

The Second Rising

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Making great progress

Having spent 28 days in hospital following a diagnosis of coronavirus, WBro. Arthur Nuttall was finally allowed home at the end of March and is on the road to recovery.

Describing himself as initially "weak as a kitten", Arthur, of Descensus Asquarum Lodge No. 8655 and almoner of Caldwell Chapter No. 2727, has been making tremendous progress since returning to his home in Fordham.



His diagnosis followed several falls at home. Following the second he was taken to hospital at Bury St Edmunds, where he underwent tests. After what he thought would be an overnight stay, 84-year-old Arthur was informed he had Covid-19 and was taken to the isolation ward.

His recovery at home has been aided by his many friends throughout Freemasonry, who have send messages of support and offered assistance.



How a Lodge's explorer helps in education during lockdown

Explorer and author Bro. Justin Miles, from Caldwell Lodge No. 3201, is supporting education provision throughout the Coronavirus lockdown. Education and universal education provision have been at the heart of all of Justin's adventures, challenges and expeditions. As the Coronavirus lockdown impacts the globe, he is continuing his work in the sphere of education.

Justin partners with the education wing of technology giant Microsoft to use its platform to bring the world to life in classrooms around the world. It is the same platform he is now using to connect with schools still in session for children whose parents are frontline or essential workers.

Other technologies are being used to enable him to connect with students studying from home and he has conducted live broadcasts for children who are being entirely home-schooled.

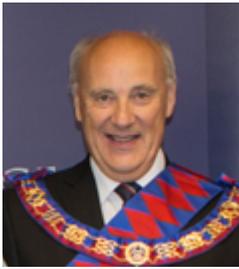
"Education can't wait and the level of creativity and innovation in education provision right now is astronomical and an absolute credit to the flexibility and dedication of educators all around the globe - making sure that their students can continue their learning journey," said Justin.

In addition to his work in education, Justin has this year been made a 'Get Outside champion' for Ordnance Survey. Ironically, he is now a part of the first generation of 'Get Outside champions' to be telling people to 'stay at home' due to the lockdown.

"Although we are in lockdown, it's important to keep the spirit of the outdoors alive so I've been working on finding ways to encourage and empower people who wouldn't ordinarily enjoy an active outdoors lifestyle to venture out, responsibly and following the ethos of 'Leave No Trace' once movement restrictions start to ease," said Justin.

To find out more about Justin and his work in education provision, visit: www.justforthechallenge.com or follow his @ExplorerJust social media channels.

A message from the Deputy Grand Superintendent



I bring you fraternal greetings from the remote northern tip of the village of Burwell, one of the longest villages in Cambridgeshire. Our part of the village is known as Low Town and is looked down upon by the residents of High Town, which you might guess is considered by them to be the more desirable location. The village is well populated with Cambridgeshire freemasons and one or two have even strayed into Low Town. My wife and I are confined here not only by the Government's medical advice, but by order of our offspring who are keeping us well fed and watered (well wined actually). I trust you too are heeding the medical advice and keeping yourselves and your families safe and well.

Those of you who are members of the Royal Arch will be aware it is my great honour to hold the position of Deputy Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Province of Cambridgeshire. As with the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, it is an office entirely in the gift of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, EComp. Bill Dastur.

Just as Pat Kilby wrote in the last edition of this newsletter, I too was both surprised and delighted to be offered the position. I remember the conversation well, which began with our Grand Superintendent asking me who I thought would make a good deputy. It will not surprise you to know, I wasn't on my list. Thankfully, he didn't listen to me.

I have enjoyed immensely the last three years in office visiting Chapters in this wonderful Province and representing the Province at the annual meetings of our neighbouring Provinces.

It is always a great delight to be asked to present the Past Principal's jewel at Chapter Installation meetings and the warmth of the welcome afforded to me when visiting Chapters is a constant source of amazement.

It also gives me an enormous amount of pleasure to attend regular meetings of our Chapters, to be able to welcome new members and to witness the hard work and dedication shown by companions in learning and delivering the ritual. I am missing meeting with you as much as you are, no doubt, missing your meetings.

For those of you who are not yet members of this wonderful order of the Holy Royal Arch, I urge you to consider joining. It is the completion of your journey through pure, Ancient Masonry. You are eligible to join a Royal Arch Chapter four weeks after being Raised to the Third Degree. It is the natural and traditional next step in Freemasonry.

Joining a Chapter will extend your circle of Masonic friends, but you will be under no pressure to learn new ritual until you are ready to do so.



Do think about it in these quieter moments. Over the coming weeks I will be telling you more about the Royal Arch, so I hope you will read with interest and when we return to some form of normality you will consider joining one of our Chapters.

To our members, I look forward to seeing you all again when we are able to resume our meetings but, in the meantime, please keep yourselves and your loved ones safe and secure.

Best wishes

Tony Just

A message from the Provincial Grand Chaplain

As Freemasons, we have all stated that we believe in a supreme being and as Provincial Chaplain, I serve Brethren from different faiths.

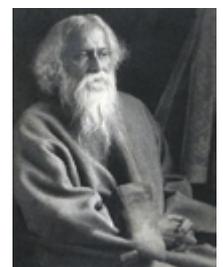
I am sure that many of us question our faith, especially at unprecedented times such as these. I am grateful to WBro. Bharat Khetani for this quote.

If anyone is feeling alone and/or would like to call me or discuss this further, please call me on:

01223 356476 or 07768 474599.

*Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet of God,
First fill your own house with fragrance of love & kindness.
Go not to the temple to light candles before the altar of God,
First remove the darkness of sin, pride and ego, from your heart.
Go not to the temple to bow down your head in prayer,
First learn to bow in humility before your fellowmen.
And apologise to those you have wronged.
Go not to the temple to pray on bended knees,
First bend down to lift someone who is down-trodden.
And strengthen the young ones.
Not crush them.
Go not to the temple to ask for forgiveness for your sins,
First forgive from your heart those who have hurt you!*

Rabindranath Tagore (Nobel Prize in Literature, 1913)



Around the Province

While in lockdown, and with meetings suspended, the Brethren of St Audrey Lodge No. 2727 in Ely, have been keeping in touch by enjoying a virtual quiz and, at the same time, raising money for local and national charities.

While the quiz is being distributed for the pleasure of the brethren, Charity Steward WBro. Peter Crussell asked members to make the contributions they would have made at the cancelled meetings and social events during April to the Covid-19 appeal and to a local homeless charity, Under One Sky.

The latter is a charity supported by the Worshipful Master, WBro. Stuart Banning. A new fundraiser will be launched in May.

The Almoner at Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704, WBro. Paul Dunham has organised a team to assist him in keeping in contact with brethren.

His helpers are WBros. Nigel Philpott, Jim Pengelly, Paul Ashby and Mark Purser and Bros. Andy Sullivan, Clinton Elkin, Graham Clapperton, Les Powell, Russell Octave. This also includes Brethren or their partners taking on shopping duties for those unable to leave their homes.

Thirkill Lodge No. 7333 has set up Twitter and Instagram accounts, to share its news, as well as information about Freemasonry. You can follow Thirkill at:

twitter.com/Thirkill7333
instagram.com/thirkilllodge7333

Columbian tales

To celebrate his 60th birthday, WBro. Keith Poulson and his partner Amanda celebrated with a cruise round the Caribbean Sea, calling in at various Central American countries. One of the places visited was Cartagena in Columbia, where, while walking round the town, they came across the local Masonic Hall.



The caretaker gave them a tour, although, as Keith, of Virtue et Fide Lodge No. 7959, said: "We couldn't really communicate as neither of spoke the other's language."

Then and now

The current lockdown and recent fine weather gave WBro. Richard George the chance to complete the repairs and repainting to the swimming pool built by his father in the early 1970s.



His sister had, shortly after his youngest son, Dominic was born, found a photo Richard had taken in about 1990 of their late parents, WBro. Roy George and Margaret George – the last time the pool had been drained for repainting, so it was the chance to recreate the photography. Dominic also decided he had to christen the pool whilst it was being filled, but it was too cold for Richard.

Warrants, Warrants, Warrants!

The formation of any new Lodge involves a considerable amount of work and commitment by the potential members involved; particularly the Secretary designate. As previously reported, we have been in the wonderful position of having three new Lodges in the planning stage. However, due to the current suspension, all those plans are currently on hold.

Any request for a Warrant is only discussed by the appropriate committee on the mornings of each Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. Fortunately, for the first of the new Lodges, to be called Fundamental Lodge, the application signed by all the Founders, was completed in February and sent off for approval in March.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reports that their application has been confirmed. The number of the Lodge will be No. 10002 and it will meet in Whittlesey. St. Andrew Lodge No. 4087 is the sponsoring Lodge.

The other two proposed Lodges have had Notice of Motion given and been Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge. Both are awaiting the resumption of masonry to allow for them to be balloted for. The daytime Masters Lodge is being sponsored by St. Audrey Lodge in Ely and the Services Lodge by Etheldreda in Newmarket.

Another exciting occasion planned for the end of June has also had to be put on hold; the Centenary meeting of St. Andrew Lodge in Whittlesey. The Provincial Grand Secretary reports that their Centenary Warrant was also approved in March and will be arranged as soon as the Warrant is received; albeit there may be a delay with the production and delivery of the Warrant due to the national lockdown.



Comms for all! The organist's blues – itchy fingers

Are you a social media supremo or a web wizard? The Provincial Communications Team is looking for brethren with web editing or content writing experience to help communicate news across the province and around the country via our website, social media, newsletters and the local press. If you'd like to find out more please email WBro. Mike Hinton: comms@pglcambs.org.uk

WBro. Nick Garner is what might be described as rare as chicken with teeth. Yes, you've guessed it, he plays the piano and organ. Living in South Lincolnshire, he is organist at his Mother Lodge, St Andrew No. 4087 in Whittlesey and at Fenland Farmers' Lodge No. 9933, and two lodges in Northants & Hunts, as well as permanent guest organist for two lodges in Lincolnshire and two more in Northants & Hunts.

It makes him very active masonically, but now, during the lockdown he's getting itchy fingers and missing the opportunity to tickle the ivories. "I've got my Hammond organ at home but miss terribly the various sounds made by Brethren both in and out of tune. For me, this embraces Freemasonry in its fullest energy and enables me to exercise that talent I have been blessed with," he said.

How help the MCF's Covid-19 appeal

Following our Provincial Grand Master's wish that we support the MCF COVID-19 Appeal, several brethren have asked how to make a contribution. The easiest way is to make a personal donation, online, using a Debit or Credit card – just click on this link: <https://everydayhero.co.uk/event/covid-19>

Your donation will attract Gift Aid (where appropriate) and please remember to add your Lodge or Chapter number. This will ensure your donation is recorded in our Festival 2023 total. But please only give what you can reasonably afford. Once again, Cambridgeshire Freemasons making a difference where it matters.

Making a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge

Calling all Fellowcrafts 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 Passing. Although intended as a fun way of learning, a prize of a bottle of champagne is being offered to the winner by the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. William Dastur. The winner will be selected at random from correct entries received by 26th May. Please send your entry to ProvGOrator@pglcambs.org.uk. Master Masons should 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 Chaplain's collar?
- 2 Who stood at the base of the Winding Staircase?
- 3 What did he demand?
- 4 What is the emblem atop the DC's wand?
- 5 What are the working tools in the 2nd degree?
- 6 What did you make yourself acquainted with in the former degree?
- 7 What officer of the Lodge sits in the South West part of a Lodge?
- 8 Whence did the Hailing sign or sign of Perseverance take its rise?
- 9 How does the Craftsman's badge (apron) differ from that of the Entered Apprentice?
- 10 How many Ephraimites were killed on the battlefield and the banks of the River Jordan?
- 11 On what 'point' were you first admitted into the Lodge open in the 2nd degree?
- 12 What is the emblem on the Lodge Secretary's collar?
- 13 How is the Supreme Being referred to in the 2nd Degree?
- 14 Supply the missing words: 'By an ear of near to a fall of
- 15 What is the position of the square and compasses in the 2nd Degree?
- 16 How many Liberal arts and sciences are there?
- 17 Name them?
- 18 Where were the pillars cast?
- 19 How did our ancient Brethren go to receive their wages?
- 20 To whom is the Tyler's toast dedicated?



WBro. Harry Rooke



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