



Address by Assistant Provincial Grand Master

When the winds of change blow,
some people build walls and others build windmills.



When I was initiated in 1998, our Lodge Summons was issued by the Secretary and sent to the members by Royal Mail and after the loyal toast at the festive board the Lodge DC announced that we were permitted to smoke - and many did!

I can well remember the rumbles of discontent when someone mooted that the Summons should be emailed in future and that smoking inside would become illegal. My point Brethren, is that change is inevitable, rarely welcomed but always for the best.

We are fortunate to have a very forward thinking and progressive Pro Grand Master in Most Worshipful Brother Jonathan Spence and his influence on the future of Freemasonry over the last few years has been very refreshing. His strategy for the future of Freemasonry, published in 2022, laid the foundations for success that we are now starting to enjoy.

I am delighted to say that Cambridgeshire is leading the way with a growing membership and some innovative ideas to keep our membership enthused and engaged.

A great example of this is our very successful Clarets, helping to ensure that our recently exalted companions enjoy their Royal Arch masonry to the fullest from the outset. Whilst thinking about the Royal Arch we must all be mindful of the message of One Journey – One Organisation and what that means to us as individual and the inclusion of “Royal Arch Masonry” in our first toast at the festive board. A big change this year has been the inclusion of the exaltation fee to Supreme Grand Chapter within the initiation fee to Grand Lodge so that when a Master Mason is ready to be exalted, that essential next step on the journey has already been covered financially.

The Membership Pathway has changed the way in which we view membership and has seen some very enthusiastic new young masons embracing and enjoying their masonry having joined the craft through new channels. Two of our Newmarket lodges have appointed keen young fellowcrafts to the role of membership officer and this is already paying great dividends in both lodges and the brethren of those lodges are to be commended for this forward-thinking approach.

The Third Pillar review has raised some very thought-provoking points and deserves your attention. We are encouraged to review the way that Freemasonry is seen within our communities and encourages us to find new ways to make a difference, not just by donating charitable funds. We should look at how our masonic halls can potentially be used to strengthen our local standing by allowing our local communities to use them when not engaged for masonic meetings. By showing Freemasonry locally as a force for good this will have the added benefit of encouraging new members.

If we stand still, we will go backwards – this is an exciting time for change and I encourage you all to embrace that change so that we can continue to make Freemasonry in Cambridgeshire exciting, vibrant, and relevant.

Please enjoy your Freemasonry Brethren and I look forward to visiting your Lodges and Chapters soon.

W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert – Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Provincial visit to Grand Lodge

Over 100 members attended the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday 12th March 2025 to support our Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent, who announced appointments and promotions in Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, Supreme Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Chapter during his address after lunch. Key appointments can be found on page two and a full list has been circulated to all Lodge Secretaries and Chapter Scribes.

The Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent complimented the members of Cambridgeshire Lodge of Provincial Grand Stewards, W.Bro. Bob Whitnall in particular, for their hard work in organising a delicious lunch in the Crown Suite of the Grand Connaught Rooms.



Appointments and Promotions

On Wednesday 30th April 2025, at the Annual Investiture of the United Grand Lodge of England, the following Brethren are to be honoured: Craig Titmus (Isaac Newton University Lodge) as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Ed Williams (Lodge of The Three Grand Principles) as Assistant Grand Standard Bearer; Luke Loades (Old Leysian Lodge) as Past Junior Grand Deacon; Justin Curtis (Gild of St. Mary Lodge) as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Chris Ansell (Alma Mater Lodge) as Past Grand Standard Bearer; Alan de Laune (Etheldreda Lodge) as Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer; James Campbell (Isaac Newton University Lodge) as Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works; David Blair (Alma Mater Lodge) as Past Grand Sword Bearer; Mark Stollery (Isaac Newton University Lodge) as Past Grand Sword Bearer; Brian Elliott (Kynaston Lodge) as Past Junior Grand Deacon and Jonathan Lambert (Etheldreda Lodge) as Past Junior Grand Deacon. Jonathan Spence (Alma Mater Lodge) – will be re-appointed as Pro Grand Master.

On Thursday 1st May 2025, at the Annual Investiture of Supreme Grand Chapter, the following Companions are to be honoured: Peter Brindle (Euclid Chapter) as Grand Sword Bearer; Nigel Williams - (Etheldreda Chapter) as Past Grand Standard Bearer; Jonathan West - (Chapter of Fidelity) as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; Peter Hollingsworth (Chapter of Probity) as- Past Grand Sword Bearer; Allan Ramsay (Chapter of Probity) as Past Grand Sword Bearer; David Sowman (St. Andrew Chapter) as Past Grand Sojourner. Jonathan Spence (Euclid Chapter) will be reappointed as Pro First Grand Principal.



At the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on 26th June 2025, it is the intention of our Provincial Grand Master to invest David Kirkham (Thirkill Lodge) as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, Peter Crussell (St. Audrey Lodge) as Provincial Junior Grand Warden and Bob Whitnall (Fenland Farmers' Lodge) as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer. Tony Barrios (Scientific Lodge) will

be appointed as Provincial Communications Officer. Andrew Badcock (Scientific Lodge) will be appointed Provincial Grand Secretary.



At the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, also on 26th June 2025, it is the intention of our Most Excellent Grand Superintendent to invest Jon West (Chapter of Fidelity) as Second Provincial Grand Principal, Danny Ellis (St. Andrew Chapter) as Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah and David Watson (Caldwell Chapter) as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer. Michael Hinton (Chapter of Pythagoras) will be appointed Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.



Caldwell Lodge 3201



Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 presented £4000 to Facet – charity with a focus on providing training and day care to adults with disabilities within the Fenland area. The donation was made up of £500 from Caldwell Lodge and Stone Cross Lodge, matched by £1,000 from Cambridgeshire Care and Relief, with a further contribution from MCF of £2,000. Members of Caldwell Lodge (W.M. W.Bro. Martin Monger, W.Bro. John Best and Bro. John Roberts), and Stone Cross Lodge (W.Bro. Mark Melvin) presented the cheque to manager Kris Harrold and students. The funds will be used to help refurbish a sensory room where students can relax and play safely.

Fenland Farmers Lodge No. 9933

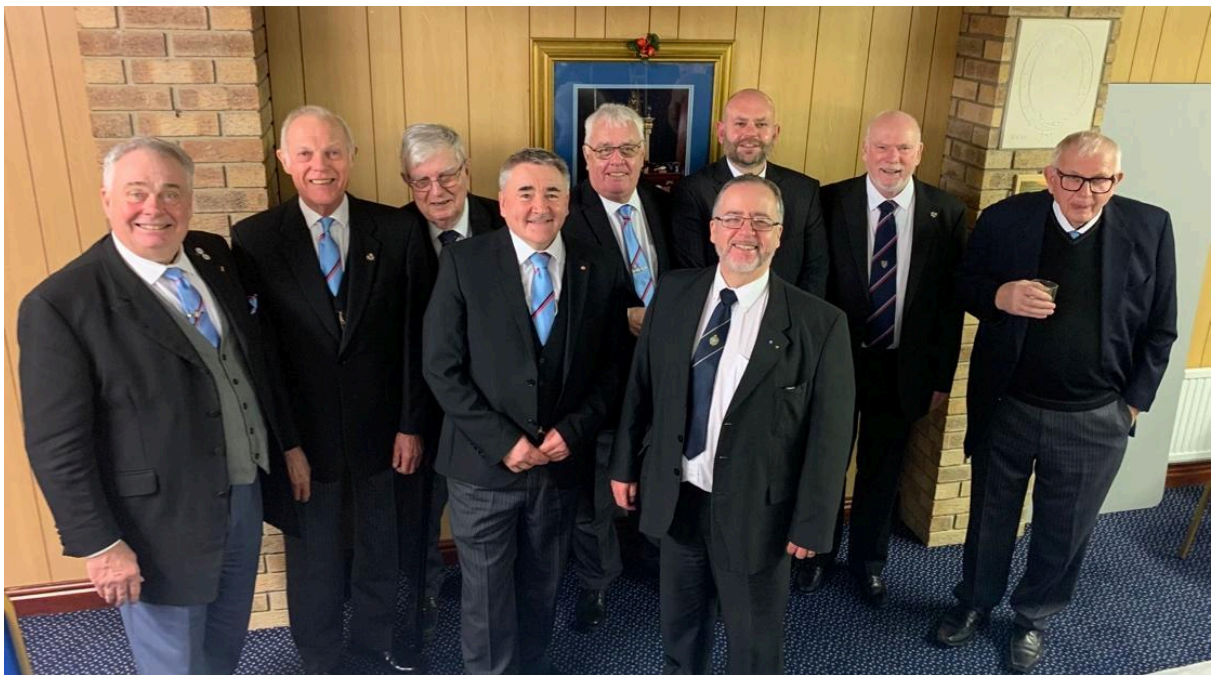


Fenland Farmers Lodge 9933 meets in Whittlesey, Wisbech and March in Cambridgeshire.

As the Lodge name suggests many members are farmers or are involved in associated farming trades.

The last two masters of the Lodge, farmers W.Bro. David Fountain and W.Bro. Michael Humphrey both raised monies for charity during their years in office and were delighted to present a cheque of £2,200 to Lucy Bellefontaine, Regional Manager for RABI, the leading farming charity in the UK.

A Warm Reunion- W.Bro. Chris Leigh



In January, St. Andrew Lodge No. 4087 received an unexpected visit from an old friend—W.Bro. Chris Leigh, Worshipful Master of The Wayfarers Lodge No. 389 (New Zealand Constitution). But this was no random drop-in; Chris is a country member of St Andrew Lodge, having joined in 2003 before relocating to New Zealand in 2009. Chris' Masonic journey began in 2001 at St. Chad Lodge No. 3115 in Loughton, Essex, where he was initiated. At the time, Loughton was conveniently close to his role as a London Underground Tube Driver, but living in Peterborough, he sought a local Lodge that could better support his Freemasonry. He found that in St. Andrew Lodge, where he served as a Steward for five years.

In 2009, with his father's health in decline, Chris made the difficult decision to return to New Zealand with his wife and children, to spend his father's final years with him. Chris is thankful that he was able to be by his father's side during those years, particularly grateful that his father lived long enough to meet his grandchildren.

Now based in Auckland, Chris works as a Metro Driver on the Auckland Rail Network and remains heavily involved in Freemasonry. Currently, he is amid his fifth (non-consecutive) term as Worshipful Master of The Wayfarers Lodge, and in addition to this role, he serves as the District Secretary for the Masonic district covering South Auckland—a role that keeps him busy outside of his day-to-day job. Chris' Masonic activities don't stop there; he is also an active member of several other Masonic orders, holding the esteemed rank of Grand Standard Bearer in The Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

The visit to St Andrew Lodge was a delightful surprise, orchestrated by a few in the know, and was a memorable occasion for all who attended. We look forward to the possibility of seeing Chris back in the UK soon and wish him continued success in both his professional and Masonic endeavours.

Welcome back, W.Bro. Chris, and we hope to see you again soon!

Newmarket Open door Foodbank



Members of Lodges based in Newmarket, with the generous support of the Cambridgeshire Charity of Care and Relief and the Masonic Charitable Foundation, have made a significant contribution of £4,000 to Newmarket Open Door. This donation will go a long way in supporting their essential work, particularly their Food Bank. We were warmly invited to visit the food bank and had the pleasure of meeting the trustees. It was an inspiring experience to see first-hand the difference they make in our community. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this donation possible, and to Newmarket Open Door for their warm welcome.

Meadowgate Academy



A presentation of a cheque to Meadowgate Academy for urgent repairs to the heating of the hydrotherapy pool, raised by Fenland Meridian Lodge, and Wisbech Masonic Benevolent Fund raised by the Joint Lodges Social Committee.

W.Bro. Steve Napier, Miss Karen Barber and W.Bro Edward Boyd-Tuck.

Together with one of the Children who is looking forward to using the pool again.

Baby Basics



The presentation of a cheque to Baby Basics West Norfolk that W.Bro Mike Massen of The United Good Fellowship Lodge No. 809 and W.Bro Steve Napier of The Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125 made on Tuesday 11th March 2025. Although based in Dersingham the group covers Wisbech and North Cambridgeshire. It provides essential supplies e.g. cribs, clothes, nappies, etc. to new mothers in desperate need who basically have nothing. All those who benefit from the help are referred to the group by midwives, health care professionals, social services etc so are very genuine cases.

The father of the lady who runs the group was a Freemason and she was educated at a Masonic school and then trained as a nurse at the Masonic Hospital. The cheque was for £300, and the money came from profits from social events held by the Wisbech Joint Lodges Social committee.

They were very grateful for our help saying "Thank you so much for your donation. With support such as yours we are able to help those who desperately need it. Sometimes it is all they have for their baby"

Feed Fenland



W.Bro. Steve Napier and W.Bro. Mike Massen presented a cheque for £400 to feed Fenland on behalf of the two Wisbech Lodges.

On the night we were there they cooked meals for 96 people. The night before they had served 130. They are open every evening apart from Saturday and never turn anyone away who needs to be fed.

What they do is simply fantastic.

They were overwhelmed by our donation and said it would cover the funding for them for a month.

Teddies for Loving Care



Cambridgeshire Freemasons are proud to announce that over the past 22 years, they have donated more than 36,000 teddies to local hospitals as part of the "Teddies for Loving Care" (TLC) appeal. These teddies have been distributed to children in A&E departments at Addenbrooke's, Ely, Wisbech, and Doddington hospitals, offering comfort to children facing distressing medical situations.

The origins of this heartfelt appeal trace back to a personal experience when the wife of a Freemason was admitted to hospital due to a severe allergic reaction. While she was resuscitated and stabilised by medical staff, the terrifying experience led her family to reflect on how much more frightening such situations must be for young children. The TLC appeal's mission is simple but powerful: to provide soft, cuddly teddies to hospital staff for them to offer to children in A&E who are experiencing severe distress. These teddies not only serve as a source of comfort but also act as a tool for medical staff to build trust with young patients. Each child is allowed to take their teddy home as a keepsake, turning a traumatic experience into one with a positive memory.

The use of teddies has proven to be incredibly effective in alleviating fear and distress. The cuddly companions help calm children during difficult moments, acting as a reward for their bravery and a reassuring presence during treatments. Hospital staff have embraced the initiative, noting the positive impact the teddies have on both the children and their own ability to connect with young patients.

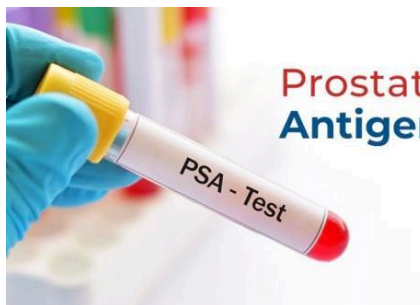
As a Masonic initiative, the TLC appeal exemplifies the core values of Freemasonry, particularly the commitment to charity and community service. While no public recognition is sought, the initiative has enhanced public understanding of Freemasonry's contributions to society. The appeal has fostered a greater appreciation for the positive role Freemasons play in their local communities and their dedication to helping others.

The Freemasons of Cambridgeshire have embraced the TLC appeal with enthusiasm, with nearly all members and their families contributing in various ways, either financially or through practical involvement. The appeal has become a source of pride within the local Masonic community, providing them with a meaningful way to give back. Recently Cambridgeshire Freemasons have extended the ethos of the scheme by providing teddies to Maggie's cancer support, CUH Cancer Support Service and Young Lives vs Cancer, based at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge, both of whom help families find the strength to face everything cancer throws at them.

Hayley Webb, Centre Fundraising Manager at Maggie's, Lorna Krutke, Cancer Support Advisor at Addenbrookes, and Julie Charlesworth from Young Lives vs Cancer were on hand to take delivery of their first supply of teddies. Hayley stated "Lorna, Julie and I are extremely grateful for the generosity of Cambridgeshire Masons' the teddies are a useful addition in helping us to provide support to families facing cancer"

Tony Barrios, who coordinates the scheme for Cambridgeshire Masons stated "Teddies for Loving Care make a real difference to the lives of children in need, offering comfort during times of crisis while also providing a tangible example of the values Freemasons hold dear. Through this appeal, the Freemasons of Cambridgeshire continue to make a lasting and meaningful contribution to their local community".

Prostate Testing Session



We are delighted to announce that Prostate PSA testing is now planned for 2025. This year we will be increasing the number of tests available to Cambridgeshire Freemasons to 80 and for the first time will offer 40 places to the general public.

The cost to Cambridgeshire Freemasons will be £10 and the general public cost will be £30

which is payable when booking tests.

This year March Masonic Centre have kindly agreed to host the event which will be on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 4pm to 8pm. After very successfully organising past testing events George Brennan is handing over managing the event to Dave Sowman.

It is also important to say that should anyone currently have any concerns that they have symptoms they should contact their doctor asap as early detection is key to a successful outcome. As always Dave Sowman is available to answer any concerns you may have, just phone or message him.

Christmas Cheer for Wisbech Foodbank



The local Freemasons have donated £4,000 to the Rosmini Centre Wisbech Foodbank this festive season. The donation was made possible through the collaboration of the Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief and the Masonic Charitable Foundation. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Cambridgeshire Freemasons have supported local foodbanks.

The Rosmini Centre Wisbech, which plays a vital role in the local community, has been providing food and essential supplies to families facing hardship throughout the year. At Christmas time, this support becomes especially important as the local community faces additional pressures during the festive season. Anita Grodkiewicz MBE, Centre Manager of the Rosmini Centre, expressed her gratitude for the Freemasons' continued generosity:

"We are so grateful to the Freemasons for their continued support. It means so much and makes a big difference. Their generosity will help a lot of people enjoy a bit of the Christmas spirit this year."

The donation was presented by W.Bro. Steven Napier, who was on hand to represent the Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief. Steven commented,

"We are very pleased to be making this donation on behalf of Cambridgeshire Freemasons, to support the very important work and services that the Trustees, Anita, and her team do in delivering food to the local community. This donation will go a long way in helping families enjoy a brighter Christmas."

The £4,000 contribution will help ensure that the Rosmini Centre can continue its mission of providing much-needed assistance to those in need, particularly at a time when the demand for food aid is at its highest. The partnership between the local Freemasons, the Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief, and the Masonic Charitable Foundation highlights the core values community service that defines Freemasonry's commitment to charitable causes.

Fenland Farmers – A Family Affair



Fenland Farmers' Lodge No. 9933, a relatively new yet vibrant Lodge in Cambridgeshire, is celebrating its unique role in Freemasonry. Consecrated in 2016, the Lodge has already established a remarkable membership of 46, with many members either directly involved in farming or associated trades. A notable feature of this Lodge is its deep family ties, and this year, those connections have been beautifully demonstrated in an event that will be remembered for years to come.

At the heart of Fenland Farmers' Lodge is the Ellis family, whose roots in Freemasonry run deep. Four members of the Ellis family are active participants in the Lodge, with W.Bro. K.A. (Danny) Ellis, PAGDC, being one of the key founding members and currently serving as the Lodge Secretary. Danny's son, W.Bro. Matthew Ellis, ProvGStdB, holds the important position of Tyler, while his grandson, W.Bro. Jake Ellis, was installed as the Lodge's Worshipful Master in November 2024.

The Installation of W.Bro. Jake Ellis into the Chair of King Solomon was a significant milestone, not only for the Ellis family but also for the Lodge as a whole. The event saw 108 Brethren in attendance, with the Lodge room brimming with excitement and camaraderie. Jake Ellis is the second Initiate of Fenland Farmers' Lodge and, most notably, the first "home-grown" Worshipful Master. His installation marks the continuation of a strong family tradition that has been passed down through the generations. Leading a team of dedicated officers, W.Bro. Jake Ellis now presides over a group of "light blue" officers all of whom were initiated into Fenland Farmers' Lodge. This includes his younger sibling, Bro. Brodie Ellis, who was appointed and invested as Senior Deacon, further solidifying the family presence in the Lodge.

The Ellis family is not alone in making Fenland Farmers' Lodge a family affair. The Lodge also boasts several other multi-generational Freemason families. W.Bro. Gordon Easton, PProvSGW, is joined by his son, Bro. Roger Easton, and his son-in-law, Bro. Eric Franke, who serves as Senior Warden. Likewise, Bro. Philip Bradshaw, Junior Warden, shares the Lodge with his son, Bro. Marcus Bradshaw. Not to be forgotten, Bro. David Lee and his son, Bro. Buster Lee, continue the strong tradition of Freemasonry in the Lodge. It is rare to find so many active officers spanning three generations in a Lodge. The commitment and dedication of these families serve as a testament to the lasting values and principles of Freemasonry. As we were reminded in the

Address to the Brethren at Jake's Installation, "May the principles and tenets of Freemasonry be transmitted pure and unpolluted, through this Lodge from generation to generation."

As Fenland Farmers' Lodge continues to grow and flourish, the commitment to family, tradition, and the principles of Freemasonry remain central to its identity. With a strong foundation built on generational ties, the Lodge is well-positioned to continue making a lasting impact in the lives of its members, their families, and the wider community. The story of Fenland Farmers' Lodge No. 9933 is one of legacy, family, and the enduring power of Freemasonry to unite individuals across generations. It is a shining example of how the values of friendship and charity can be passed down, strengthening the Lodge and enriching the lives of all who are a part of it.

£30K for 30 years



Freemasons representing each of the four Lodges in Ely, alongside the Province of Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief and the Masonic Charitable Foundation, presented a generous donation of £4,377.20 to Branching Out. This significant contribution marks the launch of Branching Out's ambitious "£30K for 30 Years" campaign. Branching Out provides invaluable support to adults with a wide range of learning difficulties, often combined with physical challenges. The charity has been a registered organization with the Charity Commission since 1995, making 2025 its 30th anniversary.

During their visit, the Ely Freemasons team toured Branching Out's facilities in Littleport, meeting with dedicated staff and enthusiastic service users. The team was warmly welcomed and shown the diverse range of activities and support services offered, which include kitchen facilities, woodwork, gardening, cooking, crafts, and charity shop work. The vibrant, positive atmosphere underscored the staff's professionalism and dedication, highlighting the essential role Branching Out plays in the local community.

Josh Hunt, Operations and Campaign Manager, along with Debra Smith and the service users, expressed their gratitude and excitement for this generous contribution, stating: "Branching Out is a small local charity based in Littleport, Cambridgeshire, that provides social care for adults with learning disabilities. We support our people to engage in social interactions, help our local community, and promote life skills such as woodwork, gardening, cooking, crafts, charity shop work, and much more. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary in 2025, we are launching our '£30K for 30 Years' campaign with the goal of raising £30,000 to purchase our 'Birthday Bus.' This new vehicle will enhance our ability to provide greater community access and opportunities for those we support."

The generous donation from the Ely Freemasons sets a strong foundation for Branching Out's campaign, inspiring the community to come together and support this vital cause.

Support of Freemasons crosses continents



A journey intended for adventure and discovery turned into a heart-breaking ordeal when W.Bro. Nigel Davies tragically passed away on 18th October 2024, following complications from a heart attack suffered during a cruise in North America. In mid-September, Nigel and his wife, Susan, embarked on a 31-day sea cruise from Southampton, destined for Canada and the United States. Their voyage took a devastating turn on 5th October while visiting Boston, Massachusetts, when Nigel collapsed from a sudden heart attack.

Acting swiftly, Susan initiated resuscitation efforts before two police officers arrived and successfully restarted his heart twice using a defibrillator. He was immediately rushed to a Boston hospital, where emergency surgery was performed to insert two stents into his heart. The following day, he underwent another operation to stabilize fractured ribs sustained during resuscitation efforts. Initially, the prognosis was hopeful, with doctors optimistic about his recovery.

Tragically, Nigel's condition deteriorated, necessitating a third, more invasive operation. Despite exhaustive medical interventions, his health continued to decline. After discussions with medical consultants and family members, Susan made the courageous decision to allow nature to take its course. On 18th October, Nigel passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, loyalty, and distinguished service. Honouring Nigel's wishes, his body was cremated at the Boston Massachusetts Crematorium, and his ashes were returned to Susan.

Left alone in a foreign city, far from home, Susan sought solace and support at the Grand Lodge of Masons in Boston. There, she met Bro. Stephen J. Prentis of the Columbian Lodge A.F & AM and John VanKuilenburg, Director of Masonic Services. Their unwavering support provided Susan with both practical assistance and emotional comfort during her time of grief even settling the costs related to Nigel's cremation without her knowledge.

Tragically, Nigel never made it to the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, a visit that was on his bucket list. He collapsed on route after disembarking in Boston. In a touching tribute, Bro. Stephen Prentis, tour guide for the Grand Lodge, gave Susan a private tour of the Grand Lodge building, where she met MW George Forrest Hamilton, the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. MW Hamilton presented Susan with an engraved trowel, usually reserved for visiting dignitaries, and gave her his personal mobile phone number should she ever need anything.

Upon returning to Wicken, Cambridgeshire, Susan expressed deep gratitude for the compassionate care she received from the Grand Lodge in Boston. In recognition of their support, the Provincial Grand Almoner of Cambridgeshire, W. Bro. Alan de Laune, formally acknowledged the guidance, support, and help extended to Susan during this extremely difficult time. As a Provincial Officer in Ladies Freemasonry herself, Susan's resilience and strength have been a testament to the Masonic spirit of friendship and support during the most trying of times.

March Railway Station



W.Bro. Mark Melvin, Charity Steward and W.Bro. Andy Sullivan, Secretary, presented a cheque for £600 to Friends Of March Railway Station to their Chair and Secretary. The Brethren of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 gave £300, and this was doubled with match funding from the City & University Of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

Cambridge Masonic Museum



The Museum at Cambridge Masonic Hall is now open with new lighting and refreshed Displays. Opening times to visitors are during office hours and during Lodge Meetings.

Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107



In February, 61 brethren gathered for a special evening at the installation meeting of Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107, witnessing Bro. Daren Sheward being installed into the Chair of King Solomon. The outgoing Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Roger Billings, opened the Lodge and welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert. In a surprise to many, W.Bro Lambert accepted the gavel and conducted the installation ceremony himself—a moment made even more significant as Etheldreda Lodge is his Mother Lodge. This marked his first official visit since taking on the role of APGM, making the occasion

all the more memorable. Congratulations to W.Bro. Daren Sheward on his installation, and the Lodge's special thanks to W.Bro. Lambert for making the evening truly special.

Maggies Appeal



Fenland Meridian Lodge No. 9858, a daylight lodge, held its Installation meeting at March Masonic Hall, with over fifty members and visitors in attendance. The newly installed Worshipful Master W.Bro. Richard Smith presented a cheque for £1000 to the Provincial Deputy Grand Master W. Bro. David Blair for the Provincial Appeal to help build a new Maggie's Cambridge Cancer Support Centre.

Merit for Services to Masonry



The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro Bill Dastur, made a surprise visit to St. Audrey Lodge No. 2727 in Ely to award W.Bro. Andrew Borland PPSGW with the Provincial Grand Master's Certificate of Merit for Services to Masonry. As well as having served his Lodge as Treasurer for many years, Andrew also served as Treasurer of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Benevolent Association for thirty years.

Triple Third for Fenland Family



On 19th February 2025, W.Bro. Tim Downes, Worshipful Master of Fundamental Lodge No. 10002, conducted a Triple Third Degree for his sons Jamie, Troy, and Logan. Several Brethren, all from Whittlesey Lodges, together with attending Provincial Officers, took office or delivered part of the carefully-planned ceremony, which was a deliberate choice to create a truly unique and memorable occasion. The Exhortation was delivered flawlessly by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. David Blair.

Tim is a Lewis, and his grandfather and uncle were also Freemasons. His father was a member of West Essex Lodge 2561, and when he passed to the Grand Lodge above, Tim had not yet joined Freemasonry. He was initiated into St. Peter de Merton Lodge No. 7559 in Bedfordshire in September 2003, having been proposed by his father-in-law.

Tim almost resigned from Freemasonry due to work commitments but learned about Freemasonry in Whittlesey from a dog-walking neighbour. He joined St. Andrew Lodge and progressed to the Chair of King Solomon in October 2022.

Tim's youngest son Logan, having observed him going out to meetings with his briefcase each month, developed an interest in Freemasonry. Tim was delighted to be able to Initiate him in 2022 during his year as Worshipful Master of St. Andrew Lodge and his curiosity soon inspired his brothers. Logan was Initiated in December 2022, Jamie on 14th February 2023, and Troy on 14th March 2023. A dispensation was then granted to hold an emergency meeting on Friday, 25th August 2023, to conduct a triple Second-Degree ceremony and pass all three brothers.

Tim said: "This latest ceremony was an incredibly special moment that I will treasure for the rest of my life. My sons and I extend our deepest gratitude to everyone involved in making the evening an unforgettable experience. Their contributions helped transform a special moment into a once-in-a-lifetime event, reinforcing the enduring bonds of Freemasonry."

A Magical Pantomime Adventure

Its behind you...



It's now just a few weeks until opening night for this year's extravaganza that is the Provincial Pantomime, Robin Hood; and the cast are rehearsing hard to bring you a fun and entertaining evening.

For just £12.00 per ticket, you will be entertained with:

- **Laughter** - something old, something new, something borrowed, but nothing blue.
- **Songs** to get you tapping your feet, clapping and cheering.
- **Dancing** to rival Strictly Come Dancing.
- You also get the chance to 'boo' and 'cheer' at your favourite **villains** and **heroes**.

Ticket sales are going well but there is still plenty left, so please don't delay, book today. To secure your tickets please

send an email with your requirements to; panto@pglcamb.org.uk

All proceeds will be donated to **Maggie's** and **Arthur Rank Hospice**.

Don't forget children/grandchildren under 14 come for free on the Saturday matinee

Nourse Lodge Ladies Festival



The Worshipful Master Chris and his good Lady, Carol are delighted to announce details of the Nourse Lodge 2025 Spectacular Ladies Night at the Bournemouth Highcliff Marriott Hotel from Friday, 12th September to Sunday 14th September 2025. Booking details have been circulated via Lodge Secretaries.

when accompanied by a responsible adult (I hope that doesn't rule out too many of you)

The Provincial panto has been running for fifteen years and has raised over £50K for local charities and Provincial initiatives such as Festival 2023, and we thank you for your support.

Other News Snippets from around the Province.

Ely Heroes



To commemorate Remembrance Day the Alms collection at the recent meeting of St. Ovin Lodge in Ely was donated to The Royal British Legion. The Lodge held a two-minute silence after the last post was played on the Bugle. The meeting was supported by Standard Bearers from the British Legion and members were encouraged to wear their military medals at the festive board.

Cornwallis Court



Kynaston Lodge presented a cheque for £150.00 to Cornwallis Court from money raised at their annual Christmas Dinner. It was presented on behalf of Kynaston Lodge by W. Bro. Bill Parker, assisted by his son, W. Bro. David Parker and his wife Helen.

W.Bro. Bill has just moved into Cornwallis Court this week as a permanent resident and will be pleased to receive visitors.

Soham Men's Shed



Logistica Lodge 9804 were pleased to present a cheque to the Soham Men's Shed to help and support them in their good work. It was presented by the Worshipful Master Carl Folley and W.Bro. Cameron McKecknie to Howard Lever, Colin Cunningham and Meg Armstrong. The Lodge is only too pleased to support local groups doing exceptional work within our community, the support and help these groups provide to those who need it.

The Soham Men's Shed is open on a Tuesday and Thursday from 10 o'clock. If you feel you just need a chat and cup of tea or coffee, they would be only too pleased to see you with a very friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Royal Kent Lodge No 15



Royal Kent Lodge No. 15 was recently attended by four Freemasons from Cambridgeshire.

The Grand Master of the Orient Mato Grosso du Sul in Brazil was hosted at a passing ceremony.

The Worshipful Master of Cantabrigia Lodge No 3532, W.Bro. Iraklis Evangelinos, acted as Senior Warden. Three Brethren from Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 were also in attendance. W.Bro. Andy Sullivan (IPM of Royal Kent Lodge) acted as Senior

Deacon, Bro. Kevin Neve acted as Junior Deacon, and W.Bro. Graham Clapperton in office as DC.

The Gild of St Mary Lodge



A Very, Very, Very impressive Installation meeting at The Gild of St Mary Lodge with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and no fewer than three Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters in attendance. An impeccable Installation ceremony was followed by a fabulous Festive Board!

The Prospects Trust



The current Worshipful Master and Immediate Past Master of Alma Mater Lodge pooled monies raised during their years in office and were delighted to present a cheque for £1500 to The Prospects Trust in Reach, Cambridgeshire.

The Prospects Trust are a meaningful work, skills and training provider for people with additional needs, learning disabilities or autism - our Co-workers! They support Co-workers – people with additional needs and say Co-workers as they work shoulder to shoulder with them “together”. Their supported real work placements for Co-workers are offered on their 18-acre organic care farm in rural

Cambridgeshire, their Refill Greengrocery Cafe in the heart of Ely; The Prospects Trust Unwrapped and out and about on their Garden Team. Their Co-worker placements are open to people with additional needs. Snakehall Farm is a real farm providing real work experience producing sustainable, seasonal organic products and produce and their farm gates are open to new opportunities. As a socially inspiring enterprise they grow differently, retail differently and provide care placements differently since 1989.

Celebrity Raising at St Wendred Lodge



At St Wendred Lodge No. 8374 on 8th January the Brethren conducted a demonstration of the ceremony of raising and the Provincial Grand Master R.

W.Bro. Dastur agreed to be the candidate. The candidate answered the questions put to him in an exemplary manner and was surprised first by the Provincial Senior Grand Warden W.Bro. Ted Watts, the Provincial Grand L&D Officer W.Bro. Peter Crussell and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden W.Bro. Tim Smith with some additional questions - all of which were answered correctly and taken in good humour.

Having been prepared, readmitted and perambulated around the Lodge the candidate was duly obligated by the Worshipful Master W.Bro. John Malone. To the candidates surprise the exhortation was delivered by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. David Blair; when W.Bro. Blair called on the Wardens for assistance he was joined by the Deputy Grand Superintendent W.Bro. Mark Shields and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Jonathan Lambert - all three enjoyed the opportunity of accosting the Provincial Grand Master!



W.Bro. D.A.D. Smith



At Thirkill Lodge in January the Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro. D.A.D Smith with a Certificate in recognition of his 60 years in Freemasonry. It was a moving and interesting presentation – W.Bro. Smith spoke about the differences in Freemasonry when he joined in 1965 and now.

March Masonic Hall



The Annual Caldwell & Stone Cross Race night was held at March Masonic Hall last week. Over 70 members and guests attended the function which was organised by Les Mills and Clinton Elkin with help on the night from Martin Monger, Mark Purser and Josh Harris. Eight races plus an auction race were shown and a buffet served halfway through the evening by Richardson's catering. This event raised £1000 for Maggie's

Cambridge to build a new Cancer Support Centre at on the Addenbrookes Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in Cambridge.

A Note from the Editor

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