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## Provincial appointments

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The Provincial Grand Master has announced two new appointments to Grand Rank and two promotions.

First appointments go to Provincial Grand Charity Steward WBro. Paul Gillingwater, of St Audrey Lodge No. 2727 who is appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and WBro. Edmund Bookes, of Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492, as the active rank of Assistant Grand Sword Bearer. Additionally WBro. Nigel Penn, Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441, is promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon, and WBro. Alan Sagers, of Granta Lodge No. 6179 as Past Junior Grand Deacon.

At the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in June, WBro. Colin Bell, of The Porta Lodge No. 9511, and WBro. Ken Robinson, of Virtute et Fide No. 7959, will be invested as Provincial Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden respectively. They will be joined by WBro. David Parker, of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810, as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

In the Royal Arch, EComp. Pat Kilby, Chapter of Pythagoras No. 88, who moves from Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra to Provincial Grand Secretary in the Craft, is appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer. EComp. Nigel Penn, Chapter of Fidelity No. 441, is appointed Past Assistant Grand Sojourner. EComp. Keith Johnson, of Caldwell Chapter No. 2727, is to be appointed Past Grand Standard Bearer, and EComp. Alan Jones, Chapter of Fidelity No 441, as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. The new Second Provincial Grand Principal will be EComp. Graham Summerfield, of Pythagoras Chapter No. 88.



Paul Gillingwater, Edmund Brookes and Nigel Penn



David Parker, Ken Robinson and Colin Bell



Graham Summerfield, Pat Kilby and Nigel Penn

Cliff Brown

## Meridian supports Royal Hospital, Chelsea

At its 2013 Christmas meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Ely, the Cambridgeshire Meridian Lodge welcomed WBro. Gordon 'Sandy' Sanders, a Chelsea Pensioner. More than 80 Brethren, their Ladies, Masonic and non-Masonic friends received a talk about the Royal Hospital Chelsea by WBro. Sanders.

During the Festive Board, the Worshipful Master, WBro. Bill Finney, supported by the Provincial Grand Master, presented a cheque for £300 to WBro. Sanders for the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Douglas Reed



## Helping hand from MSF



Brother Bryan Hughes, a member of St Andrew Lodge No. 4087 at Whittlesey, who has motor neurone disease, has been helped by the Masonic Samaritan Fund.

Lodge almoner WBro. David Mason successfully applied through Provincial Almoner, WBro. Tony Mason, to the MSF who provided the loan of a fully equipped, electrically operated wheelchair and associated ramps at Bryan's home.

David Mason

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## The Provincial Grand Master says



It was the end of an era on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014. RWBro. David Kenneth Williamson retired as Assistant Grand Master with RWBro. Sir David Wootton being installed in his stead. David Williamson has throughout his Masonic life been a great credit to English Freemasonry, but especially as Assistant Grand Master, an office he has held with distinction since 2001.

He will be particularly remembered as the inspiration behind the University Scheme from its inception in 2005 to its successful position today – with now well over 40 University Lodges throughout the country. He remains a member of this Province and regularly attends Isaac Newton University Lodge No. 859; and I shall always be grateful to him personally for it was he who installed me as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent in December 2005.

The Province, I know, will join me in thanking RWBro. Williamson for all he has achieved and wish him well in his retirement, and also in congratulating RWBro. Wootton on his important appointment. We look forward to welcoming him to Cambridgeshire in the not too distant future. It's spring, so please enjoy the remainder of the current Masonic season.

*Rodney Wolverson*

## Two donations from March Lodge

Donations amounting to £500 have been presented to two local causes by Stone Cross Lodge No 6704. The Lodge, based in March, decided to give £250 to charity and the sum was matched with a donation from the City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust. As a result £250 was presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> March Scouts and a similar sum to the March and District Branch of Parkinson's UK.

*Andrew Pugh*

## The new Irish demonstration team

The Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441, already known for having a 'different' ritual, has two joining members who were both initiated into Lodges under the Irish constitution, WBro. Peter Dawson and WBro. Barry Robinson. In 1993 they put together a team to demonstrate an Entered Apprentice degree under the Irish Constitution. The demonstrations discontinued a few years ago when Peter became too ill to carry on.



WBro. Victor Saywell asked if it could be revived and the first demonstration, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Bateman Street, Cambridge, was dedicated to WBro. Dawson. An auction and raffle, organised by WBro. Stephen Mann with help from his wife Priscilla, raised £913. Afterwards there were carols with the Salvation Army band, under the direction of WBro. Doug Reed. The WM presented two cheques to WBro. Reed, one for his chosen charity and the other for the Salvation Army.

*Stuart Britt*

## Brother's battle in Russia



A Cambridgeshire Mason took part in the major event of the martial arts world in 2013, the World Combat Games held in St Petersburg, Russia. Fifteen international federations took part, bringing together more than 2,000 athletes for 10 days. It was run by Sport Accord in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee.

WBro. Jon West, of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441, fought in the discipline of Canne de Combat. Although narrowly losing his bout against the German champion Thomas Hortsmeyer, he was complimented on both his technique and agility. Jon has previously competed at two world championships and the European Championships in this martial art, which is a French combat sport with similarities to fencing.



Fighters use 90cm wooden sticks rather than swords and duel in a nine-metre circular ring with all of the body deemed a scoring target. Bouts consist of two-minute rounds of continuous fighting at full speed and with full contact, being particularly acrobatic with jumps and turns.

Jon teaches Canne de Combat at Cambridge Academy of Martial Arts, where he also coaches and spars with Bro. Simon Whitmore, of Scientific Lodge No. 88. Cambridge is the only place in the country that teaches this minority sport.

*Jon West*

## The 2014 Chris Godden Memorial Lecture

Brethren of Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 and Nourse Lodge No. 8590 jointly presented the annual Chris Godden Memorial Lecture at the regular meeting of this year's hosts, Nourse, on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Bateman Street, Cambridge. Ninety-five brethren including sixty-two visitors, with nine Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, heard the 2014 presentation entitled "A Journey Round The Lodge".



Written mainly by WBro. Graham Goodwyn, of Nourse Lodge, the lecture provided simple explanations of the furniture and effects in the Temple, and compared the hierarchy of private, Provincial and Grand Lodges. Brethren were also treated to a presentation of the First Degree Tracing Board by WBro. Richard North. The Lectures were set up in 2011 in memory of VWBro. Chris Godden, PGSwdB, who was an active member of both Lodges and a source of inspiration for young members.

*Brian Elliott*

## MSF gives for research into rare disease

Freemasonry has donated £49,695 to fund research into potential cures for a rare and progressive disease in children. The Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson,



presented the cheque on 19<sup>th</sup> November to Professor Stephen Jackson at the Gurdon Institute, Cambridge.

The funds, donated by the Masonic Samaritan Fund, are for research led by the A-T Society to explore routes to potential cures for Ataxia-Telangiectasia or A-T, a condition caused by a mutation on a gene.

*Peter Sutton*

## Support the appeal

The Provincial Appeal launched in November 2013 supporting Lifelites is gaining momentum and support. All donations from our Province will support the children's charity's installation at EACH in Milton, Cambridge. Using the power of technology and high-tech entertainment systems, Lifelites is striving to give youngsters in hospices the chance to spend quality time with their families, the means to keep in contact with their school and friends, and to enjoy themselves away from the constant reality of their illness. Wherever possible, the computer equipment comes with special adaptations to enable all the children to continue their studies. The charity is giving kids with limited life unlimited possibilities – are you supporting the Provincial appeal?



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*Paul Gillingwater*

## Help for Centre 33

Following its December meeting, the Master and Charity Steward of The Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441 presented a cheque for £530 to Centre 33, including £250 of matched funding from The City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust. The donation was re-doubled via the website The Big Give, the matched funding coming from a donation made by The Home Office. The total sum going to Centre 33 including gift aid amounted to £1142.50.



Centre 33 exists to help every young person under 25 in Cambridgeshire fulfil their potential. It supports and empowers them to overcome problems through a range of free and confidential services.

No matter how big or how small a problem it will help. The Centre 33 staff are used to talking to young people about all sorts of issues, including housing, sexual health, family problems and bullying.

*Stuart Britt*

## Oklahoma Indians visit the fens

Hundreds of Masons from all over the country descended on the fens to witness a Raising ceremony performed by the Oklahoma Indian Degree Team. The event, held at The Community Centre, Wisbech St Mary, on 16<sup>th</sup> November attracted more than 300 brethren. Organised by the Caldwell Lodge No. 3201, of March, under the leadership of Past Senior Grand Warden, WBro. Brian January, the special meeting concluded with a festive board and charity raffle.

Among those present were Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Rodney Wolverson, and his Deputy VWBro. William Dastur PGSwdB, together with other high-ranking officers and brethren from the surrounding provinces.

During the first half of the ceremony the American Brethren were dressed in their normal attire – turquoise shirts, jeans and simple (by English standards) aprons. But it was in the second half that the incredibly colourful Indian dress set the Lodge room alight. Headdresses of a variety of feathers, cloaks, coats, skin trousers and moccasins of rainbow colours were the order of the day.



But this was not simply a visual display, with Indian chant and their native language in parts making it an emotional experience. You could hear a pin drop during the stunning performance. The highlight was the retrospective lecture delivered by an Apache in very dramatic fashion that earned him an extended spontaneous applause.

*Brian January*

## Chapter celebrates its centenary

Saint Wendreda Royal Arch Chapter No. 3201, based in March, celebrated its centenary during its regular convocation on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Although a road accident blocked the town's bypass, gridlocked the town and delayed some arrivals, the meeting started only 15 minutes late with 56 companions in attendance, including 12 of the Provincial Grand Chapter team, led by the Grand Superintendent Rodney Wolverson, with his deputy EComp. Russell Jackson and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Grand Principals, EComp. Graham Kent and EComp. Stuart Lingard.

The chapter was consecrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1913 at the Griffin Hotel, March, and its membership is now mainly from the town's two lodges, Caldwell No. 3201 and Stone Cross No. 6704.

Formal presentation of the Centenary Charter to the chapter's MEZ, EComp. Cliff Brown, was in the hands of the Grand Superintendent assisted by the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, EComp. Pat Kilby and Provincial Director of Ceremonies, EComp. John How. An oration on the early years of the chapter was given by EComp. Len Bradbury PAGSoj.



Companions were able to view a display of artefacts and documents relating to the formation and consecration of the chapter. Companions received a booklet of the chapter history written by the MEZ.

*Cliff Brown*

## Provincial Sword

Many brethren will have seen the spectacular sword carried by the Provincial Sword Bearer. It was presented to the Province as a memorial to WBro. Roy George PPGSuptWks (PPGReg in RA) by WBro. Richard George to express the gratitude of the family for the support the Province - and in particular WBro. Alan Siggers - gave Roy following the death of his wife.

*Richard George*

## Lodge Support and Development Group

Back in 2011 the Provincial Grand Master commissioned the formation of a committee to report on the health of Lodges across the Province. The report was produced and from it the Lodge Support and Development Group was formulated by WBro Brian Elliott, ProvGDC. It was charged to provide support services, resources and advice to any Lodge or Chapter.

It has looked at recruitment and retention, Lodges of Instruction, practice and rehearsal, succession planning and officer training, with presentations made to Lodges seeking advice. The current membership comprises WBro. Brian Elliott (chairman), WBro. Dan Heath, Granta Lodge (secretary), WBro. Jeremy Miller, Guild of St Mary Lodge, WBro. George Brennan, Gray Lodge, WBro. David Cameron, Nourse Lodge, WBro. Bharat Khetani, Lodge of United Good Fellowship and WBro Stuart Moore, St Ovin Lodge.



The group is willing to make presentations of its work to Lodge Committees or Lodges of Instruction. Contact WBro. Heath (email: guideofec1@msm.com, or tel: 07736 737174).

*Brian Elliott*

## Merit award for Jill Ding

The longest serving employee at the Masonic Hall in Cambridge, Mrs Jill Ding, reached the age of 80 on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. About 70 people who had known Jill over the 37 years she had worked at the premises, together with her family, attended her birthday party in the building.



During her lengthy term of employment she served under many hall administrators and it was pleasing that three of them, together with the present incumbent, were able to attend. To record the appreciation of her services to the Province, the Provincial Grand Master awarded her a special Certificate of Merit for distinguished service to Cambridgeshire Masonry.

*John Sherriff*

## Matched funding boost for Open Door



As part of its charitable efforts, Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 donated £500 to a food bank run by homelessness charity Newmarket Open Door. The cheque was handed over by WBro. Brian Williams to John Durrant, manager of Newmarket Open Door.

The Lodge raised £250 and gained matched funding from The City and University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust.

*Brian Williams*

## Panto at Newmarket raises £1,000

The acting and slapstick skills of Cambridgeshire Masons were put to good use at the annual Provincial pantomime, which raised £1,000 for the Arthur Rank Hospice charity.



Entitled 'The Beauty Sleeping', the panto took place at Newmarket Masonic Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Donna Talbot, the Cambridge-based charity's fundraising and marketing manager, attended and gave an update on the progress of the hospice's new building project.

She said "We were delighted to accept this donation on behalf of this group and specifically in memory of Gerry Nutcombe, who sadly passed away under the care of the hospice on 4<sup>th</sup> January".

*Mark Long*

## Kynaston helps out

The sum of £500 has been donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice charity in Mill Road, Cambridge by Kynaston Lodge No. 5810. The money was raised from alms collections and raffles and will help to fund one individual night of Hospice at Home and a further three days of patient transport. WBro. Brian Williams presented the cheque to Dr Lynn Morgan, chief executive of the ARHC.

*Peter Sutton*

## Cheque for WAY project

Alms collections, raffles and fundraising events enabled Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 to donate £1,050 to a project for young people. WBro. Brian Williams handed over a cheque for the sum to Shelagh Robertson, chair of trustees of the Waterbeach Action for Youth. The WAY Project provides activities for youngsters.

*Brian Williams*



## Scientific brother takes Atholl chair

Seven Masons from Cambridgeshire visited The Humber Lodge No. 57 in Hull on 10<sup>th</sup> December to see WBro. Des Hinshelwood, a Past Master of Scientific Lodge No. 88, installed as its Master. Established in 1775, it is one of the Antients or Atholl lodges and moved from Liverpool to Hull in 1809.



The away team visiting the impressive Dagger Lane premises were VWBro. Tim Pearce Higgins, WBros Peter Brindle, Neil McKittrick, David Cameron, Andrew Pugh, Gordon Deacon and Kim Sheldrick.

*Gordon Deacon*

## Hamilton surprise

Having never knowingly seen more than two 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Masons together at one time, imagine WBro. Bob Sculthorpe's surprise when he came across one of their meetings in Canada. During a trip to Hamilton last year, Bob, a Past Master of Nourse Lodge No. 8590, and Bro. Wayne Saunders, of Hinchbrook Lodge No 9282 (Northants & Hunts), spotted the Scottish Rite building at the corner of King and Queen Streets.

Asking if they could view the building, they were treated to an excellent tour and great companionship. Parts of the building date to 1816 and it was purchased by the Scottish Rite in 1920.

*Bob Sculthorpe*

## Long service to masonry

Fifteen members of the Craft and five from the Royal Arch in the Province earned long service certificates during 2013. They were:

### Craft, 60 years:

Edward Drake, Virtute et Fide No. 7959; Bruce Cononchie, Granta No. 6179 and Arthur Clarke, St Andrew No. 4087.

### Craft, 50 years:

David Coles, Granta, No. 6179; Harold Lambert, Gild of St Mary No. 7288; Barry Peak (deceased), Kynaston No. 5810; Alan Sagers, Granta No. 6179; Kenneth Stevens, United Good Fellowship No. 809; David Grainger, Gray No. 4334; Gerald Bray, Gild of Holy Trinity No. 6125; Edward George, Old Leysian No. 4520; Thomas Parren, Gild of Holy Trinity No. 6125; Michael Biggs (deceased), Kynaston No. 5810 and Basil Trott, Gild of St Mary No. 7288.

### Royal Arch, 60 years:

Norman Underhill, St Etheldreda No. 2107.

### Royal Arch, 50 years:

Owen Roe, Pythagoras No. 88; Roy Coggan, Pythagoras No. 88; Edward Little, St Andrew No. 4087 and Pat Halnan (51 years), Euclid No. 859.

Comp. Roe and E.Comp. Coggan were exalted on the same day, 14<sup>th</sup> March 1963.

*Richard George & Pat Kilby*

## University Lodges' Ball raises £17,000

Donations amounting to more than £17,000 were raised for two charities at the University Lodges' Ball on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. Some 550 Freemasons and friends gathered at Armoury House, London, the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company, for a white tie ball organised by the Apollo and Isaac Newton University Lodges and sponsored by Aerice. The three aims were to have a great evening, raise money for The Royal College of Surgeons and Combat Stress, the veterans' mental health charity, and promote Freemasonry.

More than £17,000 was raised through the donations of the guests; the ticket price and sponsorship only covered the cost of the event. To help promote Freemasonry, tickets were available to and bought by members of the public through the website, press packs having been sent local and national publications.

A TV crew from the Community Channel was there on the night (see [www.communitychannel.org/video/wcxCihyO2IU](http://www.communitychannel.org/video/wcxCihyO2IU)) resulting in a very positive piece on Sky TV and a possible feature on BBC 3.

*Alistair Townsend*

## Banner dedication at Newmarket

Cambridgeshire Meridian Chapter No. 8374 celebrated its first birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> February when the Grand Superintendent, supported by the Second and Third Provincial Grand Principals dedicated its Banner.



The Chapter is grateful to a number of companions who generously gave of their time and skills to help make the Banner, which shows as its main feature the St Wendred Horse. This not only demonstrates the Chapter's link to its sponsoring lodge, but also with Newmarket where Meridian is now firmly at home. The first year has produced three Exaltees and three joining members.

*Edmund Brookes*

## Seven candidates for Corpus Christi

A record seven candidates were installed as members of the Corpus Christi Conclave No.388 of the Red Cross of Constantine at Bateman Street, Cambridge, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.



Membership of the Royal Arch is a prerequisite of becoming a member of the order and the companions who joined were Mark Prince, Peter Wheeler, Paul Dunham, Fred Wilson, Timothy Hancock, Mark Purser and Nickolas Bowsher.

Led by the Sovereign, M.P.Kt. Rev Philip Swindells, the meeting was honoured by the presence of many visiting dignitaries, including R.III.Kt. David Adams, Intendant General for the Division of East Anglia, and his deputy, V.III.Kt. Dr John Elmore. The same seven received the appendant orders of the Holy Sepulchre and St John the Evangelist on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

*Tony Mason*

## New boss for Red Cross of Constantine

R.III.Kt. David Adams, KCC, Intendant-General for the Red Cross of Constantine's Division of East Anglia, will be standing down from the post after 10 years. The Deputy I-G, V.III.Kt. Dr John Elmore has been chosen by the Grand Sovereign to succeed David and his installation will take place at the Annual Divisional Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

*Cliff Brown*

## Join the shoot

St Audrey Lodge No. 2727 is hosting a clay pigeon shoot on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Cambridge Gun Club, Twenty Pence Road, Wilburton. Entry is £33, with a bacon roll provided at 11am and a barbecue and trophy presentation starting at 3pm. Beginners are welcome and there will be a raffle in aid of local charities. Details from Bro. Les Day, tel: 07711 198136 or WBro. David Watson on [davidwatson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davidwatson@hotmail.co.uk).

*David Watson*

## Repeat for popular trip

Another trip to the Grand Lodge Museum and Library is planned by Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 for 12<sup>th</sup> April and is already sold out. It follows a successful similar visit to London in March 2010 and is being organised by WBro. Brian Elliott, ProvGDC.

*Brian Elliott*

## Centenary for York Mariners

The York Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 334, based in Cambridge, is celebrating its centenary on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Mark Masonry enjoys a close relationship with the Craft and to encourage any brethren who may wish to learn more, the East Anglian Provincial team is willing to host 'Make your Mark' awareness evenings. For information, contact WBro. Jim Haggarty, tel: 07711 891840 or email: [Jim.haggarty@btconnect.com](mailto:Jim.haggarty@btconnect.com).

*Jim Haggarty*

## An anecdote from nearly 50 years ago

I was initiated into a small lodge in London where progress tended to be quite rapid. The Inner Guard was a junior Mason but not physically young, and on responding to a knock on the door he returned and solemnly announced: "The Grand Master of Sweden." This naturally caused some consternation among the senior brethren, so the DC promptly went to the door to find that the visitor was actually the Grand Pursuivant.

*David A D Smith*

## Remembering those who served

The annual Armistice service was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bateman Street, Cambridge, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm, the time being chosen so that Brethren could attend their local services before the Masonic one.



WBro. The Rev. Chris Woolley conducted the service, Miss Madeleine Goodwyn read the traditional poem, WBro. John Brady (The Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441) read the lesson and the brothers George carried the wreath, which was laid by WBro. Squadron Leader Nick Goodwyn (Nourse Lodge No. 8590).

WBro. David Cameron (Nourse Lodge) played the Last Post and the Reveille and WBro. Graham Goodwyn (Nourse Lodge) accompanied the hymns.

*Graham Goodwyn*

## Newmarket helps hearing charity

A Burns night held at Newmarket on 25<sup>th</sup> January raised £1,300 for the Help Me Hear charity's appeal for a young boy with Charge Syndrome. It was the fifth year that the event has been held at the Masonic Hall and again WBro. Doug Gates piped in the haggis, Dougie Stewart delivered the ode, Bro. Rob Negus (left) gave the Toast to the Lassies and Ann Cooper replied.



The Province also donated £500, along with £525 from Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107 and £300 from Etheldreda Chapter, No. 2107, making an impressive total of £2,625. Help Me Hear is hoping to raise £65,000 to send a boy called Danny to Italy for auditory brain stem implant surgery.

*Jim Stokes*

## Veteran recalls Battle of Atlantic

A member of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441 has appeared on television and in various newspapers describing his wartime experiences in the Battle of the Atlantic. Last year during the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the longest continuous military campaign in World War Two, WBro. Derek Traylen told BBC television's Robert Hall how he enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1941 and trained as a signaller.

Derek revealed that while on HMS Carnation his convoy was hunted down by 14 U-boats. Recalling how he saw a torpedo heading towards his ship, he said: "I couldn't speak, I just pointed." Later he served on the submarine HMS Otus.

*Stuart Britt*

## Wright brothers initiated

Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959 welcomed brothers Robert and Jonathan Wright as initiates at its January meeting. Officiating at the double ceremony as Junior Deacon was their proud father, Brother Tony Wright. The ceremony was performed by WBro. Tony Hore, assisted by WBros. Gary Benn and Mike Cooke.

*Les Waters*



*From left to right: WBro. Ian Bissett, Senior Warden; Bro. Robert Wright; WBro. Roly Bower, Worshipful Master; Bro. Jonathan Wright; WBro. Anthony Pigg, Junior Warden; and Bro. Tony Wright, father of the initiates.*

## Dads and lads

Provincial Senior Grand Warden, WBro. Peter Brindle AGStdB had the honour of being invited to occupy the chair of Worshipful Master to initiate his son Richard into Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 at Bateman Street, Cambridge, on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Peter also gave the charge to the initiate in what Lodge secretary Brian Fenton described as "an electrifying atmosphere, highly appreciated by those in attendance".

Meanwhile, at Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 in March, WBro. Nigel Philpott PProvGReg was given the opportunity to Raise his son Gavin at its November meeting

*Cliff Brown*

## Virtute members witness a bicentenary

Five members of Virtute et Fide Lodge No. 7959 travelled to Hastings to attend the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Derwent Lodge No. 40, an Atholl lodge. Because of the large numbers attending, the meeting took place at the White Rock Theatre, Hastings, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013. This was the Lodge that initiated Virtute et Fide members WBro. Roly Bower and WBro. Gary Benn into Freemasonry.



The meeting included a short talk on the Atholl lodges by WBro. Geoffrey Abraham, chairman of the Association of Atholl Lodges, followed by a history of Derwent Lodge by its current Master, WBro. Ian Duncan. After the meeting the hall was cleared and converted into a dining area for the festive board.

*Keith Poulson*

## Burns Night supper at Alma Mater

Alma Mater Lodge No. 1492 continued its tradition of successful Burns Night suppers with its 15<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Scottish poet's life and work on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Eighty guests enjoyed the traditional fare of cock-a-leekie soup followed by haggis which was piped in by WBro. Stewart Kerr. The Address to the Haggis was given by Bro. Gordon West who, later in the evening, entertained with two Burns songs accompanied by WBro. David Adams on piano.



The Immortal Memory was proposed by WBro. David Adams in true Scottish style. WBro. Nigel Williams, Worshipful Master, then proposed the Toast to the Lassies with sincerity and humour and the reply was given eloquently by Sally Williams.

The evening at Bateman Street, Cambridge, concluded with a raffle raising the record sum of £550, which has been donated to Lifelites, the charity that provides educational technology to children's hospices.

*Peter Sutton*

## Disappointment for charitable trust

In 2013 the Trustees of the City & University of Cambridge Masonic Charitable Trust set aside the sum of £7,000 for a one-off experiment to offer each of the 28 lodges in the Province a sum of up to £250 to match a charitable donation. The money would be paid to the Lodge and the augmented (perhaps doubled) donation would be made in the name of the Lodge to a local good cause.

A letter explaining the scheme was distributed by the Provincial Office in early April and Lodges were requested to indicate, as soon as possible, their interest in participating. A deadline for pay-outs was set for the end of November, to suit the Trust's financial year end.

It was a great disappointment to the Trustees that less than half of the Lodges bothered to respond, even to acknowledge the letter, and only 12 claimed the cash for their chosen charity. One or two of the donations gained some useful publicity and, in general, participating lodges certainly helped to improve our image throughout the Province.

*Jim Whitehead*

## Ely hosts Rose Croix service

The annual church service for the Rose Croix Districts of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge and Isle of Ely was held for the first time at Ely Cathedral on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013. It was open to all and a large number of masons and their families swelled the cathedral's normal evensong conducted by the Dean, the Very Reverend Mark Bonney. The congregation enjoyed the voices of the Ely Cathedral Choir directed by Paul Trepte.

*Tony Just*

## Charity helps young carers

The Province's Charity for Care and Relief has given £450 to the young carers in March and Chatteris. The cheque was presented by the Worshipful Master of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704, WBro. John Beeken and charity steward WBro. Andrew Pugh. The young carers meet up for 90 minutes once a fortnight for some free time and this donation will go towards two events – ten-pin bowling and another for a party.

*Andrew Pugh*

## New tripod for Scientific Lodge

At the Installation meeting of Scientific Lodge No. 88 in January, WBro. Graham Jackson presented a new tripod to the Lodge, explaining that he had originally only intended tidying up the tangled cord of the old one.

On closer examination he discovered that the tripod actually belonged to the Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441 and so decided to make a new one, using materials partly contributed by WBro. Brian Drayton and WBro. Graham Summerfield. The cord has 33 windings, to represent the 33 degrees in Freemasonry, in keeping with advice given by WBro. Tom Godfrey.



WBro. Jackson thanked the owners of the older tripod for letting Scientific Lodge use it and VWBro. Tim Pearce Higgins formally handed it back to WBro. Vic Saywell, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Three Grand Principles. WBro. Saywell thanked VWBro. Pearce Higgins, and wondered how Scientific Lodge had managed without its own tripod from 1754 until his Lodge was founded.

*Michael Hinton*

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