

The Second Rising

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Back on the front line

Several members of lodges in the Province are returning to frontline duty with the National Health Service. Among them is WBro. Paul Pearson, the Worshipful Master of St Wendred Lodge No. 8374, who, after three years as Unison's Suffolk health branch secretary, is going back to his role as an operating department practitioner. He'll be helping patients with Covid-19 and those going through emergency surgery and recovery.



Boost for cancer charity

A raffle held at the Ladies Festival at Caldwell Lodge No 3201 on 6th March enabled the Worshipful Master, WBro. Martin Elener to present a cheque for £500 to Cancer Research UK. Martin handed over the cheque at the Cancer Research shop in Fenland Walk, March. Lodge members had donated the raffle prizes.

Are you bored, lonely, or just looking to help someone out?

While there are local hubs in Cambridgeshire supporting vulnerable and self-isolating people where loneliness remains a major issue and while our almoners are doing a sterling job in connecting with our brethren and widows, there may be an unseen group in our communities who are not masons but nevertheless are deserving of our support.

A suggestion has been made that we could take the lead in our lodges and local communities by setting up small groups to support those who are very much on their own. Groups of say four or five could be formed with each calling each other for a chat say once a week or less for 10 minutes.

Although many of us may already have been involved in similar support mechanisms, this would require a relatively small time commitment but might give huge relief and comfort to those who might otherwise be alone. It might also allow us to talk with those masons we have lost touch with or no longer see at meetings and encourage them to re-engage.

Any concerns about individual welfare could be reported back through an almoner or, if more appropriate, a team leader to local community hubs. This is perhaps best co-ordinated at a lodge or local level but is something which we might each consider.



Paul said: "It's been inspirational to see so many people returning to the front lines, changing their established practice and taking on 13-hour shifts, and I wanted to do my bit. It's been made easier by the fantastic work done by West Suffolk Hospital in engaging staff."

Try Harry's Quiz on page four

Message from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master



Brethren, I do hope you are all well and keeping yourselves and your family safe from this very nasty virus. Marion and I are ensconced in our little oasis in the Fen and being well supplied by our children or as I call it 'payback time'. I hope you have enjoyed the first edition of the Second Rising, our occasional newsletter which is a means of keeping us all up to date with what each lodge and the Province is doing during this unprecedented time of shutdown. The more light-hearted and human-interest stories the better and I do urge you to let Cliff Brown know of anything your lodge is doing and how our brethren in Cambridgeshire are coping.

The greatest honour I have received in Freemasonry is when our Provincial Grand Master RWBro. Bill Dastur decided he would ask me to be his Deputy. It is very much his decision, and indeed choice, and you can imagine how delighted and perhaps a little surprised I was when asked.

I thought I would share with you Marion's view on my appointment. She had always referred to my various bosses over the years as the Chief Chicken – an old fen saying I believe, perhaps picked up from her grandad who was an old-style farmer with the traditional farmyard chickens.

So, to my delight on my birthday following my appointment, Marion presented me with this picture that she had painted for me entitled 'Deputy Provincial Grand Rooster'. It now has pride of place in our home.

Being Deputy has bought me much pleasure, especially when on official duty at Installations, and attending other meetings where I have met up with old friends and made many new ones.

It is always a delight to see what lodges are doing, new initiatives, excellent ritual, charitable work and events encompassing family and friends, all done with that element of fun that is so important in Freemasonry.

I very much look forward to seeing you all again when this terrible virus is well and truly beaten. Until then please keep yourselves and your loved ones safe and secure.

My very best wishes,

Pat Kilby



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What does the future hold?

Many of us would like to go out and about volunteering but are unable to do so. There is always something positive we can do, even from our homes, says Bro. Peter Matthews, of Descensus Aquarum Lodge No. 8655, who has joined a LinkedIn group called Climate crisis and the pandemic - #crisislessons.

He says: "Coping with any crisis, like major wars, climate change or the pandemic, requires shifts in the balance of liberty and personal choices. The difference between the pandemic and the climate crisis is the speed and timescale of change. But if we listen to even the most temperate voices, we must make

changes to the way we live over the next 30 years and it may need a restriction in choices in our lifestyles.

"The group site has some thoughts on these matters. Some, like our group, are looking for parallel practical lessons. If you are interested - join us."

Fancy seeing you here!

When WBro. Les Mills, the secretary of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201, visited his son in Melbourne, Australia, in January he also had the chance to meet his assistant secretary, WBro. Ron Green.



For Ron was visiting his wife's sister's family in Australia, so on 13th January they met in the Vanilla Restaurant in Oakleigh, Melbourne. The main topics of conversation that lunchtime were the bush fires and the heat. Coronavirus was only in China at that time. Both missed the January meeting of Caldwell Lodge, but former secretary, WBro. David Matthews stepped in for them.

Back to WWII for writer

WBro. Rodger Germany, of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959 has used some of the time cocooned in his house by completing, and having accepted for publication, an article on 'Plan W', Britain and Ireland's answer to Hitler's proposed Operation Green.

The German plan was to invade Eire and from there take complete control of the Atlantic and invade Great Britain through Wales. The article is to be published in an Irish magazine in May this year on the eightieth anniversary of the intended attack.

Cambridgeshire Provincial 50-50 Club first draw results

The winners of the first quarterly draw of 2020 for the Province's 50-50 Club have been drawn, using social media.

The 50-50 Club is a fund-building fun club, where fifty per cent of all money raised is set aside for emergencies and improvements to our Masonic Centres (excluding Bateman Street) while the remainder is distributed as prizes.

For £15 a quarter, members qualify for four draws a year – with 11 prizes in each draw. The quarterly draw normally takes place during a Festive Board. However, as the first draw held during the lockdown this quarter was different - it took place over a coffee with two iPads from John Surbey's and Paul Gillingwater's office tables.

Quarter 1 winners:

A Mills, Lodge 7333, £350; D Adams, 1492, £175; A Peters, 7333, £100; R Billings, 2107, £50; T Barrios, 88, £50; P Neale, 6179, £50; J Jones, 8590, £50; J Flanders, 2727, £50; A Seal, 6125, £50; M Pearson, 8374, £50 and M Surbey, 9511, £50.

If you are not a member and would like to join and support the Province's buildings while having a chance to win, you can find an application form on the provincial web site at:

[50:50 Application form](#)

Alternatively, a form can be obtained from John Surbey, 10c Reads Street, Streatham, CB6 3JT or by email: johnsurbey@aol.com

Pointing the finger at an unsung hero from Wisbech

While self-isolating, demolition contractor, Bro Andrew Humphrey, of Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125 in Wisbech, thought he'd do some of those jobs that we all put off. Enconced in his shed, he was cutting some timber and taking all the usual precautions when, by a cruel twist of fate, he lost three fingers from his right hand. Since the injury, Andy has remained stoic and is actively encouraging his fellow brethren to find any opportunity to have a laugh at his expense.

In the immediate aftermath of the Covid-19 lockdown, a Lodge member, whose wife is a nurse at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, sent out a plea for protective equipment. Instantly, a large quantity of face masks, gloves and safety suits were delivered to the hospital without ceremony or fanfare, courtesy of Brother Andy. The impact of which left the staff feeling much better protected for their duties.

As one of the first to volunteer to help the NHS, Andy is no longer able to provide his services, but should you encounter a Wisbech mason with a wobbly glove and a strange handshake next year, you may just be in the company of an unsung hero.



Kynaston Lodge stages a 'long-distance' raffle

The Worshipful Master of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 WBro. John Creek came up with a novel solution to continue with charity fundraising during the Covid-19 crisis.

The inspiration for a virtual raffle came to him when it was proposed by WBro. Brian Elliott that he set up a WhatsApp group to keep the brethren of the lodge in touch with each other during these difficult times.

For the younger generation this was not an unknown concept, but the addition of members was far reaching and has subsequently shown that, with a little guidance, new innovations can be all-inclusive.



Although it was identified that there were some who would not be able to join this group, a letter was sent to them instead to keep in touch. From this it seemed logical that under the right circumstances they could hold a raffle. All the prizes were gifted to the event and then sealed inside clear plastic bags for seven days prior to the draw.

The draw took place on the afternoon of the 14th April and was due to be videoed and distributed to members. Unfortunately, the technical side of this fell a bit flat.

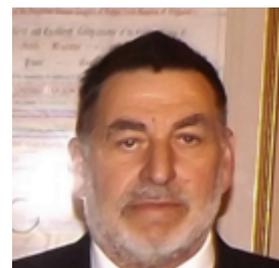
There were 41 prizes, including a box containing an "isolation survival kit", a "manual on seamanship 1937", several bottles and other items. Distribution of the prizes to the lucky winners will take place after lockdown.

A total of £485 was raised and lodge members decided that this will be donated to the Covid-19 emergency fund that was recently announced by United Grand Lodge of England and the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Making a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge

Calling all Entered Apprentices in Cambridgeshire! The 20 questions set here by Provincial Grand Orator WBro. Harry Rooke are to further your knowledge of Masonry and the ceremony of your Initiation. Although intended as a fun way of learning, a prize is being offered by the Provincial Grand Mentor, WBro. Jon West. He is offering the winner an invitation to either Gray Lodge at Chatteris or Three Grand Principles at Cambridge as and when we resume our activities. The winner will be selected at random from correct entries received by 26th April. Please send your entry to ProvGOrator@pglcamb.org.uk. Fellowcrafts, look out for the next edition for your chance to win a bottle of champagne donated by the Provincial Grand Master.

1. What is the emblem on the Lodge Almoner's collar?
2. In the charge after Initiation, what are the three sacred dictats?
3. In the centre of the Lodge there is a sacred symbol – describe it.
4. What are the emblems atop the Deacon's wands? (two possible answers).
5. What are the working tools in the 1st degree?
6. At what part of the building is it customary to lay the first or foundation stone?
7. What officers of the Lodge sit in the centre on the north side of a Lodge?
8. What virtue is considered the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart?
9. In preparing a candidate for his initiation what is placed about his neck, and why?
10. What are the three especial reasons for the 'trial' in the North East Charge?
11. What are the last three words spoken by the IPM at the close of the Lodge?
12. On what 'point' were you first admitted into the Lodge?
13. What is the emblem on the Lodge Mentor's collar?
14. How is the 'Holy Book' referred to in Freemasonry?
15. Why in this peculiar manner?
16. What are the three great lights in Masonry?
17. Where are the three lesser lights situated?
18. In whom did you put your trust?
19. To whom is the Tyler's toast dedicated?
20. The Lambskin is referred to as the 'Badge of and 'Bond of – supply the missing words.



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