east wing (now the Masonic Hall), while the President's Lodge and the south wing chapel (the last to be completed) were modest compared to the original intention.

Cheshunt College merged with Westminster College in 1967 and the buildings were considered redundant and offered for sale, being bought by the Cambridge Masonic Hall Company and the Isaac Newton University Lodge against fierce competition from the University. The Company, assisted by INUL, undertook a massive mortgage and overdraft, but all was successfully paid off by 1993 and the partnership was able, in 1999, to build a west wing of which Morley would almost certainly have approved.

Jim Whitehead

MSF cash comes to Cambridge

Richard Douglas, chief executive of the Masonic Samaritan Fund, presented a cheque for £57,204 to Dr Anne Bertolotti at the new MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge on 26th February. The grant is to fund a full-time clinical fellow undertaking research into Motor Neurone Disease (MND) until November 2014.

The aim of the research is to understand the reasons for the formation of misshapen proteins, which cause the death of specific nerve cells leading to the onset of MND.

At any one time about 5,000 people in the UK are affected by MND for which there is no cure. Symptoms are loss of mobility in the limbs and difficulty with speech, swallowing and breathing. Death occurs within two to five years of the onset of symptoms.

This research may be applicable to other neurological conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Peter Sutton

King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement visits Cambridge

The District of Cambridge and Isle of Ely has been honoured by being chosen to host the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement, which will be demonstrating the 17th degree.

This special event is open to all members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is being held on Saturday 29th June, at Queens' College, Cambridge, followed by a meal; more details are available from Chapter Recorders.

Many of you will know the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas by the name 'Rose Croix'. It is an Order consisting of 33 degrees. The first three are considered equivalent to the first three degrees in Masonry.

The 4th to the 17th degrees are practised by the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement; the 18th Degree is known as Rose Croix, and is conferred on candidates during the ceremony of Perfection.



The Order, open to Freemasons who believe in the Christian Trinitarian Faith, is governed by Supreme Council, which consists of nine senior brethren, all 33rd degree.

Each district is looked after by an Inspector General, who appoints a District Recorder. In general, promotion is initially to 30th degree, which is open to all brethren who have passed through the chair (enthronement).

It is a measure of great service given to the Order that brethren may eventually be promoted to the 31st

and then 32nd degree. Such promotion is limited. Supreme Council carries out the ritual for 30th, 31st, 32nd, and 33rd degree ceremonies; mostly at its headquarters in London.

If you would like more information about the Order, contact the Recorder of your local Chapter (details in the Year Book) or speak to the Inspector General or to the District Recorder, Tony Just.

Nigel Williams

Inspector General's second term

V.III Bro. Dr Nigel Williams will have his patent as Inspector General for the District of Cambridge and Isle of Ely renewed on 13th May. Members of Supreme Council will conduct the ceremony at a meeting of Cambridge and Isle of Ely Chapter, which consists of members of the 30th, 31st, 32nd and 33rd Degrees. However, the Inspector General is keen to encourage members of the 18th Degree to attend.



All Inspectors General are promoted to the 33rd degree just before being installed in their District. Nigel had his 33rd degree conferred *in extensio* in March five years ago, being installed in May the same year and presented with a five-year patent. This patent is coming to an end and will be presented again on 13th May. It is hoped that all members of the order who can attend, will be at the event.

The Grand Secretary, General, V III Bro. Robin Furber, will be giving a talk on the order's Districts and Chapters Overseas at this meeting. The District of Cambridge and Isle of Ely was formed 15 years ago from the districts of 'Suffolk and Cambridge' and 'Norfolk and Isle of Ely'. There are eight chapters in the district and a total of 350 members.

Nigel has held the post for the past five years, succeeding his predecessor Deryck Gent, who was in office for 10 years.

Details will be available from the District Recorder, Tony Just, and the chapter recorder, Maurice Smart.

"This is a very important event in the history of the chapter and I do hope as many of you as possible will attend to support our Inspector General and the District of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely," said Ill Bro. Smart.

Nigel Williams

Thirkill donates £1,146 to Air Ambulance

Thirkill Lodge No. 7333 raised a superb £1,146 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) at the latest in a series of white table meetings, organised by its chaplain, WBro. Douglas Reed, on Monday 18th February.

The brethren held a short meeting before closing to allow guests into the lodge room at Bateman Street, Cambridge. Attendances have grown and this year was no exception with 82 members and guests receiving a presentation by the EAAA before dining together.

The enlightening presentation included an explanation of the workings of the organisation and its rapid expansion



into a much-needed service, using medical staff of the highest calibre and all without Government funding. After the presentation the brethren and guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal, and took part in a raffle for more than a dozen prizes donated by local businesses.

The raffle combined with a collection in the lodge enabled the Worshipful Master, WBro. Bill Finney, to present the EAAA with a cheque for £1,146. This figure was due to be enhanced when more than 300 old mobile phones, collected by WBro. Reed and given to the EAAA, are valued.

David Kirkham

Freemasonry for a Tetraplegic – a personal story of brotherly love

In 2002 I had a life changing road traffic accident leaving me paralysed from the chest down, with limited hand and arm function. After a year in hospital, I returned home to fight the biggest battle of my life. Unable to do almost anything for myself, I was reliant on others. I settled into a sedentary mode of existence with mind-numbing regularity. As far as I was concerned, I had lost everything, my mobility, independence and freedom of choice. Very dark days were to follow.

Then one day a good friend of mine, WBro. Jim Burt, of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810, visited me with the lifeline I needed. A lift up to the temples had been installed at Bateman Street, Cambridge, replacing the stair chair. After a two and a half year break, I could get back to being an active mason. It was a life saver.

Besides Kynaston Lodge, I started to attend Nourse No. 8590 and Thirkill No. 7333 and did not miss any meetings for almost three years. Shortly afterwards and to my delight, WBro. Jim Burt and WBro. Brian Elliott proposed and seconded me to become a joining member of Kynaston Lodge.

I started to attend the Lol, where I was encouraged to get on the floor with the others and, with a lot of help from everyone, I took on the Extended Second Degree Working Tools.



Before I knew it I had stepped in to fill the role of Senior Deacon at the Lol Annual Dinner meeting. The impact of doing the reading every day, and the rehearsals, got me back on track. There was a lot of work to do, taking a candidate round the floor, while being in a wheelchair required new choreography. Aided by Bro. Martin Brocklebank, acting as Junior Deacon, and the input of the Preceptor and other Lol members, we put together a very passable performance.

The greatest thing from my point of view was that the members of Kynaston Lodge had encouraged me and that, despite being in a wheelchair and a tetraplegic, I was and still am capable of contributing to Freemasonry and to my lodge.

As an aside, the buzz that I got, reading my part, rehearsing in my garage (laid out as a lodge room), moving around in my wheelchair, talking to myself, as my dogs looked on quite confused, was immensely satisfying. This gave me a purpose in life. For the first time since 2002, and now as a disabled person, I actually woke up in the morning with a positive attitude, and that was thanks to Kynaston Lodge and freemasonry. I owe both a great debt of gratitude for providing me with this much needed lifeline.

Tom McGuinness

Three generations in Caldwell and Stone Cross lodges

It's not unusual for fathers and sons to be members of the same craft lodge, but there are three generations of one family all sharing the same surname who have become joining members in Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 in March.

They are Leslie Budd, Ian Budd and Jason Budd, who all joined Caldwell in 2011. Leslie, the senior member of the trio, was initiated in 1956 in Bromley St Leonard Lodge No. 1805 and joined Imprimere Lodge No. 4734, which meets at Great Queen Street, London, in 1966, where he was preceptor for 25 years and was awarded London Grand Rank in 1995.

Leslie initiated his son Ian in Imprimere Lodge in 1978 and he served as its Worshipful Master in 1986 and again in 2001. Now junior warden at Caldwell, Ian is also secretary of the Norfolk Chapter of the Widows Sons masonic motorcycle association.

Ian's son Jason was initiated by his grandfather in 2002, also at Imprimere Lodge, and held office as junior and senior deacon. He is now a steward in Caldwell Lodge and treasurer of the Widows Sons' Norfolk Chapter.



The Budds (left to right) Jason, Leslie and Ian.



Nigel Philpott, Ron Wilkinson and Gavin Philpott and a picture of Ernest Wright

Caldwell's daughter lodge, Stone Cross No. 6704 also has three generations in Ron Wilkinson, Nigel Philpott and Gavin Philpott. Indeed Gavin is actually the fourth generation of his family to be a member.

Senior member of the trio is WBro. Ron Wilkinson who was initiated in Caldwell Lodge in 1947 and was the first joining member of Stone Cross in 1948. He was Worshipful Master of Stone Cross in 1952 and of Caldwell in 1984. A Grand Officer in Craft and Chapter, Ron was Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch in the Province from 1991 to 1999.

Ron's son-in-law, Nigel was initiated in Stone Cross in 1979 and was its Master in 1987 and is currently MEZ in Cambridgeshire First Principals Chapter. Nigel had the pleasure of initiating his son Gavin into the lodge in 2011.

Gavin can also trace his link with Stone Cross to two of its founders, his great-grandfathers Ernest Wright and Fred Wilkinson. Ernest served as Deputy Provincial Grand Master from 1970 until 1977. Nigel's father Bro. Ron Philpott was also a member of Caldwell Lodge.

Brian January

Cliff Brown

Does your family have a long association with a lodge or this Province? Why not tell us about it.

Mark and Ark support Masonic Benevolent Fund

The East Anglia Province of Mark Master Masons is hosting the Masonic Benevolent Fund this year. Unlike craft, the festival is not very frequent, occurring every 37 years, and is attended by all Provinces.

The festival banquet will be held on Saturday 21st September at Norwich, where the final total will be announced and will not be an inconsiderable amount. There are many fundraising events in progress. There will be a charity balloon release race on the day of Mark Provincial Grand Lodge in July. Some portly brethren are being sponsored for weight loss. Funds raised go towards Masonic and non-masonic charities.

Mark Grand Lodge has funded a state-of-the-art Linear Accelerator at St Bartholomew's hospital to the value of £1,282,242. This will enable complex malignant tumours to be treated with well-directed radiotherapy, increasing cancer survival rates.

Even if you are not a Mark Mason, you can make a donation, preferably Gift Aided, so that other projects can be supported. Cambridgeshire is part of the Mark Province of East Anglia, comprising of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire.

Nigel Williams

Long service to masonry

The Provincial Grand Master has been pleased to award long service certificates to members of both the Craft and Royal Arch during 2012. They are:

Craft, 60 years: John Seaman, Descensus Aquarum No. 8655; Newson Pratt, Etheldreda No. 2107; Derek Baldry, Three Grand Principles No. 441 and Cambridgeshire Installed Masters No. 7429; Roy Hardingham, Virtute Et Fide No. 7959 and Cambridgeshire Meridian No. 9687; James Crowden, Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 and United Good Fellowship No. 809 and Alan Howard, Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859.

Craft 50 years: Robert Foote, Thirkill No. 7333; Peter Venn, Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859; Thomas Skeels, Scientific No. 88; Geoffrey Hearn, Caldwell No. 3201 and Fenland Meridian No. 9858; Norman Mayes, Etheldreda No. 8374; John Tyderman, Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859; Malcolm Clark, Cantabrigia No. 3532; Donald MacKay, Scientific No. 88 and Peter Biggs, Gild of St Mary No. 7288.

Royal Arch, 50 years: Richard Fyson, Caldwell No. 2727 and Patrick Halnan, Euclid No. 859.

John Sherriff

What's coming up - send events to editorcambsmason@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 20th April – Race Night

Organised by Stone Cross Lodge and Caldwell Lodge, City Road, March, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50. Contact WBro. Nigel Philpott on 01354 654725 or WBro. Les Mills, 01354 656698

Sunday 21st April – St George's Day lunch

Organised by Cambridge Freemasons Club at Bateman Street, Cambridge. Contact WBro. Ian Bissett on 01954 201636 or cambridgefreemasonsclub@gmail.com

Saturday 4th May – St Audrey Lodge Ladies Festival

Contact WBro. Michael Allen on 01353 863848

Saturday 11th May – 88 and 441 Mardi Gras party night

Fancy dress or black tie. Tickets are £10. Bateman Street, Cambridge, 7.30pm. Contact Simon Whitmore at swhitmore88@gmail.com or Jon West at jonclare121@hotmail.com

Wednesday 29th May – Cambridgeshire Masonic Benevolent Association annual meeting - Bateman Street, Cambridge, 7.30pm. Contact WBro. Neil McKittrick on 01733 237535

Saturday 1st June – Tea and Trains fundraiser

Euclid Chapter and Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter event at home of EComp. Edmund Brookes in Trumpington. Details will be circulated

Saturday 8th June – FUNdraising and Friendship for 'Life'

Thirkill/441 race night, Bateman Street, Cambridge, 6.30pm, tickets £10 (includes supper), WBro. Jim Burt on 01480 466133 or penthouse18@ntlworld.com

Saturday 15th June – FUNdraising and Friendship for 'Life'

Kynaston and Nourse race night, Bateman Street, Cambridge, 6.30pm, tickets £10 (includes supper), WBro. Jim Burt on 01480 466133 or penthouse18@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 19th June – Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter - The Guildhall, Cambridge

Saturday 22nd June – Strawberry night

Organised by Cambridge Freemasons Club at Bateman Street, Cambridge. Contact WBro. Ian Bissett on 01954 201636 or cambridgefreemasonsclub@gmail.com

Saturday 29th June – King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement

Ancient and Accepted Rite, demonstration of 17th Degree, Queens' College, Cambridge

Saturday 6th July – Chapter of Fidelity summer event

Includes concert by King's College choir and presentation by the Royal College of Surgeons. Bateman Street, Cambridge. Details will be circulated

Saturday 20th July - Pythagoras Chapter garden party

Barbecue at the home of EComp. Jeremy Miller in Fulbourn. Details will be circulated

Saturday 14th September – Provincial Grand Chapter celebration of 2013 Royal Arch Bicentenary Appeal.

Banquet and entertainment at Millennium Room, Newmarket Racecourse. Details will be circulated

Saturday 21st September – Mark Benevolent Fund festival banquet. Mark Province of East Anglia, at Norwich

Saturday 5th October – Alma Mater Lodge Ladies Festival

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Saturday 19th October – Nourse Lodge Ladies Festival

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