



# THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE MASON

A new dawn and era beckon as I am pleased to be able to inform you that the next Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent will be W.Bro. Mark Shields. My congratulations to him on a well-deserved recognition by UGLE of his undoubted talents and I wish him the very best of good fortune and enjoyment in leading what is, undoubtedly, one of the best, if not the best Province in the country!

The next few months will have its full share of exciting events, challenges and successes, as we continue to implement the Pro Grand Master's seven-year strategy, with the highlight, of course, the installation of Mark Shields as the new Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at West Road followed by dinner at Queens' College.



We are currently on track for a fourth successive year of membership growth in the Province and it remains incumbent on us all to continue to attract suitable new members but also by reaching out to brethren and companions who still prefer to stay at home. Persuading them to return will enhance our meetings, festive boards and, more importantly, their enjoyment as they appreciate what they have been missing.

The Provincial Rulers and the new Provincial Executive team, appointed in June, are looking forward to visiting lodge/ chapter installations and other meetings but are also keen to engage and assist in helping you execute "One journey and One Organisation" as the Harmonisation initiative takes off.

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Third Pillar initiatives will also emerge in the coming months but working with, and in, our local communities will remain at their heart and are paramount. With an enviable track record of support at our masonic centres and backed by our strong Cambridgeshire Provincial charities, we are in an ideal position to continue to deliver on this commitment, demonstrating that freemasonry can make a difference. In Wisbech, of course, we now have the new masonic centre, fit for purpose and well able to deliver on local community involvement. I really enjoyed my first visit there and was very impressed with what had been achieved.



As we encourage new and not so new members to complete their masonic journey and join the Royal Arch. I am sure that our unique Clarets and in conjunction with our successful Light Blues Club will be there to advise, support and encourage all new freemasons.

May I finish by thanking you all for your support, friendship and welcome during my ten years; I enjoyed every minute. We have achieved a lot in that time but none of this would have been accomplished without the diligent support of the Cambridgeshire lodges, chapters, officers and freemasons. I believe I shall leave office with the Province in a good state of health and would reiterate my very best wishes to Mark Shields who will undoubtedly lead you to greater heights.

Bill Dastur  
Provincial Grand Master and Grand  
Superintendent.

1st November 2025.

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## The Clarets of Cambridgeshire Present a Demonstration of the Savage Ritual

On Friday, 26th September 2025, the Cambridgeshire First Principals' Chapter No. 7429 hosted a remarkable and memorable convocation. On this occasion, the Clarets of Cambridgeshire presented a demonstration of the Savage ritual, an event that drew great interest from Companions across the Province and beyond.

The candidate for this exaltation was none other than the Most Excellent Provincial Grand Superintendent, E. Comp. W.C.M. Dastur, who thereby completed a unique Masonic journey by serving as candidate for all four of the Craft and Royal Arch degrees (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, and Exaltation) in his capacity as both Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Superintendent. This rare occurrence marked a significant milestone, both personally for E. Comp. Dastur and for the Province of Cambridgeshire.

The convocation was attended by more than 75 Companions, including E. Comp. Mark Shields, Deputy Grand Superintendent, together with a distinguished delegation of visitors from outside the Province. Their presence lent further dignity to what was already a very special evening.

The demonstration itself was expertly choreographed and conducted under the direction of E. Comp. Mark Upex, PGStdB, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The ceremony, lasting approximately 45 minutes, was universally praised for its clarity, precision, and attention to detail. Although presented in a shortened form, the ritual was nevertheless faithful to the essential principles and conveyed the full depth of meaning that an exaltation should embody.



Many Companions remarked on how informative the demonstration was, offering valuable insights into the ritual while maintaining the solemnity and significance of the exaltation. It provided an excellent example of how a carefully planned and executed demonstration can both instruct and inspire, deepening the understanding of those present.

At the conclusion of the convocation, E. Comp. Dastur expressed his sincere thanks to the Clarets for their dedication and excellence in presentation. He noted that the evening had been both enjoyable and enriching, setting a high standard for similar demonstrations in the future.

The event closed in true Masonic fashion, with Companions gathering around the festive board to share in a convivial banquet. The warmth of fellowship and lively conversation ensured that the evening ended on as high a note as it had begun, leaving all present with fond memories of a truly distinguished occasion.



## Eat, Drink, Rejoice: Epicurean Lodge No. 10058 Consecration becomes Cambridgeshire's 34<sup>th</sup> Lodge.

Cambridgeshire Freemasonry welcomed its 34th Lodge with the consecration of Epicurean Lodge No. 10058, a celebration of fine dining and friendship. Held at the Newmarket Masonic Club, the ceremony was led with distinction by the ProvGM RW. Bro. William Charles Mason Dastur, who proudly noted the Lodge's place in the Province's growing masonic tapestry. This consecration marked a poignant milestone, the ProvGMs. final consecration as ProvGM, making the occasion all the more memorable.



Following the ceremony, members and guests gathered at the Newmarket Jockey Club for a truly delectable meal. The exquisite cuisine and impeccable service perfectly embodied the Lodge's motto: Comedite, Bibite, Gaudete —Eat, Drink, Rejoice.

With over 30 founding members, and ten more Masons eagerly awaiting to join, Epicurean Lodge is already flourishing. The Lodge meets four times a year at various locations both within and beyond the Province, embracing a spirit of exploration and conviviality. The next meeting will be held at Bateman Street, followed by dining at the historic Peterhouse College, an experience not to be missed.

The Consecrating Team delivered a superb display, setting the tone for what promises to be a vibrant and unique Lodge. The DepProvGM David McKay Blair then took the reins as Installing Officer, guiding the new Lodge into its next chapter and installing W. Bro. Mark Shields as the Primus Master. The Address to the Master was expertly delivered by the AsstProvGM W. Bro. Jonathan Lambert, adding a special touch to the day and marking the occasion where all Cambridgeshire Rulers, Craft and Royal Arch, took part in the ceremony.



New members are warmly welcomed, and guests are encouraged to attend and sample the unique atmosphere of this gastronomically inspired lodge. Epicurean Lodge No. 10058 is more than a meeting; it's a celebration of the finer things in life.

## Fergus Completes Ultra Marathon for Maggie's

At the recent AGM of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Benevolent Association, Lodge Charity Stewards and Almoners were inspired by a presentation from Hayley Webb of Maggie's Cambridge. A standout moment of the evening was the warm welcome given to Bro. Fergus Payne, who had recently completed the demanding 106km Isle of Wight Ultra Marathon, raising an impressive £9,000 in aid of the new Maggie's Cambridge Cancer Support Centre.

Fergus's motivation for undertaking the challenge stemmed from a deeply personal place. Maggie's had been a sanctuary for his wife and her family following the terminal cancer diagnosis of her mother, Trish, at the age of just 45. Fergus also lost his grandfather Jim to bowel cancer, and a close friend, Chris Meiring, who passed away aged only 32. Another grandfather, Jeremy, was diagnosed with cancer two years ago and is now in remission.



Recognising the impact of cancer on so many lives, Fergus, joined by his brother Lochie, took on the ultra marathon in support of the Cambridgeshire Freemasons' drive to raise funds for Maggie's for the development of Maggie's new Cambridge centre.

The centre, scheduled to open in 2028 on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, will offer critical emotional, psychological, and practical support to over 100,000 cancer patients and their families each year, in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Fergus described Maggie's as "a vital lifeline during the hardest moments," and dedicated every step of the challenge to those currently affected by cancer.

The marathon route, known for its coastal cliffs, forest trails, and physical demands, pushed the brothers to their limits during the warm bank holiday weekend. Nevertheless, their determination was driven by a clear purpose: helping bring the new Maggie's centre one step closer to reality.



## **Cambridgeshire Masons make a strong showing at County Show**



The Cambridgeshire County Show proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable and productive day for the Cambridgeshire Freemasons Publicity Unit. Representing the Province, the team worked alongside Philip Miles and John Napper—both Freemasons from the Huntingdon area, part of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire.

The group helped man the stand in two shifts throughout the day, including Bros. Freddie Lawes, Brian Palmer, Mark Shipton (notably doing double duty), and Martin Rose. All were dressed in their Cambridgeshire Freemasons polo shirts, providing a strong, visual presence.

The team engaged with many members of the public, sharing insights into Freemasonry, addressing common misconceptions, and offering a deeper understanding of its values and traditions. Leaflets and business cards were handed out, sparking interest and opening the door for further enquiries.

One special moment was meeting W.Bro. Jerry Barden from St Ovin Lodge in Cambridgeshire, who was exhibiting his classic Triumph Stag in the show's popular Classic Car section. It was also encouraging to see and speak with several members from the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Province who stopped by for a friendly chat.

Philip, John, and the rest of the team were on hand throughout the day to explain the historical significance of Masonic traditions and highlight the charitable and community focused work Freemasons continue to do.

In summary, the event was not only a successful outing for the Cambridgeshire Publicity Unit but also a meaningful opportunity to strengthen ties with a neighbouring Province. Flying the Cambridgeshire flag high, the team ensured Freemasonry had a positive and professional presence at the show.

## **Caldwell Lodge No.3201 members who kindly sponsored March Town Cricket Club 2nd XI home game**



A huge thank you was expressed to Caldwell Lodge No.3201 members who kindly sponsored March Town Cricket Club 2nd XI home game against Sutton 2nd XI at the Avenue Sports Ground.

March put on an impressive 258-7 from 40 overs, with W.Bro. Stuart Mills smashing an unbeaten 111. Sutton fought hard in reply, finishing on 233 all out in their 40 overs.

Players and sponsors enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea between innings and as you can see, W.Bros. Ray Jack, Dave Pullen & Martin Monger were making the most of the sunshine!

## Companionship - Clarets on Tour



An impressive twenty-three Clarets attended an inspiring evening at the May meeting of the Chapter Of Pythagoras. The meeting commenced with the Chapter's unique Ancient Charge, followed by a double Exaltation and the Symbolical Lecture. The latter was delivered by Tony Barrios (Haggai) with the assistance of three visiting Clarets; Sean Scott, John Malone and Scott McKeivitt. The Chapter of Pythagoras actively promotes the importance of team work, whether Sojourners, Principals or Past Principals, so the contributions by the Clarets fitted in very well.

With over fifty in the meeting and visitors from at least four neighbouring provinces it's clear that the Royal Arch and the Clarets are going from strength to strength among Cambridgeshire Freemasons.

If you wish to attend any future 'Clarets on Tour' events, please notify Comp. Tony Kirby on [logisticatony@btinternet.com](mailto:logisticatony@btinternet.com) as soon as possible so he can keep a list of those who are attending.

## W.Bro. Roger Billings honoured

A great evening for Logistica Lodge No. 9804 as 87 members and guests gathered to celebrate the Lodge's 20th anniversary.

The highlight of the night was the initiation of Gareth Kelly, welcomed with great enthusiasm into Freemasonry.

Part of the evening was dedicated to W.Bro. Roger Billings who was honoured with a Provincial Grand Master's Certificate for Services to Freemasonry, presented by Assistant Provincial Grand Master Jonathan Lambert. A well deserved recognition for years of dedication and commitment.





## Cambridgeshire Freemasons Champion Mens Health



The March Masonic Centre recently welcomed 82 men, many of them Freemasons, for a vital prostate cancer screening event, funded by the Cambridgeshire Charity for Care and Relief. Held in partnership with men's health charity CHAPS, the initiative aimed to raise awareness and encourage early detection of prostate cancer and other men's health concerns.

Sonia Shelcott, Chief Operating Officer, opened the event and highlighted the importance of early testing: *"With 1 in 8 men likely to be affected by prostate cancer, particularly those over 40, it remains the most common major cancer in the UK. Yet, it's the only major cancer without a national screening programme. The importance of early testing cannot be overstated."*

Among the Freemasons in attendance were DepProvGM David Blair, and DepGSupt. Mark Shields, who also took part in the screening.

DepProvGM, David Blair praised the strong turnout and echoed the call for proactive health checks: *"It was good to see so many fellow Masons attending the testing event. I hope this will encourage other men to do the same."*

The significance of the event was brought to life through the story of W.Bro.Kim Sheldrick, of Scientific Lodge No.88, diagnosed with prostate cancer following a similar screening held last year in Cambridge. Thanks to early detection, Kim received timely treatment and is now in remission.

*"Last year's screening quite literally saved my life," said Kim. "A simple test gave me the chance to catch prostate cancer early, and now I'm in remission and feeling stronger than ever. These events are not just about awareness—they're about giving every man the opportunity to take control of his health. If my story encourages even one person to get tested, it's worth every moment."*

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## Local children with acquired brain injuries will get help and support thanks to Cambridgeshire Freemasons

DepProvGM David Blair, was pleased to meet Mia Jack and her family, parents Stuart and Angela, boyfriend Billy, and Nicola Bradley, Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Coordinator from the Child Brain Injury Trust (CBIT) during a visit to Milton Country Park. Mia, who sustained a brain injury at age 12 in a quadbike accident, shared her remarkable journey through poetry, music, and personal reflections. Her mother Angela spoke movingly about the unwavering support CBIT has provided over the past six years, describing it as “invaluable” and highlighting the comfort of having someone to turn to at any time.

Over 350 children and young people living with acquired brain injuries (ABI) will receive vital help and support over the next three years thanks to a generous grant from Cambridgeshire Freemasons to the Child Brain Injury Trust (CBIT).

The £60,000 grant will allow CBIT to continue delivering specialist services to families across the East of England and beyond, helping children affected by childhood-acquired brain injury access the support they need at home, in school, and within their communities.

Every 15 minutes in the UK, a child or young person sustains a brain injury. Whether due to accidents, illnesses, strokes or other causes, an ABI can affect a child’s ability to learn, communicate, and regulate their emotions. The impact is often hidden but life-changing, not just for the child, but for their whole family.



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The Child Brain Injury Trust works directly with families to provide emotional support, practical guidance, and expert information from the point of diagnosis through to adulthood. The charity also delivers training for schools, health professionals and social workers to increase awareness of childhood-acquired brain injury and create more inclusive environments where every child has the chance to thrive.

This funding from Cambridgeshire Freemasons will help CBIT reach more families, develop accessible resources, and provide direct support via ABI Coordinators who guide families through the challenges of recovery, education and long-term care.

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.

Amelia Larard, Head of Marketing and Fundraising at the Child Brain Injury Trust, said: *"We're so thankful to Cambridgeshire Freemasons for this generous grant. Every child deserves the opportunity to fulfil their potential, but when a brain injury turns life upside down, the path forward can feel overwhelming. With this funding, we can continue to walk alongside families, empowering them with the tools and confidence they need to rebuild their futures. Together, we're creating a world where acquired brain injury is understood and no child is left behind."*

DepProvGM. David Blair said: *"I'm really pleased we've been able to help CBIT with their vital work. Living with a brain injury is incredibly challenging for any child, especially when their needs aren't fully recognised or supported. CBIT's work ensures that families aren't left to face those challenges alone, it's a lifeline for so many and something we're proud to support."*

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## **St Wendred Lodge Supports Little Miracles Funday in Ely**

The Worshipful Master W.Bro. Tom French, along with Assistant Charity Steward Theo Runham of St Wendred Lodge, based in Cambridgeshire, proudly supported the Little Miracles Funday held in Ely.

With the sun shining brightly, children enjoyed bouncy castles, ice cream vans, and plenty of fish and chips all made possible thanks to the generous donations of £1,268 from the brethren of the Lodge.

The event was a great success, not only because of the fun and festivities, but also thanks to the many inspirational parents whose strength and dedication continue to uplift the Little Miracles community.

W.Bro. French, Lodge Charity Steward Cameron McKechnie, and Assistant Charity Steward Theo Runham said: "It is both an honour and a humbling experience to contribute to such a meaningful cause. We remain committed to supporting families in need through our local charitable efforts."





## Cambridge & Isle of Ely District host the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement Annual Festival.

Saturday the 28th June 2025 saw the King Edward VII Chapter of Improvement Team attend Cambridge on the third of their four planned Annual Festival events this year. The 2025 Programme being demonstrations of the 4<sup>o</sup>, Secret Master and 5<sup>o</sup>, Perfect Master, ceremonies.

As on previous visits to Cambridge, the last one being in 2017, the event took place at Queens College in the Fitzpatrick Theatre with dining following in Queens magnificent Old Dining Hall on an extremely warm day. A total of 154 were in attendance including representation from Supreme Council in the person of M.<sup>.III.</sup>Bro. James Thom 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Chamberlain supported by Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> James Smithdale 32<sup>o</sup>, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

36 brethren from the District were in attendance with visitors from Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, Durham, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, Lincolnshire, London, Norfolk, North Essex, Northants & Hunts, Nottinghamshire, Oxford, South Essex, Suffolk, Surrey and finally a large group of thirty-four from Yorkshire West Riding.

All the brethren assembled and being seated for 4pm, the team was led in by the Chairman & Festival Preceptor, Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> Peter Brockbank 32<sup>o</sup>, who introduced the programme before the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> James Smithdale 32<sup>o</sup> entered & announced the entry of the Grand Chamberlain accompanied by 8 Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, present and past. The 4<sup>o</sup> was carried out by the team including five members of the District taking roles as Levites.



Levites, l to r: Ex.<sup>.&P.</sup>Bro's Tim Cant (MWS Cantabrigia Chapter No.112), Hady Aouad (Iceni Chapter No.1126), Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> Peter Thomas 30<sup>o</sup> (Iceni Chapter No.1126), Ex.<sup>.&P.</sup>Bro's Nigel Chapman (Three Virtues Chapter No.972) and Cameron McKechnie (Iceni Chapter No. 1126),

After a short interval for scenery changes, the KEVII team undertook the 5<sup>o</sup> ceremony before the meeting was closed at 6pm by the Chairman & Festival Preceptor, Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> Peter Brockbank 32<sup>o</sup>.

All the brethren retired to the College Bar for welcome refreshment whilst the VIP's, hosted by our Inspector General, V.<sup>.III.</sup>Bro. Justin Curtis 33<sup>o</sup>, adjourned to the Old Court, before all joined for dinner at 7.15pm in the Old Hall dining room.

The day drew to a close at 8.30pm with the usual toasts and speeches, during which the Inspector General, V.<sup>.III.</sup>Bro. Justin Curtis 33<sup>o</sup>, toasted members of Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup> with a congratulatory response from M.<sup>.III.</sup>Bro. James Thom 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Chamberlain. Thanks were also given to the KEVII team for their excellent two presentations and to the District Recorder, Ill.<sup>.Bro.</sup> Brian Elliott 31<sup>o</sup> for making arrangements for the event to happen.



## Logistica Lodge No. 9804 raise £361 for Cancer Research



Bros. Theo Runham, Noli Shelala, and his wife Laura representing Logistica Lodge No:9804 had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for £361 to Dr. Harveer Dev and his amazing team Cancer Research UK Cambridge Centre. The funds were raised through donations for our Logistica lapel pins – given freely, with all contributions going towards the fight against Prostate Cancer.

Following the presentation, some Lodge members were privileged to receive a guided tour of Dr Dev's laboratories at The Early Cancer Institute, located in the Clifford Allbutt Building, where ground breaking research into prostate cancer is being carried out.

Special thanks to Katie Edwards, Communications Manager, for arranging such an insightful and inspiring visit.

## Royal Arch Masonry - Solomon module

The Clarets in Cambridgeshire are currently engaged in a thorough review of a new Royal Arch Masonry module on Solomon, titled "A Royal Arch Narrative for the Twenty-First Century". This initiative aims to evaluate the content for clarity and coherence, identify any instances of duplication, and recommend the most effective and structured approach for presenting the material. Additionally, the review will consider any missing elements that could further enrich and enhance the Companion's journey.

Until the work is done, remember to visit and complete the two educative modules for a Royal Arch Mason:



## Ely Masonic Hall Opens Its Doors for Free Health Checks

Ely Masonic Hall recently welcomed the public for two days of free health checks, supported by members of Cambridgeshire Freemasons. The event was a great success, with over 70 people attending, around 65% of them non-Masons.

Visitors received health screenings from Healthy You, with several taking up offers for follow-up appointments. In one notable case, a lady was found to have very high blood pressure, something she had been completely unaware of. She and her daughter, who accompanied her, immediately agreed to arrange a GP appointment.

The event also proved valuable for carers. One attendee, who looks after her husband living with dementia, was able to participate in the health check because Masonic members kindly stepped in to look after him during her visit. She expressed her gratitude, explaining that she rarely has time to do something for herself.

In addition to the health checks, many visitors took the opportunity to learn more about Freemasonry. Guided tours of the building were offered, and plenty of tea and friendly conversation rounded off the day.

Overall, the weekend was a meaningful way for Ely Masonic Hall to give back to the community.



## Logistica Brethren and Friends have a Rockabilly time

Brethren, friends, and family gathered at the home of W. Bro. Tony Kirby for a wonderful late afternoon and evening filled with music, dancing, and good company. Entertainment was provided by Shane Bexendale, whose Rock and Roll and Rockabilly set had everyone on their feet.

Guests enjoyed a delicious supper with fish and chips, burritos, and a tempting selection of desserts. Some even made the most of the lovely bank holiday weekend by camping in the grounds, taking the opportunity to relax and enjoy the surrounding countryside.

Through the event, an outstanding £1,300 was raised for the Maggie's Trust Appeal, supporting a cause close to many hearts. A big thank you goes to W. Bro. Tony Kirby for hosting such a memorable occasion, and to everyone who attended and contributed



## Press release guidance

When preparing items for press release, please remember that local media and online platforms are always looking for clear, concise stories. To help, try to cover the basics:

- Who was involved
- What happened or was presented
- When it took place
- Where it happened
- How it came about or why it matters

Equally important are the photographs you send with your piece. Dynamic photos, showing the activity, the people in action, or the direct impact of the donation, are far more engaging than the traditional line-up of Masons with a large cheque. A picture that captures energy, emotion, or the result of the support will always tell the story better.

Where possible, please also include:

- A quote from a Lodge representative in attendance (e.g. "We're proud to support...").
- A quote from someone at the recipient organisation, ideally outlining how the donation will be used or the difference it will make.

By including these simple elements, we can make sure our stories are both newsworthy and memorable.



## Exciting Appointment for Bro. Hady Aouad

We are delighted to share that Bro. Hady Aouad, Clarets Chairman, has been appointed by UGLE and SGC as Regional Representative for RCG 7 (Cambs, Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex and Herts) on the new Light Blues and Royals Advisory Group. His first meeting took place on 9th September at GQS.

In this role, Bro. Hady will act as the key link between the Advisory Group and the Provinces in our region, support Provincial representatives, promote best practice in Light Blue and Royals Clubs, and champion engagement, inclusion, and development opportunities for Brethren at this important stage of their Masonic journey.

Endorsed by all the ProvGMs in RCG 7, his appointment is an exciting recognition of the excellent work of Cambridgeshire's Light Blues and Clarets, placing us at the forefront of this vital area of Freemasonry.



## St. Wendred Lodge No. 8374 Donates £400 to Soham Men's Shed

Members of St. Wendred Lodge No. 8374 recently visited Soham Men's Shed, where they were warmly received and enjoyed a cup of tea while learning more about the group's work.

During the visit, W. Bro. Tom French, W. Bro. Cameron McKechnie, and Bro. Theo Dunham were delighted to present a donation of £400 to support the charity. Soham Men's Shed provides companionship, practical projects, and a welcoming space for its members.

The Lodge members commended the Shed for its positive role in the community, and their donation will help ensure that this work continues.



## Cambridgeshire Masonic Bowls Association – Season Roundup.

The Association has enjoyed a strong summer, losing only one outdoor match against local clubs.

St Audrey Lodge 2727 (Bryan Saddington & Geoff Day) won the first-ever Colin Hutchinson Trophy at City of Ely.

St Peters Lodge & Chapter 442 (David Mason & David Belfield) claimed the Rushmore Cup Pairs at Whittlesey Manor, edging out St Andrew Lodge 4087 in a play-off.

Donations of £200 to Fenhands (supporting disabled children) and £100 to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Widows were agreed at the AGM.

MACE Trophy

At Sutton, Surrey, Essex MBA emerged winners from 19 teams. Cambridgeshire “B” performed strongly, beating Wiltshire, Northants, and Surrey, before narrowly missing the final against Berkshire. Since 2011, MACE has raised £100,000 for medical charities.

New members are always welcome and in the first instance should contact the Secretary, W.Bro. David Mason on 01733 208215 or e-mail at [annandave49@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annandave49@yahoo.co.uk)



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## Building New Bonds Beyond the Lodge

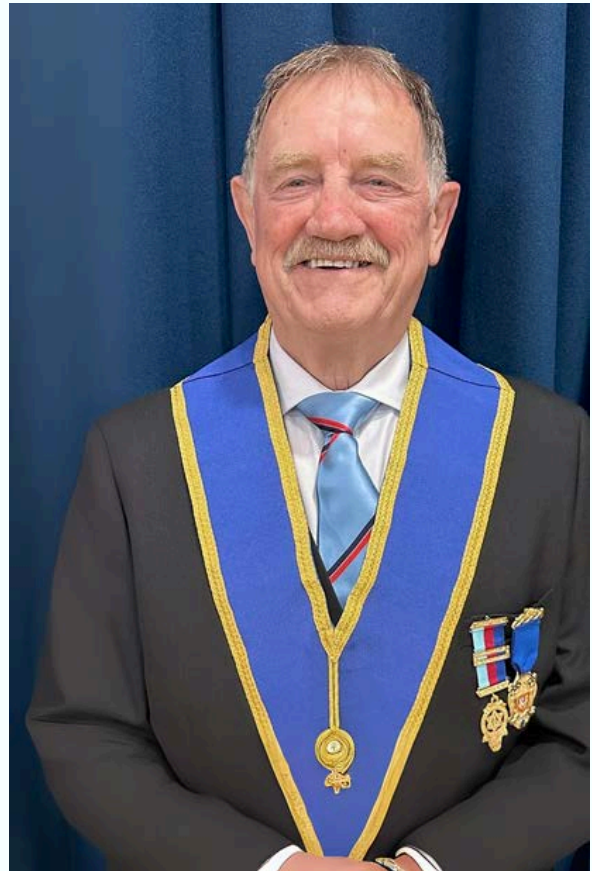
Two years ago, W.Bro. David Kirkham faced the difficult loss of his wife, Terry, to cancer. David and Terry shared a very special relationship and enjoyed many happy times together, not least at numerous masonic functions.

In the months that followed, David came to realise that while the bonds of Freemasonry provided him with friendship and support, most gatherings were naturally formal occasions. What was missing locally, however, was a more relaxed, social outlet for those in similar circumstances.

With that in mind, David took the initiative and invited a few fellow widowers he knew to join him for the occasional Sunday lunch. The idea proved to be simple but highly successful. Word spread, and today David has a contact list of around 20 brethren who can meet up socially if and when they wish. There's no obligation, no pressure, just the opportunity to share good company when the time feels right.

The next meeting of the Widowers Group will be on Sunday 16th November at 12.00 for 12.30 at the Arthur Rank Hospice, Shelford Bottom. There is good parking and a public car park next door.

If you would like to know more, or think this may be of interest to you, why not get in touch with W.Bro. David Kirkham for a friendly chat.



## Visit to Supreme Grand Chapter



The Regular Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 at 12 noon, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

Companions eligible to attend the Supreme Grand Chapter are Grand Officers (present and past) and the First, Second and Third Principals and Past First Principals of every Chapter under the English Constitution.

Other Companions who are not Installed Principals, but are subscribing members of Chapters under the Grand Chapter may attend but are not eligible to speak or to vote.

**To book in for Provincial Grand Chapter Luncheon, please visit:**  
<https://meeting.pglcambs.org.uk/>



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