



Cambridgeshire Freemason

## *The Second Rising*



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### **Appointments and Promotions to Grand Rank**

Following the Annual Investiture at Grand Lodge, 17 intrepid Cambridgeshire Masons celebrating the promotions of WBros Edmund Brookes and Tony Mason and the first appointment of WBro. David Cameron, led by the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, found their way to The Farmers Club to a welcome, refreshing glass of bubbly and a superb meal accompanied by several glasses of grape products.

The following day EComp. Michael Hinton received his first appointment in Supreme Grand Chapter and was joined at the Grand Officers' Dinner in the Connaught Rooms by EComps Jon West, Tony Just and Paul Gillingwater. Our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent was also in attendance.






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### Other Appointments!

As reported in The Gazette, among the Deputy Lieutenants recently appointed by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Julie Spence OBE QPM, was Mr Jonathan Spence. High Sheriff Bharat Khetani was also in attendance.




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### Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards

From its inception and Consecration in 2016, the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards was planned to be the premier and most prominent Lodge in Cambridgeshire, to fulfil the need for a Lodge of service and support to the Provincial Grand Master and the Province of Cambridgeshire in general; as operated in every other Province.

**A honour:** The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master very much hopes that an appointment to Provincial Grand Steward will be considered a honour; indicating that the individual has been identified as someone with the drive, ability and the time and willingness to engage fully with Provincial activities and to offer much-needed assistance to the Provincial Executive in the delivery of the various Provincial functions.

**Once a Steward always a Steward:** The implication being that no matter how exalted a brother eventually may become, he is always entitled, and encouraged, to wear the red apron in the Stewards' Lodge or when on duty as a Steward.

**By invitation only:** Appointment as a Provincial Grand Steward will be by invitation only, and solely in the gift of the RW Provincial Grand Master. It is expected that all newly appointed Provincial Stewards will become joining members of the Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards and will engage fully in the delivery of the tasks delegated to it;

**Provincial Events:** Any past or present Provincial Steward may be called upon to assist in a variety of tasks and duties especially when the Provincial Grand Master convenes major assemblies. The most important of these being the annual Provincial Grand Lodge / Grand Chapter meeting in June of each year; along with other events such as the Festival of Carols. Whilst discharging these duties, Stewards will work under the direction of the Senior Steward of the day who in turn will work under the overall guidance of the **Provincial Grand Secretary** and **Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies** and their respective teams.

On these occasions, Provincial Stewards may be called upon to act as ushers; arranging brethren in their proper places, checking and recording their attendance before they enter the Temple and ensuring brethren fortunate enough to be receiving honours are directed to their appointed seats. Similarly, assisting with Provincial guests, Grand Officers and also the 'meet and greet' team, moving furniture and assisting in the set-up of the Temple, and of course to assist at the Festive Board of any Provincial event, including the serving of wine, if required.

Provincial Stewards may also be called upon to assist the Provincial Executive at Installation meetings, Consecration meetings or even to assist other Lodges in ceremonial matters as required.

**Wearing a Red Apron:** Each and all of the tasks undertaken by a Provincial Steward are vital to the smooth running of Provincial events to ensure that the Province is seen in the best possible light and anyone wearing a 'Red Apron' should be considered a highly respected member of the Province of Cambridgeshire.

*W. Bro Kevin Mader PAGDC*  
**Provincial Grand Secretary**



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### **Chapter of Pythagoras goes gold!**

At a very special meeting of Pythagoras Chapter the Deputy Grand Superintendent, EComp. David Blair was delighted to upgrade the Chapter Festival Honorific from



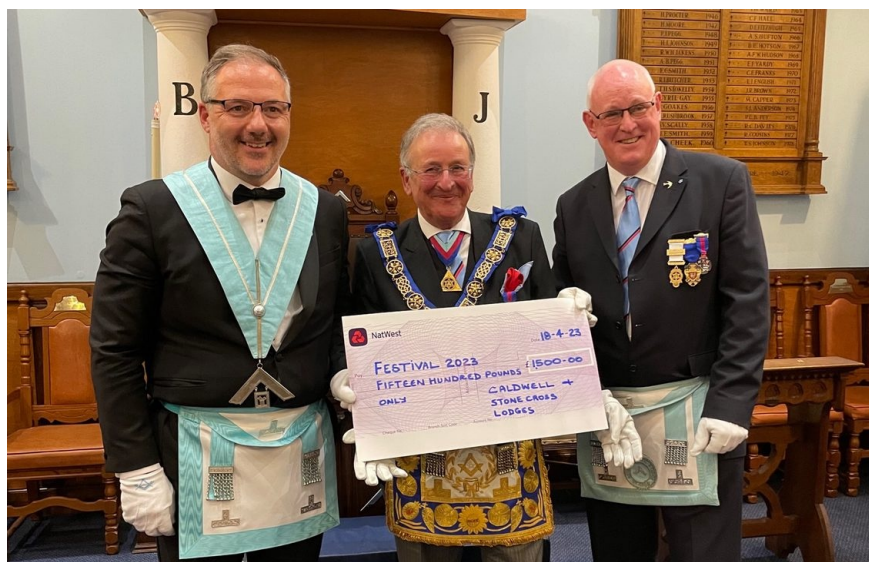
Silver to Gold, reflecting the generosity of the Companions of Pythagoras Chapter.



### More March donations...

At the Caldwell Lodge Installation meeting the Worshipful Master Lee Mitchell, outgoing Charity Steward Brian Sutton and his successor, John Best, presented Provincial Grand Master Bill Dastur with a cheque for £2500 in aid of our Masonic Charitable Foundation 2023. The Provincial Grand Master was also delighted to receive a second cheque, for £1500, from Caldwell Lodge IPM Andy Murfitt and Andy Sullivan, the Worshipful Master of Stone Cross Lodge, following a highly successful joint race night.





## Oh yes they did!

The Cambridgeshire Provincial Panto Team excelled themselves when performing Beauty and The Beast in January of this year. They raised the grand sum of £3,000, and celebrated by presenting a cheque in aid of the Cambridgeshire Festival 2023 to VWBro. Patrick Kilby, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, after the joint meeting between two sister Lodges – Etheldreda (2107) and Gild of St Mary (7288). The panto director, WBro. Mark Long belongs to Scientific Lodge (88) – their Mother Lodge, and so it was a true family affair. The Festival Chairman, WBro. Paul Gillingwater, was also in attendance.

The current Master of Etheldreda Lodge, WBro. David Moat, said that as both himself and the Master of Gild of St. Mary (WBro. Robert Wane) were part of the cast it seemed fitting that the presentation be made at their annual joint meeting. Etheldreda Lodge meet at Newmarket Masonic Hall, which is also the panto venue.

The pantomime is an annual event and provides huge family entertainment. Previous productions have included Jack and The Beanstalk, Cinderella, Scrooge and Captain Hook's Revenge. WBro. Peter Crussell has written the last two scripts and is already working on Aladdin, ready for next year.



## Cambridge & Isle of Ely District Rose Croix Member Achieves Prestigious Supreme Council Award

At the conclusion of the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement's Demonstration of the 15th & 16th Degrees in London on the 24th April it was announced by Supreme Council that IllBro Roger Bathurst 32° is to be awarded The Order of The Eagle & Rose. The announcement was very warmly received by everyone present. IllBro



Roger has been involved with the Chapter of Improvement for a number of years and is currently Chairman and Festival Preceptor. Roger is also, at present, MWS of Iceni Chapter No.1126 at Newmarket.

The Order of the Eagle & Rose is conferred on brethren who have given outstanding service to the Ancient & Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council for England & Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas and to date there have only been 12 brethren to have received the award since its introduction.

A letter confirming the appointment was received by our Inspector General, VIII Bro Justin Curtis 33° on the 28th April 2023 and on behalf of all the brethren of the District, he offers hearty congratulations to Roger. The Order will be conferred at the meeting for the Investiture of VIII Bro. Justin Curtis as Inspector General for the District at Freemasons' Hall Bateman Street on the 22nd May by members of Supreme Council.

