



The Provincial Christmas Message.

Brethren and Companions,

2024 has been another successful year for the Province, one in which, I believe, we have gone from strength to strength, particularly in supporting One Journey One Organisation whilst membership in both the Craft and the Royal Arch continues to grow.

Maintaining momentum and growth on the membership front will remain a key focus for 2025 as well as ensuring we continue to try to encourage Brethren and Companions whom we have not seen recently to return to our meetings and festive boards.

The Light Blues Club continues to prosper and Buddy visits where newer Brethren are introduced to peers and other Lodges are so enjoyable and worthwhile. Equally impressive has been the impact The Clarets have made, and with other Provinces copying the format we can truly say we are trail blazers. Well done!

I hope we shall be able to consecrate Epicurean Lodge in early 2025 and I understand progress is being made on the new Wisbech Masonic Building which may open later next year or in early 2026.

We must continue to support our local communities and I know that the CMBA and MCF matched funding opportunity has again been taken up with gusto by many of our centres to fund food banks, meals, and other assistance to those in need this Christmas to the tune of some £20,000 which is just amazing. The Festival of Carols at Ely Cathedral was also a stunning success.

The Province has agreed to take part in a seven-Province initiative in 2025 to raise over £500,000 to help Maggie's build its new centre in Cambridge. Our contribution to this is at least £100,000 and I hope you will all assist me in what will be my last appeal as your Provincial Grand Master.

It has been, and continues to be, a huge pleasure to lead Cambridgeshire and I am so looking forward to another great year in 2025.

Brethren and Companions, thank you for your immense support and commitment to this wonderful organisation and may I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2025!

Bill Dastur



Ely Cathedral hosts Festival of Carols



A sell-out crowd gathered at Ely Cathedral on 6th December for the highly anticipated *Festival of Carols*, which raised over £25,000 for local charities. The festive concert featured stunning performances by renowned mezzo soprano Karen England, best known as one half of the international singing duo, The Opera Babes, and for her performances at major venues such as the LA Opera House alongside Placido Domingo, and for singing at several royal events for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

The evening's programme included a selection of beloved Christmas classics, with Karen England delivering breath taking renditions of *O Holy Night* and *I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas*, which had the audience captivated throughout. The concert culminated in a stirring performance of *Hark the Herald*, which featured the Girl Choristers and Lower Voices of Ely Cathedral Choir, accompanied by the renowned Prime Brass, a brass ensemble based in Cambridge.

In addition to the musical performances, the event included readings from a range of distinguished figures. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's Dotty McCloud, and Matthew Jones CEO East Anglian Air Ambulance. All contributed to the evening's moving and reflective atmosphere. Guests also enjoyed a pre-concert champagne and canapé reception in the historic 14th-century Lady Chapel, adding a touch of elegance to the evening.

This year's *Festival of Carols* marked the 9th staging of the bi-annual concert, which is organised by the Cambridgeshire Freemasons. Bill Dastur, head of Freemasonry in Cambridgeshire, expressed his gratitude to the Cathedral Dean, The Very Reverend Mark Bonney, and the Chapter for their support of the event, noting, "*We are deeply grateful to the Cathedral, as well as to our generous sponsors—Rathbones, The One Group, Carter Jonas, G's, and Staploe Solicitors LLP—whose contributions have been instrumental in making this event such a success.*"

The evening benefited two charitable causes: The East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Ely Cathedral Trust. Matthew Jones, CEO, East Anglian Air Ambulance, expressed his appreciation for the support, saying, *“It is a privilege to join you in this stunning venue of Ely Cathedral for a wonderful evening of carols to mark the festive season. I am grateful to the Cambridgeshire Freemasons for bringing the local community together and for choosing to support East Anglian Air Ambulance, alongside Ely Cathedral Trust, at tonight’s event”*.

The *Festival of Carols* was not only a celebration of the Christmas spirit but also a powerful reminder of the importance of community and the impact of supporting local charities. The £25,000 raised will go directly toward sustaining the essential work of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Ely Cathedral Trust in the coming year.

Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 White Table



Caldwell Lodge No.3201 were thrilled to welcome several charities they have supported recently to their White Table meeting. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect and share their commitment to making a difference.

A special thank you to Provincial Grand Charity Steward David Cameron for supporting the evening. Together, a further £340 was raised for charity!

Those invited were, Royal British Legion, March Veterans Hub, Young People March, FACET Cambridgeshire Peterborough & South Lincs MIND, March Scouts, Doddington Scouts and Guides, Doddington Hospital MIU (as recipients of TLC teddies)

Viva's Silver Screens Project



Thousands of people living with dementia and their carers will get a classic afternoon at the movies thanks to Cambridgeshire Freemasons.

Around 2,500 people living with dementia in East Cambridgeshire and their carers are to benefit from a local venue to share a classic movie thanks to a grant from Cambridgeshire Freemasons to the Viva charity.

The £30,000 grant will support Viva's "Silver Screens" project, which will enable the group to support those living with dementia within East Cambridgeshire, helping to reduce the isolation amongst individuals both living with the disease and their carers, and provide a safe and welcoming place to socialise and bring back happy memories. Viva are delighted to be able to make cinema inclusive and accessible for everyone and with the grant have been able to secure a regular classic and nostalgic cinematic experience, offering affordable tickets and a space to socialise over a brew.

The funding will make a significant difference in the lives of those living with dementia and their families by providing a safe environment in which everyone can continue to have a positive experience. The venue, that has made adjustments to the environment to be welcoming and supportive, so that those living with dementia are able to really enjoy the films they see. As is well known, cinema is an immersive experience, which leaves a profound and lasting impact on an individual each time they visit.

Daniel Schumann DL, chair of Viva Arts & Community Group, said: *"We're very grateful to Cambridgeshire Freemasons for their generous grant. Evidence shows that a classic movie can stimulate the mind, help improve memory, and is associated with relaxation, engagement and, above all, enjoyment. Film has a proud history of giving a voice to those who do not have one"*.

Bill Dastur Provincial Grand Master, said: *"I'm very pleased we've been able to help Viva with their amazing programme of classic films for people with dementia, such a wonderful initiative. It's not only therapeutic but also great fun for them and for their carers. The magic of cinema offers an enchanting experience for everyone involved."*

Pictured left to right, Bill Dastur Prov. Grand Master, Arts Founder Daniel Schumann & David Blair the Deputy Prov. Grand Master settle down for the start of 'Nothing Like a Dame.'

Family Initiations.



On Friday 20th September 2024 a group of Cambridgeshire Masons made their way to London Rugby Lodge No. 857 at Mark Masons Hall to support the initiation of Andrew Jones, the son of W.Bro. John Jones.

Several of us were pleased and honoured to take part in the ceremony. Bro. Andrew Jones lives in Maidenhead so joining a Cambridgeshire Lodge was not feasible. However, W.Bro. John Jones will preside over his sons Second Degree which will be carried out in Nourse Lodge in early 2025.



On Thursday 24th October 2024 W.Bros. David G Cameron and John Jones travelled to Wales to visit Ystradyfodwg Lodge No. 7638, meeting in Pontypridd (the home of Tom Jones). Ystradyfodwg Lodge was the Lodge of W.Bro. David Cameron's father.

The occasion was the initiation of W.Bro. David Cameron's nephew, Wesley Cameron. W.Bro. David Cameron was honoured and delighted to be offered to take the chair and initiate Wesley.



Kings Hedges Family Support Project.



The £15,000 grant will support KHFSF's work with children, allowing the charity to provide activities which help children to develop their speech and language, and socialise with peers and our staff team, helping them to be ready to begin school. Free, healthy meals are also provided at each session, which is vital when many families who attend live on low incomes and face food insecurity, exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis.

More than 600 local children and families who need extra support will be able to access this thanks to a grant from Cambridgeshire Freemasons to the Kings Hedges Family Support Project (KHFSF).

The funding will make a significant difference in the lives of children and their families by providing a safe space for children to play whilst their parents access support on a range of issues including mental health and wellbeing, parenting, housing and financial advice. Regular drop-in sessions ensure that families have access to help whenever they need it, allowing people to become more confident parents, to build new networks of support and to feel happier about themselves.

The charity embeds fun and easily replicable activities into groups to meet this need as early as possible in order, helping to reduce the burden on professionals and educators involved in children's development. These activities help children to be more ready as they progress to nursery and school and aim to prevent these issues causing long lasting impact.

The grant from Cambridgeshire Freemasons comes through the Masonic Charitable Foundation, which is funded by Freemasons, their families, and friends, from across England and Wales.

Hannah Chong, Grants Officer for the Kings Hedges Family Support Project said: *“We’re very grateful to Cambridgeshire Freemasons for their generous grant. This will make a real difference to the lives of children in Cambridge. The grant will allow us to offer wonderful opportunities for children to have fun whilst having access to healthy food and developing the skills they need to thrive when they start school.”*

Tony Barrios from Cambridgeshire Freemasons, who spent an eventful morning with staff, parents and children at the KHFSF said: *“I’m really pleased we’ve been able to help Kings Hedges with their hugely important project helping local children and families who need extra support as they look to start school. Children only have one chance to make a success of their education and this wonderful charity works hard to make sure they can.”*

Two for the Price of One.



Twenty plus Cambridgeshire Masons made their way to Mercurius Lodge, Great Queen Street, London for a memorable day.

The day kicked off with an Installation Meeting where W.Bro. Rob Taylor placed W.Bro. David Watson in the Master’s Chair. After a quick 10-minute break, the newly installed Worshipful Master carried out an Initiation ceremony, welcoming Mr. Nick Farmer as the newest member of the Lodge.

Special thanks to W.Bro. Chris Cridford (Secretary) and W.Bro. Justin Curtis (Director of Ceremonies) for flawlessly organising the event. Both meetings were wrapped up in just over 2.5 hours!

The festive board afterward was a special celebration dedicated to Nick Farmer. A fantastic day for all.

The Power of Pathway.

On 12th November 2024, W.Bro. Will Dunn was installed as the Worshipful Master of St Audrey Lodge No. 2727 in Ely, marking a significant moment for both Will and the Province of Cambridgeshire. While the installation of a new Master is a familiar event for the lodge, which was consecrated in 1898, Will's journey to this point is notable. He is the first Cambridgeshire Freemason to have been introduced to the freemasonry through the Pathway process, a structured approach to recruitment, and has progressed through every lodge office to reach the Master's Chair.



Will's introduction to Freemasonry came through the Provincial Membership Officer, and his rise through the Masonic ranks, from his initiation to being Passed, Raised, and eventually installed as Master, showcases the success of the Pathway system.

Reflecting on the occasion, Will, who lives just eight miles from Ely's Masonic Hall, expressed his pride: *"I'm deeply honoured to have been installed into my wonderful Lodge and look forward to my year on the Cambridgeshire 'Circuit' of visiting Masters. My initial interest in Freemasonry was in the sense of brotherhood and community and I found the guidance from the*

Provincial Membership team and the encouragement and Support of the Cambridgeshire Light Blues to be invaluable in laying the foundations of my Masonic journey. I've enjoyed working through the various offices on my way to the Master's Chair and look forward to maintaining the traditions and standards of the Lodge over the next year".

W.Bro. Ed Williams, the Provincial Grand Membership Officer, praised the success of the Pathway initiative, which has been used by the Cambridgeshire Province for several years: *"Our Province has been using the principles of Pathway for many years, and it's wonderful to see this success story. My predecessor and I have enjoyed meeting so many people interested in Freemasonry and guiding them to the lodge which suits them best. I passed through the same process when I became a Freemason back in 2012, and so I'm especially thrilled to see Will on such a similar journey."*

The installation ceremony was further highlighted by the presence of Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert, who led the Provincial team in attendance: *"It's always an honour to be at an Installation meeting, and this was made more special by Will's story. I've met many Freemasons throughout Cambridgeshire and beyond, and while everyone has different reasons for joining and different aspirations for their future, Will's journey is remarkable. I look forward to seeing him at other Installations during his year in office and wish him well in whatever path he takes in the future."*

Will Dunn's Masonic journey doesn't end at the Master's Chair. In 2023, he was exalted into the Royal Arch and now looks forward to progressing through the various offices in Caldwell Chapter No. 2727. As he moves from "Pathway to Archway," his story continues to be an inspiration for new members in the Province.

The installation of Will Dunn as Worshipful Master of St Audrey Lodge marks not only a personal achievement but also the continuing success of the Pathway initiative in nurturing and guiding future Masonic leaders.



Smarter giving tip #2 – Setting up a Repeat Payment Promise

Did you know? ... If every member of the province set up a regular payment of as little as £2 per month the CMBA could provide Care & Relief over £30,000 per year (plus Gift Aid) towards charitable activities such as relieving the burden of poor and distressed masons and their dependants in Cambridgeshire.

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Essential reading!

Enter the Relief Chest number

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Leverington Rainbows.



Well done to the members of The Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125 at Wisbech who together with the Matched Funding Offer from The City & University of Cambridge University Charitable Trust, the Breakfast Bruvvers Club and some personal donations gave the magnificent sum of £1,000 to the 1st Leverington Rainbow Guides.

Leverington Rainbows meet weekly during term time at Gorefield Community Hall and provide a structured programme of varied activities for Girls aged between 4-7yrs. Learning new skills and becoming confident in their decision making, but mostly having fun while learning and making new friends. They are a non-profit making charity-based organisation.

The two leaders Emma Warby and Amy Wakeham are both volunteers, with subs from the Guides to purchase badges and cover the rent on the hall.

Emma Warby said, *“This kind gift will enable us to help our members and future members, to have the best that we can provide as volunteers plus enable us to support those that are less privileged in our community to be able to attend our sessions. This kind donation will help so many young girls.”*

Bro Andy Clifton said, *“This is a donation is close to my heart as my daughter was a Leverington Rainbow 35 years ago.”*

A Memorable Evening at Granta Lodge No. 6179.



A first-class experience filled with special moments was enjoyed by all at Granta Lodge No. 6179. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a 60-year certificate to W. Bro Peter Swannell PPSGW, conducted by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Jonathan Lambert.

Peter's long-standing connection with the Lodge stretches back well beyond six decades. His father was a member, and from the age of 10, Peter would accompany his mother when she catered for Lodge meetings at Linton. This means his association with the Lodge extends even longer than 60 years! Remarkably, during this incredible tenure, Peter has never missed a meeting, surely, a record in itself.

In a touching moment, the Lodge was called off briefly to welcome Peter's wife, Susan, who joined the Brethren to witness the presentation and later joined everyone for dinner.

The Lodge was also pleased to welcome W.Bro. Mike Martin from Webster Groves Lodge No. 84 under the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Mike, who is currently enjoying a month-long vacation in Europe, chose Granta Lodge as the first stop on his Masonic tour across the UK and Germany. His insights into the differences between US Freemasonry and what he observed at Granta Lodge were enlightening and much appreciated.

To cap off this wonderful evening, Bro Duncan Berry was raised to the Third Degree in an exemplary manner, bringing a perfect conclusion to a night that will be long remembered by all who attended.



Supreme Council 33°.



The Ancient & Accepted Rite Higher Degrees meeting held at Supreme Council 33° at Duke Street in London on Monday 16th September 2024 saw three members of the Cambridge & Isle of Ely District receive and welcomed into the 30° of the Order.

Ill.:Bro. Andrew Ambrose-Thurman of University Chapter No.30, Ill.:Bro. Robin Cawston of Wysbech Trinity Chapter No. 822 and Ill.:Bro. Peter Thomas of Icenii Chapter No.1126, had all recently completed successful years as Sovereign's of their respective Chapters and were rewarded with an magnificent ceremony undertaken by members of Supreme Council. In total, 47 candidates from Districts across England & Wales received the Degree, known as "Grand Elected Knight Kadosh" with Bro. Andrew being the representative candidate for them all.

All three were well supported by Brethren of the District including The Inspector General, V.Ill.Bro. Justin Curtis 33°. Ill.:Bro. Ian Greig 32°, Past District Recorder, Ill.:Bro. John Breeze 32° and Ill.:Bro. Brian Elliott 31°.

Following the ceremony, a celebration dinner was taken at Mark Masons' Hall with the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order presiding.

Pictured Left to right: Ill.Bro. Robin Cawston, Wysbech Trinity Chapter No.822, Ill.Bro. Andrew Ambrose-Thurman, University Chapter No. 30 and Ill.Bro. Peter Thomas, Icenii Chapter No. 1126.

Further information about the Order can be obtained by contacting the District Recorder on districtrecorder@candioferosecroix.org

Ill.:Bro. Brian Elliott 31°
District of Cambridge and Isle of Ely

Alma Mater makes Lodge History.



Brethren of Farrington Without Lodge (7 from the UK and 4 from France) attended the September meeting of Alma Mater Lodge for a quadruple Initiation – the first ever in the history of the Lodge.

Stone Cross Lodge No 6704.



W.Bro. Andy Sullivan and Bro. David Pritchard from Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for £185 to the Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue Charity.

Wayne and Pauline Bent are just two of the many volunteers that assist in the running of this worthwhile charity.

Helping Whittlesey



St Andrew's Lodge present £3,000 towards buying Christmas presents for local children in Whittlesey & the Helping Whittlesey rental & return scheme.

On 24th October W.Bro. Simon Phillips, a member of the St Andrew's Lodge in Whittlesey, presented Anna Foster from the charity "Helping Whittlesey" with a cheque for £3,000 (£1,500 to support the provision of Christmas presents to Whittlesey children and £1,500 to support a new tool rental and repair scheme). W.Bro. Phillips expressed his appreciation for the support he received from the members of St Andrew's Lodge, family and friends who participated in the events:

"We are delighted to support Helping Whittlesey with this donation to kick start the Christmas Appeal 2024 to provide local children with Christmas presents who would otherwise get very little, and also to support Helping Whittlesey with this donation to the tool rental and return scheme for people in the local area."

Anna Foster, chair of Helping Whittlesey, showed her appreciation upon receiving the donation: *"We want to say a huge, thank you to St Andrew Masonic Lodge for the generous donation to the Christmas Appeal 2024. We have been collecting throughout the year and your donation will take that pressure off with what's left to get. Every child deserves to feel the magic of Christmas. The other donation will go towards the purchase of items needed to set up a library of tools for the community to borrow and will be a welcome boost to the community."*

Last year Helping Whittlesey provided Christmas presents for 120 local children. Each child got on average pj's/clothes, teddy, book, games/toys, colouring book & pens, smellies and a selection box as well as wrapping paper and cello tape for the parents to wrap. Helping Whittlesey are also in the process of starting up a library of tools and gadgets, for example a lawnmower, pressure washer, drill, sander etc... the idea is that people who can't justify or afford the cost of them but can borrow them for a small fee. The money will be used to expand and replace items as and when needed.

Freemasons Donate Teddies to Home-Start Charity.



Cambridgeshire Freemasons have made a heart-warming donation of a large quantity of teddies to Home-Start, a Cambridgeshire based charity dedicated to supporting families in need. The teddies will be used to comfort children and families who are facing difficult times, helping to provide a sense of reassurance and security during challenging moments.

Home-Start Cambridgeshire, a volunteer driven organisation, offers personalised support to families across the county, focusing on building strong relationships and empowering parents. Volunteers share their time, and expertise, working alongside parents to help them build on their strengths and explore new ideas to grow in confidence. Through this approach, families often become more engaged in their communities, benefiting both themselves and their children.

Hayley Norfolk, Chief Executive of Home-Start Cambridgeshire, expressed her gratitude for the donation, stating: *"The teddies will be an invaluable asset when supporting families. We are so grateful for the generosity of the Cambridgeshire Freemasons, whose support will make a real difference to the children we serve."*

The donation of teddies was coordinated by Cambridgeshire Freemason Tony Barrios, who explained, *"The teddies are primarily donated to Paediatric Departments within hospitals, but fundraising by fellow Masons has allowed the organisation to extend the donations to other charities like Home-Start. We are proud to contribute to the incredible work that Home-Start Cambridgeshire is doing in the community."*

The partnership between the Cambridgeshire Freemasons and Home-Start Cambridgeshire highlights the positive impact that community collaborations can have on local families. The Freemasons' donation will not only bring comfort to children but will also support Home-Start's ongoing efforts to provide sensitive and flexible assistance to families throughout the region. Home-Start Cambridgeshire is a charity dedicated to providing support to families with young children in the county. Through its network of trained volunteers, the organisation works alongside parents to help them build strong, positive relationships, develop new skills, and feel empowered within their communities.

A Bond of Brotherhood.



The Province of Cambridgeshire's unique tradition of inviting Masters from various Lodges to attend Installation meetings has once again proven the enduring power of fraternal bonds. On Monday, 18th November 2024, an extraordinary moment unfolded at Thirkill Lodge No.7333 when W.Bro. David Kirkham was installed as the Worshipful Master, surrounded by friends, both old and new.

One of the Province's most cherished traditions is the invitation extended to Masters in the Chair of their respective Lodges to attend each other's Installation meetings as special guests. This practice has led to the formation of lifelong friendships, among which the 04 Masters stand as a shining example. Formed back in 2004, this group of Lodge Masters quickly bonded during their time together on the masonic "circuit." Over the years, the camaraderie has endured, with members regularly gathering for social occasions beyond the confines of freemasonry.

At the heart of the 18th November meeting was a particularly joyful moment: during the Installation ceremony of W.Bro. David Kirkham as Master of Thirkill Lodge, the installing Master, W.Bro. Osborne, offered the gavel to the visiting Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert. To the surprise of many, the gavel was accepted.

What many in the room didn't know was that W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, was also a proud member of the 04 Masters group. This connection added a deeply personal and heart-warming twist to the evening, as W.Bro. Lambert, with great joy and enthusiasm, installed W.Bro. Kirkham as Master of Thirkill Lodge.

W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, expressed his happiness in taking part in the special event, saying, *"Part of my duties are to attend selected Installation meetings, and I wouldn't have missed this one for the world. It was an absolute delight to install David as Master of this fine Lodge, and I wish him a productive and successful year ahead. The occasion not only celebrated the installation of a new Worshipful Master but also showcased the lasting bonds that freemasonry fosters"*.

Cambridge Clarets on Tour.



Supreme Grand Chapter 2024

On Wednesday 13th November 2024 Cambridgeshire Clarets were part of the annual visit to Supreme Grand Chapter by over fifty Cambridgeshire Royal Arch Masons. The Clarets Chair, Secretary and twenty members, some of whom were attending the event for the first time, joined the Grand Superintendent E.Comp. William Dastur, the Deputy Grand Superintendent E. Comp. Mark Shields and a number of other Grand and Provincial Officers, all of whom were delighted to be acknowledged by the Pro First Grand Principal, E.Comp. Jonathan Spence in his address.

After the meeting all the Companions dined in style in the Amptill Room in the Grand Connaught Rooms during which members of the Provincial Executive switched tables in between every course to encourage discussion and exchange of ideas. In his address, the Grand Superintendent stated his delight with the excellent turnout, including the Clarets, which exemplified the high regard and popularity of the Royal Arch in Cambridgeshire.

After lunch, the Clarets were treated to a 'behind the scenes' guided tour of Freemasons' Hall, led by the Second Grand Principal, Sir David Wootton and the Third Grand Principal Gareth Jones. This included the Grand Principals' private robing rooms, the Grand Officers' robing room, several notable reception and meeting rooms and culminated in the splendid Temple Number 10, also known as the Egyptian Room. The tour, both informative and informal, included personal insights from the Grand Principals, who were keen to answer questions and give an insight into life at Freemasons' Hall beyond the main Temple.





After an in-depth explanation of the intricacies of the magnificent painting commemorating the Tercentenary Meeting of United Grand Lodge, the Clarets Chair, Comp. Hady Aouad and the Secretary, Comp. John Smith, presented Clarets tie-clips to the Second and Third Grand Principals respectively.

The Companions then returned to The Egyptian Room for a meeting of Euclid Chapter of Installed First Principals where a demonstration of Savage Ritual was presented to a full Chapter Room. Savage Ritual aims to streamline the Exaltation Ceremony, keeping the focus on the experience of the Exalte without detracting from the spectacle of the ceremony itself.

This Clarets on Tour event was coordinated by the Clarets Committee, working with the Deputy Grand Superintendent and the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra E.Comp. Jon West. The Cambridgeshire Clarets, pioneered by the Past Deputy Grand Superintendent E.Comp. David Blair, welcome any Companion who wishes to meet more members, become more involved, and learn more about the Royal Arch Degree and how it fits into the whole Masonic system.

They work closely with the Cambridgeshire Light Blues to offer a complementary group — indeed it is now 'One Journey. One Organisation'. Their core objectives are to increase the enjoyment of the Companionship of the Order among new Exaltees; to promote the Comprehension of the Royal Arch ritual and its relevance to our modern lives; and to encourage Compassion among all Royal Arch Masons, particularly within their Craft Lodges, to look out for disengaged members.

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