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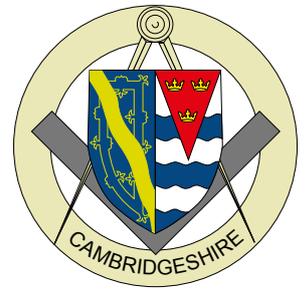
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New Provincial leaders

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It's official! VWBro. William C. M. Dastur PGSwdB will be the next Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent of Cambridgeshire. He will be installed on 10th December 2015.



At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on 10th December 2014, it was formally announced that RWBro. Rodney Wolverson would be retiring from the two positions on 8th December 2015, the tenth anniversary of his appointment.

During the annual Provincial visit to Grand Lodge on 11th March, the ProvgM Designate was pleased to announce that he would be appointing WBro. John Sherriff PAGDC, of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441, as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the investiture meeting in December. John is well known to brethren as the Past Provincial Grand Secretary. EComp. Russell Jackson will remain as Deputy Grand Superintendent.



Grand Rank appointments

Two Cambridgeshire brethren have been honoured with first Grand Rank appointments and will be invested at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, on 29th April.



WBro. Nick Pett PPGSwdB, of Scientific Lodge No. 88, has been appointed to active Assistant Grand Chaplain through his involvement with the Council for the Grand Charity, while our Provincial Grand Treasurer, WBro. David Blair, of Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 will be Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



In the Royal Arch, EComp. Graham Kent, Past Second Provincial Grand Principal, of Saint Etheldreda Chapter No. 2107 and founding Z of Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter No. 8374, has been appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer.

There were two promotions for members of Chapter of Probity No. 7333, both from Past Grand Standard Bearer to Past Grand Sword Bearer, for EComp. Anthony Bridges (Lincolnshire) and EComp. David Kershaw (East Kent).

Provincial honours

The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson announced his appointments and promotions on 11th March, during the lunch after the Province's visit to Grand Lodge.



WBro. Bharat Khetani, of Lodge of United Good Fellowship No. 809, will be Provincial Senior Grand Warden. WBro. Mark Long, of Scientific Lodge No. 88, will be Provincial Junior Grand Warden and WBro. Danny Ellis, of St Andrew Lodge No. 4087, will be the new Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

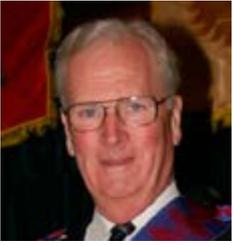
The investitures will take place at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Cambridge on 17th June. Earlier on the same day, EComp. Tony Just, of Saint Etheldreda Chapter No. 2107, will be invested as Third Provincial Grand Principal.

Other Craft and Royal Arch appointments and promotions were also announced and have been communicated to lodges and chapters throughout the Province.



Cliff Brown

Message from the Provincial Grand Master



It has been clear for some time that Freemasonry needs to take a good look at itself and to take action to bring our ancient and wonderful fraternity into the 21st century, thereby ensuring not only that it remains relevant in today's society, but also that the very future of the Craft itself may be secured.

Every Freemason will be aware I hope of the Membership Focus Group (MFG), which was created in 2014 by Grand Lodge and charged with the task of addressing membership issues and concerns, and with the objectives of stabilising our numbers and attracting more high quality individuals to join us.

As an essential first step MFG is seeking the views of our members (as many members as possible from Entered Apprentice to Grand Officer) with a series of surveys, inviting each one of us to express our thoughts and ideas on a variety of subjects.

Very many Cambridgeshire brethren have already completed the first survey - if you haven't done so, I urge you to register now with Grand Lodge on www.ugle.org.uk/mfg. The process is very simple, and I cannot stress the point strongly enough – that the more views and opinions the MFG receives the more confident we can be that they will reach the right conclusions representing the whole fraternity.

On the charity front, The Arthur Rank Hospice Building Appeal is well under way – thank you again to the very generous Freemasons of Cambridgeshire. The Ely Cathedral Concert was a great success (the “best ever”) raising a substantial sum for the cause, and every lodge in the Province is playing its part in this ambitious project. Please keep up the excellent work.

Finally I do hope 2015 brings you good health and much happiness – and, of course, great enjoyment from your masonry.

Rodney Wolverson

Charity trustees visit to MAGPAS

The City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust has supported MAGPAS for many years, so a site visit to see the local Helimedix for Cambridge was long overdue. WBro. Jim Whitehead, trust secretary, organised the trip, and four trustees participated (VWBro. Tim Pearce Higgins, chairman, WBro. Brian Moore, WBro. Peter Cartwright and WBro. John Brady, chairman of the Masonic Hall.

In November, the group visited the depot for the helicopter at RAF Wyton, where they were met by head of communications for MAGPAS, Antonia Brickell. She explained the function of MAGPAS. Essentially, the key element is to bring top-quality, critical care physicians to the trauma victims as quickly as possible, rather than, as is often assumed, to airlift the patients to hospital as quickly as possible.

Antonia emphasised that speed is of the essence when someone is facing a potentially life-changing experience. The level of expertise of staff cannot be overstated; indeed MAGPAS has been instrumental in writing the training manual for all UK air ambulance units.

The helicopter, a McDonnell Douglas MD902 Explorer, has no tail rotor, a wise safety precaution when landing a helicopter among unprepared individuals, relying instead on a vectored thrust of exhaust gas, blown directly from the back-end of the twin turbojet main engines.



The medical crew, a paramedic and an A&E specialist doctor, are nearly all unpaid volunteers, devoting two days a month to staff the unit. That's an entire four-week holiday allocation spent sitting apprehensively in the waiting room, interspersed with intense periods of frantic activity.

At this point in the day, the visit was brought to an untimely end by the alarm bell, with the crew scrambling to grab helmets and leap aboard, taking-off to attend an emergency in King's Lynn, some 12 minutes of flying time away.

The visit was deemed to be a huge success and, without doubt, MAGPAS will be on our list for donations at our forthcoming review.

Peter Cartwright

Grand Charity helps Air Ambulance

The Grand Charity has donated £4,000 to the Cambridgeshire Branch of the East Anglian Air Ambulance. WBro. Peter Sutton, the Provincial Information Officer, presented a cheque to Barbara McGee, the branch's fundraising manager, on 12th March. Improvements are being made to Cambridge Airport, not only to enhance the facilities now that personnel are engaged in night operations, but also to improve the arrangements for visitors. EAAA has two helicopters, one based at Cambridge Airport and the other in Norwich.



From these two centres, EAAA provides medical assistance to Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk and Norfolk. Brethren will have seen reports that Prince William is due to start his duties as one of the EAAA helicopter pilots later this year. EAAA operates a lottery which brings in annual revenue of £4 million. Every week there are 18 cash prizes including a jackpot of £1,000. If any brother wants to register for

lottery membership, visit the EAAA website (www.eaaa.org.uk), go to the shop section and follow the links to the lottery. Alternatively telephone 01603 489400.

Peter Sutton

Festival of Carols raises £30,000

Cambridgeshire Province held its fifth Festival of Carols in Ely Cathedral on 5th December by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The Cathedral was full with more than 1,000 people enjoying this pre-Christmas opportunity to join with the choir in the singing of carols. It has become a very popular event in the Cambridgeshire calendar.

A sum in excess of £30,000 was raised and will be divided between Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and the Ely Cathedral Trust. Arthur Rank has launched an appeal to raise funds to build a new hospice on the outskirts of Cambridge towards which Cambridgeshire Freemasons are committed to contributing at least £100,000.

Commencing with a warm welcome by the Dean, the programme consisted of carols and Christmas songs performed by the Cathedral Choir and The Ely Imps, a choir consisting of boys and girls aged seven to 13 drawn from schools in the region. The songs were supplemented by seasonal readings given by representatives from all sections of the community.



The organising committee and sponsors had taken the inspired decision to invite Laura Wright, the popular local soprano who has performed at many sporting occasions including the Invictus Games. Laura gave a virtuoso performance of festive songs including the Chris Rea song "I'm drivin' home for Christmas", accompanied by Paul Trepte on piano, and magical versions of "O Holy Night" and "Silent Night" that prompted rapturous applause from the audience.

The evening ended with a very moving address by Jennifer Mulluck, whose husband Jonny died in October 2010 at the very early age of 41 leaving a son aged one. Jonny spent his final days at Arthur Rank Hospice and Jennifer will be eternally grateful for the compassion and kindness shown by all the nursing staff during those very difficult days.



Jennifer wrote in the programme notes: "The nurses actually cared how Jonny was doing. They treated him with dignity, understood our needs, were human in their approach and generally made the best of the worst situation we could have ever imagined to find ourselves in."



A closing collection was taken to which everyone gave generously and then all made their way home after a great evening's entertainment. This event, now firmly established in the Cambridgeshire calendar, continues to raise significant funds for much valued local charities.

Peter Sutton



St Wendred quiz night

A quiz night on 14th November, organised by St. Wendred Lodge No. 8374, at the Newmarket Masonic Hall, supported the Arthur Rank Hospice appeal. The event was attended by both Masons and their family and friends and approximately 65 people enjoyed a fish and chips supper at the interval.



The evening proved to be a huge success with quiz questions organised by WBro. Mike Nicholas, PProvDepGDC. The raffle raised £284.94 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Building Fund.

Wayne E. Snedeker

Ambulance colleagues at installation

There was a gathering of ambulance service employees to see Bro. Ivan Spike installed as Worshipful Master of Nourse Lodge No. 8590 on 13th November.



Our picture shows, from left, WBro. John Beeken, WBro. Ken Stafford, both of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704, alongside WBro. Ben Shead, of Nourse Lodge, WBro. Spike and, in front, WBro. Ian Colquhoun from Norfolk. They are all current or former employees of the ambulance service in East Anglia.

John Beeken

Lest we forget

As commemorative events marking 100 years since the 1914-18 conflict continue, we remember 22 of our Province's brethren who gave their lives. This is the story of one family linked to several of our lodges...

At the outbreak of the First World War in 1914, the Province of Cambridgeshire had nine lodges with its newest warrant granted to Cantabrigia No. 3532. A founder of this lodge, WBro. Arthur Edward Chaplin would lose two sons during the terrible battles in Flanders – one of whom was also a Mason and Cantabrigia's second initiate.

WBro. Chaplin, who was a partner in Cambridge's famous drapery business, Robert Sayle & Co, lived with his wife Alice in Chaucer Road, Cambridge. He served as Worshipful Master of Scientific Lodge No. 88 in 1896 and the Province's Senior Grand Warden in 1904, while his Royal Arch membership in Pythagoras Chapter No. 88 saw him as its First Principal in 1900 and Provincial 3rd Grand Principal in 1913.

The two sons - Arthur Hugh Bates Chaplin (known as Hugh), born in 1875, and Charles Montague, born in 1882 - attended the city's Perse School. The eldest, Hugh, became a draper's assistant and also gained a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the local 3rd Volunteer Battalion The Suffolk Regiment in 1899, being promoted Lieutenant in 1902. The nation's Volunteers became part of the new Territorial Force in 1908 and 3rd VB Suffolk was renamed the 1st Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Due to business commitments Hugh resigned his commission to work in Lancashire, returning to Cambridge in 1904. He married Amelia McAvoy in 1907, set up home in Hills Road, Cambridge, and in the 1911 census was listed as a 35-year-old junior partner at Robert Sayle. It was in the same year that Cantabrigia Lodge was warranted and on 22nd November Hugh became only its second initiate. He was passed on 25th January 1912 and raised a month later. The lodge's centenary history states that in his first year as a Master Mason he became its Assistant Director of Ceremonies and was invested as Inner Guard in 1913.

War was declared in August 1914 and Hugh was granted a commission on 8th October as a Captain in the Cambridgeshire Regiment, taking command of B company in its new 2nd battalion, a home service unit. At the Lodge's installation meeting later that month he was invested as Junior Deacon.

The 1st battalion left for Flanders on 14th February 1915 and Captain Chaplin was sent out to join it on 25th March. He became second in command of B company, under Major Edward Saint, son of WBro. William Saint, WM of Three Grand Principles No. 441 in 1905 and Fidelity Chapter's First Principal in 1908. Major Saint later commanded the 1st battalion and died of wounds in 1918. Hugh's first taste of war lasted six weeks in the Ypres sector before he was invalided sick with pneumonia, bronchitis and phlebitis in his left leg, being shipped to England on 2nd May. Once fit enough, he returned to the 2nd battalion.

Hugh's military service prevented him attending any lodge meetings until the 1915 installation when he was appointed Senior Deacon and in 1915/16 was a Provincial Grand Steward. By the end of 1915 he had been posted to the regiment's new 4th battalion, also a home service unit, and in October 1916 he became Cantabrigia's Junior Warden.

Now fit enough for active service, Capt Chaplin was sent back to Flanders on 9th February 1917, returning to the 1st battalion, which was again in the infamous Ypres sector. He resumed his role as 2ic B company.



Hugh Chaplin

The Cambridgeshires were undertaking periods of front line duty at Hooze and Sanctuary Wood. The battalion's war diary notes that on 10th March a patrol under Capt Chaplin attempted to capture a prisoner.

Four days later Hugh Chaplin was wounded by shrapnel in his left arm, left leg and foot and evacuated to hospital in Boulogne, before being returned to England on 9th April. He was admitted to Lady Ridley's Hospital, which had been set up in Carlton House Terrace, London, and died of wounds on 21st May, aged 41. He is buried in St Mary & St Michael New Churchyard, Trumpington.

His brother Charles had moved to Canada in 1906 where he enlisted in 1915. Serving with the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, he was wounded on 15th September 1916 on the Somme, and invalided to England. Recommended for officer training, he was commissioned on 27th June 1917 as a 2nd Lt, also in the Cambridgeshire Regiment. He joined the 1st battalion in Flanders on 13th September and was posted to A company. Shortly afterwards, 2nd Lt Chaplin, aged 35, was killed in action on 26th September during its attack on the Tower Hamlets Ridge, in the Ypres Salient.

Charles has no known grave and is listed on the Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing. Both brothers are on several local war memorials, including at Trumpington and Perse School.

Five of the Province's then nine lodges had Brethren killed during the First World War. Hopefully, in future issues we will bring you some of their stories.

Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441 - Lt William Membry Difford and 2nd Lt William John Wyatt, both wartime initiates, probably while undergoing officer training in Cambridge.

Lodge of United Good Fellowship No. 809 - Sapper 59271 George William Heath, 79th Field Company Royal Engineers. A builder living in March and initiated in 1905, he resigned from UGF No. 809 and Caldwell No. 3201 prior to enlistment in 1914.

Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 - Capt John Alfred Benjamin, Capt Edward Barnard Bilton, 2nd Lt George Sydney Robert Brown, Capt Ritchie Pelham Bullivant MC, Lt William Fream, Capt William George Gabain MC, Dresser Henry Harry Monk Gould, Lt Frank Percy Haines, Lt Frank Lennox Harvey, Capt William Derry Ayne Holland, Capt Ronald Guy Marking MC & Bar, Capt Harold Lionel Isidore Spielmann, Capt Geoffrey Bulmar Tatham MC, Capt Cornelius Thorne MC, 2nd Lt Charles Geoffrey Tomlin and Lt Ralph Edwin Wilson.

Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 - 2nd Lt John Gunning Moore Dunlop and Capt Robert Williams Michell.

Cantabrigia Lodge No. 3532 - Capt Arthur Hugh Bates Chaplin.

Although the Old Leysian Lodge No. 4520 was not formed until 1923, the Cambridge school's war memorial lists two Masons among the 143 old boys who made the supreme sacrifice. They were Capt Eric Stanley Ayre and 2nd Lt Lionel Calvert.

Cambridge MCT boosts charity giving

The City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust received its first legacy last October. A donation of more than £1,000 was received from the estate of W.Bro. J.G. Hichisson, PProvJGW, LGR, who was in the chair of Scientific Lodge No. 88 in 1980. The Trust is regularly funded by two equal donations annually, one from the Masonic Hall Company (the City Lodges) and the other from the Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859.

The Trustees are very grateful for the legacy, which is the first 'external' finance in its history and comes from a well-known and highly respected brother whose friendship and warm generosity is remembered by many. It has been gratefully received and will be faithfully applied. The Trust's brief is to support mainly local charities and the Trustees are always very happy to consider any recommendations by brethren.

During 2014 the Trust offered every Lodge in the Province the opportunity to claim matched funding, up to £250, to pad out one donation that a Lodge decided to make to a local good cause of its own choice. This second attempt proved a bit more successful than in 2013, 18 Lodges responding and taking up the offer.

The Arthur Rank Hospice Appeal and Jimmy's in Cambridge were both popular recipients, while the Fenland youth training charity, FACET (Fenland Area Community Enterprise Trust), received an unusually substantial donation after W.Bro. Harry Rooke of Gray Lodge No. 4334, persuaded Caldwell No. 3201 and Fenland Meridian No. 9858 to combine their donations. The Trustees felt that that the exercise was very worthwhile and certainly boosted Freemasonry's local charitable image.

Jim Whitehead

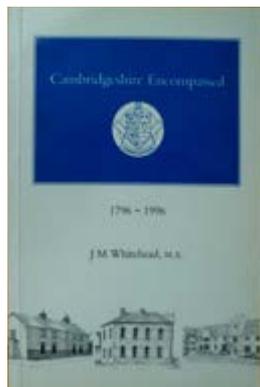
Donation is child's play in Ely

The children's play area at Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital has been upgraded thanks to a £300 donation from the Ely United Lodge of Instruction.

Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust has used the money to buy new toys and games for the play area. The money was part of £2,300 raised for local charities at the LOI's annual supper night and was handed over by Preceptor, W.Bro. Ron Williams, a Past Master of St Ovin Lodge No. 7774, to Lorna Lombardo, children's champion link nurse at the Trust.

Ron Williams

New broom sweeps clean in Cambridge



In taking over the Provincial Office, W.Bro. Pat Kilby discovered almost a full box of soft back copies of 'Cambridgeshire Encompassed', the 1996 bi-centenary history of the Province.

Author W.Bro. Jim Whitehead PJGD had no idea they were there but believed that all copies, except those in libraries or private hands, had gone. He has been apologising to enquirers and directing them to the libraries of the various Masonic Centres.

Copies are available at £10 each, so if anybody wants a copy they should contact Jim (email: jmw859@btinternet.com). All receipts will go to the Provincial Benevolent Association.

Jim Whitehead

Marking the centenary of the Armistice

Members of the Province gathered on the lawn at Freemasons' Hall, Cambridge, on 9th November to hold a service to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One.

The service was led by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. the Rev Christopher Woolley, below, with readings by W.Bro. Jeremy Miller and W.Bro. John Brady. 'In Flanders Fields' by Lt Col John McRae was recited by Miss Madelaine Goodwyn and was particularly poignant on this occasion.



Samuel George, to whom Remembrance Sunday is a very special occasion, accompanied by W.Bro. Colin Bell, the Provincial Senior Warden, carried the wreaths that were laid by W.Bro. Nick Goodwyn, RAF, who also gave the Exhortation. The organ, Last Post and Reveille were played by W.Bro. David Adams and W.Bro. David Cameron respectively.

Richard George

End of an era for Royal and Select Masters

After more than 11 years as District Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters, for the District of East Anglia, R.III.Comp, Peter Donald Miles resigned from the post on 12th September 2014. Peter was appointed Deputy District Grand Master 'in charge' on 21st January 2003 and was installed as DGM on 13th September 2003.



Latterly, Peter promoted the support of the charity EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) among the Councils of the Order. At the last meeting Peter attended as DGM, he presented a cheque for £8,000 to a representative of EACH.

Peter Miles

Stewards get lodge aprons

Busy stewards at Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 now have their own set of barmen's aprons, complete with lodge crest. Lodge steward Bro. Gavin Philpott purchased a set of aprons for the team who wore them for the first time at the Lodge's November meeting.

In December the Lodge has also handed over £500 to the March & District Branch of Parkinson's UK. The cheque, presented by Almoner, W.Bro. Ken Stafford, to branch chairman Brian Clark, included a £250 matched donation from The City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Cliff Brown

Freemasons mix up a winning cocktail

Scientific Lodge No. 88 is playing its part in helping to raise £100,000 towards the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity appeal. The appeal target is £300,000 and would help to ensure patients and relatives could benefit from the broad array of services available both at the hospice and across the county via Hospice at Home.



Over the years, a number of Freemasons and their families have been cared for by the hospice and have therefore actively fundraised for the charity having recognised the significant impact hospice care can have during very difficult times.

Donna Talbot, fundraising & marketing manager for the charity, attended a cheque presentation at the Freemasons' Hall, Bateman Street, on Wednesday 4th February to accept a donation from the Scientific Lodge to the value of £600. It consisted of £250 raised from a raffle, which then received match funding from The City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust with a further £100 raised as the result of a Cocktail Party, both of these activities took place in October.

Donna Talbot added: "We enjoy a wonderful relationship with the Cambridgeshire Freemasons. All of the lodges offer such terrific support to the charity and every pound really does help us on our way to building a new hospice." All funds raised through the appeal will help to fund the new £10.3 million hospice, which will be built on the Caius Farm site, Shelford Bottom, and where building is due to start imminently.

Peter Sutton

Donation from Lodge of Three Grand Principles

A printing company helping people with learning difficulties has received a £500 donation from Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441. Burwell Print is not only a printing company, but also offers the opportunity for people with learning disabilities to be supported and trained to provide a high quality printing and print finishing service.



The company supports up to 26 people with learning disabilities from all over the Cambridgeshire, who are brought together to develop their social and technical skills. They also get the opportunity to participate in an accredited training programme run by Burwell Print in conjunction with Cambridge Regional College. It has an excellent track record and is seen as a model of excellence.

Training and work experience is delivered on a one to one basis or in small groups, which gives a sense of purpose and personal achievement. The 'printers' get involved in every aspect of the business, such as working in reception, answering the phone, using copiers and the booklet maker for magazines and newsletters, cutting business cards and printing items such as mugs and t-shirts.

Lodge charity steward WBro. Bob Hammett and IPM WBro. Chris Suttle handed over the cheque, made up of £250 from the Lodge and a similar amount from the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Samaritan Fund.

Bob Hammett

Help for Jimmy's in Cambridge

A shelter for homeless people has received a boost thanks to Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 and The City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust. On 17 November, WBro. Peter Sutton, lodge treasurer, presented a cheque for £500 to Henry Brown, CEO of Jimmy's Cambridge. The donation was partly funded by a contribution of £250 from The City and University of Cambridge MCT.

Jimmy's Cambridge, which was formerly known as Jimmy's Night Shelter, has recently been refurbished and now offers 20 single rooms all with en-suite facilities. It has a lounge with computer terminals, a separate lecture room and a television area. Access to TV is closely controlled. Although it is funded by Cambridgeshire County Council for accommodation costs, the centre requires additional funding of £100,000 per year from private donations to cover other costs.

When people arrive they can stay up to 28 days, during which time they participate in a range of organised activities to prepare them for a return to society. Any form of work will assist with stabilisation and Jimmy's has links with Emmaus,



which at times can offer employment. Over the course of a year Jimmy's helps 400 homeless people. At all times of the year, and particularly during the winter, demand always exceeds available accommodation.

Peter Sutton

Irish demonstration at Lodge of Three Grand Principles

The Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441, already known for having a "different" ritual, has two joining members who were both initiated into Lodges under the Irish constitution, WBro. Peter Dawson and WBro. Barry Robinson. In 1993 they put together a team to demonstrate an Entered Apprentice degree under the Irish Constitution, with Peter as WM and Barry as DC, using the ritual from the latter's mother Lodge, Lodge Erin No. 463 IC.

The history of Lodge Erin can be traced back to 1768, but the ritual used for the demonstration was the one used to initiate Barry in 1978. This demonstration proved so popular that the team was asked if they would perform at other venues. Since then the team has carried out many demonstrations of the First and Third degrees throughout our own Province, surrounding Provinces and as far afield as the Drury Lane Theatre, raising close to £7000 for the lodge's charity list. The demonstrations discontinued a few years ago when Peter Dawson became too ill to carry on.

The then IPM of No. 441, WBro. Victor Saywell, who was a member of the original demonstration team, was asked if the demonstration team could again run a demonstration for the Lodge's meeting on 1st December to raise funds for the Salvation Army Christmas dinner. This followed a successful demonstration in 2013 with many younger members taking part.



The ritual itself tells the same story as the English constitution, but in a more dramatic form and imparts far more information to the Initiate. Once the candidate has taken his obligation, the symbolic significance and Masonic meaning of the ritual is explained in great detail in a series of eight lectures. Lecture one indelibly implants in the mind of the initiate the need to be faithful to his obligation in such a dramatic manner that once you have been through it, you will never forget.

This demonstration again proved to be a great success, the evening being well attended. An auction and raffle after the Festive Board raised nearly £700. A carol singing session with the Salvation Army band concluded the evening.

For further information about the demonstration team, contact W Bro Barry Robinson on: barry@cb37lu.freeserve.co.uk.

Stuart Britt

Virtute et Fide helps CamTrust

WBro. Ian Bissett, WM of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959, has handed over a cheque for £500 to CamTrust's chair of trustees, Chris Griffiths. CamTrust is a small local charity providing education and work experience for adults with disabilities within a social enterprise offering design and print services.



The donation was jointly funded by the lodge and the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Les Waters

Further donations!

A cheque for £1,000 has been presented to East Anglia's Children's Hospice, Milton, by Descensus Aquarum Lodge No. 8655. The donation was given in memory of Bro. Albert Casbon PProvAGSec, a former treasurer of the lodge who died in August 2013. It was handed over in Ely Cathedral's Galilee Porch by charity steward WBro. Robin Constable to Karen Newton, an EACH fundraiser.

David Sherwood

The Arthur Rank Hospice Appeal, which is being supported by the Province, received a £200 donation from the St Wendreda Royal Arch Chapter No. 3201, based at March, in January.

Cliff Brown

Dedication at Cornwallis Court

On Saturday 4th October 2014, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson carried out the dedication of the refurbished dining room at Cornwallis Court, the RMBI home in Bury St Edmunds.

The room was named after the late WBro. Dan House, of Gild of St Mary Lodge No. 7288, who having been a resident for some time left a magnificent bequest of £30,000 to the home. The home has made very good use of the windfall by creating a modern, light and spacious room which, when the weather allows, also opens out on to the central courtyard.



During the morning, the ProvGM also rededicated the Nourse Library and the Cambridgeshire Room; both of which had been moved from an upper floor and redecorated from other funds.

In attendance were the ProvGAlm WBro. Tony Mason, the ProvSGW WBro. Colin Bell and from the Gild of St Mary Lodge, WBro Kevin Mader, secretary, WBro. Bill Tripp, almoner during Bro. Dan's residency, and WBro. Sean Tirrell.

Kevin Mader

Long service awards

By Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859 standards, WBro. Jim Whitehead was a late starter in Freemasonry, having joined the lodge, aged 32, on 24th November 1964.

Fifty years later his service to the Province of Cambridgeshire was celebrated with a special presentation by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson, during the lodge's meeting on 6th December.

Jim has served the lodge in many ways, including as Master in 1970 and 1985, Director of Ceremonies, secretary for 10 years and chaplain for six. He wrote a history of the lodge and also of the Province, as well as completing and overseeing the printing of the INUL ritual book. He was also Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1992 and WM of Cambridgeshire Installed Masters Lodge No. 7429 in 1999. His tireless efforts for the Province included being its first communications officer and was followed with appointment to Grand Rank in 2004 as Junior Grand Deacon.

He was exalted in Euclid Chapter No. 859 in 1967, served as First Principal in 1973 and was its DC for approximately 10 years. He served as First Principal of Cambridgeshire First Principals Chapter No. 7429 in 1994. Jim has also served as DC of Provincial Grand Chapter, Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, 2nd Provincial Grand Principal, and Deputy Grand Superintendent from 1999 to 2006. His first appointment to Grand Chapter rank, as Past Grand Standard Bearer, was in 1987, followed by three promotions, most recently to Past Grand Sword Bearer in 2002.

Other duties have included service on Cambridge Masonic Hall Ltd, the Freemasons' Club, City and University of Cambridge Masonic Benevolent Fund, and setting up the library at Bateman Street, among many others. Describing WBro. Whitehead's record as "wonderful service to Masonry", the ProvGM said: "I have admired you as a man and a Mason" and highlighted the support of his wife Ann.

In reply, WBro. Whitehead, who calculated that he had held office in INUL for at least 40 years, said he was particularly proud of setting up the TLC scheme that provides teddy bears to local hospitals and that along with his wife he had delivered 21,000 small bears to the hospitals at Ely, Cambridge, Wisbech and Doddington. "It has been a splendid 50 years and I've enjoyed it very much," he said. "I have the friendship of so many wonderful people."

Other awards were presented to the following brethren during 2014:

50 years: John Roger Clark L2107; Donald Albert Ian Ring L859; Henry Horsfall Bland L3740; Jack Douglas Cole L5810; George Alan Miller L4087; Arthur Geoffrey Adams L2740; Geoffrey Newton L3532; Peter Swannell L6179; Brian Mervyn West L809; Laurence Richard Boyall L4606; Reginald Arthur George Watts L4334 and Brian George Heasman L2107.

60 years: Charles Willis Woodburn L859; Patrick John Halnan L1492 and Dennis William Townsend L2107.

Cliff Brown

50 years in Kynaston Lodge

At the regular meeting of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 on 4th December, WBro. Derek Osbourne celebrated 50 years in Freemasonry and received a special certificate from the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson.



In his response following the presentation, Derek recalled some memories from the early years of the lodge when meetings were held on the top floor of the Dorothy Café in Sidney Street, Cambridge, and dining was in the café below.

He was introduced to Freemasonry during discussions with WBro. Harold Papworth, the DC of the lodge. When he was initiated, which was a double ceremony, WBro. Roy Abraham was Junior Deacon and the Master was WBro. George Peak. Derek thanked Roy for being his guide ever since.

During the next 50 years, Derek served six Provincial Grand Masters and held the rank of Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1998, which was the year Cambridge Meridian Lodge No. 9689 was founded and St Audrey Lodge No. 2727 celebrated its centenary. He also served as lodge representative on the Cambridge Masonic Hall Council of Management for 14 years and was lodge secretary from 1982 to 1991.

Brian Elliott

60 years in Alma Mater

WBro. Harold Beck was presented with his 60th Year Certificate on 28th February by VW Bro. William Dastur, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Harold was initiated into Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 on 29th January 1955 and was Master in 1962 and 1984.

Peter Sutton



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