

The CAMBRIDGESHIRE MASON



Congratulations

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The Provincial Grand Master is delighted to announce the following appointments and promotions:

Grand Lodge

WBro. Peter Sutton appointed to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. WBro. Ian Greig appointed to Past Grand Standard Bearer. WBro. Andrew Parmley promoted to Junior Grand Deacon. WBro. Alistair Townsend reappointed Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Supreme Grand Chapter

E. Comps. Tony Doggett and Brian Heasman appointed to Past Grand Standard Bearers.

E. Comp. Michael Caddock promoted to Past Grand Sword Bearer.

E. Comp. Jonathan Mead promoted to Past Grand Sojourner.

Provincial Grand Lodge

WBro. Neil McKittrick appointed to Senior Grand Warden. WBro. Edward Boyd-Tuck appointed to Junior Grand Warden.

Provincial Grand Chapter

E.Comp. Graham Kent appointed to Second Grand Principal



WBro. Peter Sutton, PAGDC (Craft Grand Rank first appointment), WBro. Alistair Townsend DGDC, re-appointed Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, EComp Tony Doggett, PGStdB (Holy Royal Arch Grand Rank first appointment)



WBro. Neil McKittrick, Provincial Senior Grand Warden and WBro. Edward Boyd-Tuck, Provincial Junior Grand Warden

Lest we forget

Flying birds gave the inspiration to the design of airplanes, a falling apple led to the theory of Gravity. In Cambridge Freemasons' Hall, a wreath that had been hanging for quite a while in the vestibule inspired WBro. Doug Gates to realize that a memorial should be erected in the garden to celebrate the sacrifice of so many who gave their lives for their country. When he mentioned this to the ProvGM, the latter told him quite firmly "Do something about it" and he did.

He contacted Bro. Ian Tolliday (Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107) who is a stone mason by trade and with the blessing of the Cambridge Masonic Hall a commemorative obelisk has now been installed in the garden.



It has been decided that a Service of Remembrance will be held each year on the Sunday nearest to the 11th of November.

In 2011, WBro. Chris Woolley led the service. The wreath was carried to the obelisk by Sam George, son of WBro. Richard George and was laid by WBro. Sqn. Ldr. A. Goodwyn.

WBro. David Cameron performed the Last Post and Reveille. WBros Jeremy Miller and John Brady did the readings and WBro. David Adams provided the organ accompaniment to the hymns. An excellent lunch was served at the end of the service.

Graham Goodwyn

Car parking at Bateman Street

A new barrier has been put up in Bateman Street. For safety it has been installed across the full width of the entrance. Pedestrian and bicycle access is via the path and archway on Bateman Street. Use of these entrances will be appreciated. The car park fobs and coins continue to operate the barrier. Brethren should remember that possession of a fob does not give the right to park from Monday to Friday during working hours. Those wishing to park at these times should contact the Hall or the Bar Manager.

David Stanton

A First on Board HMS Corinthian

Nourse Lodge No. 8590 was very fortunate to welcome the Demonstration Team of Gainsborough Lodge No. 9332 of Suffolk to present "A first Degree Ceremony, set on Board HMS Corinthian in 1759". The Lodge was further honoured that the Team engaged the support of Able Bodied Seamen WBro. Bob Sculthorpe and Bro. Mark Hedley. The warmth of applause reflected the success of the demonstration.



Photo (L to R) Bro Hedley, WBros Bliss, Sculthorpe, Cameron, Kingston, Plummer, Bensusan, Thake and Firmin

In honour of the enactment, WBro. Bob Wordsworth from Kynaston Lodge, Nourse's Mother Lodge, presented the Lodge with a wood and copper engraved artefact made of original materials from HMS Victory. The materials were sourced and sculpted by WBro. Peter Langran who is closely involved in the restoration of MHS Victory. Recognising the nautical significance, WBro. David Cameron, WM of Nourse Lodge, with the full approval of Kynaston Lodge, presented the artefact to the Brethren of Gainsborough Lodge as a token of the enactment so brilliantly performed.

John Butler

Visit to Supreme Grand Chapter

Seventy-two members of the Royal Arch from various parts of the Province attended the Regular Convocation on 9th November 2011. It was opened by the Pro First Grand Principal, E. Comp. Peter Lowndes with the Second and Third Grand Principals in attendance. In his address, E. Comp Lowndes referred to the successful launch of the 2013 Appeal for The Royal College of Surgeons, where £200,000 has already been raised. He encouraged Provincial Chapters to invite representatives of The Royal College to explain about areas of research that had benefited from Royal Arch funding. In Cambridgeshire we did so at the convocation of the First Principals' Chapter on 30th September 2011.

At the conclusion of the Convocation we adjourned to a local restaurant to lunch in an informal atmosphere. The Grand Superintendent, E. Comp. Rodney Wolverson, in his address, referred to the current healthy state of the Royal Arch in the Province. He emphasised that we must encourage members of the Craft to join, to allocate them parts of the ritual not only to ensure their continued commitment but to add interest to the ceremonies. Then he referred to forthcoming changes already announced, in that E. Comp Roger Impey is retiring in June after six years of distinguished service as Deputy Grand Superintendent. During that time he has provided much valued support. E. Comp Russell Jackson will replace him and in turn E. Comp Pat Kilby will take up the position of Provincial Grand Scribe E. At the close of lunch, all the companions thanked E. Comp. Pat Kilby for organising another successful visit to Great Queen Street.

Peter Sutton

Lodge celebrates its 400th meeting

On 15th December 2011, Gild of St. Mary Lodge celebrated its 400th meeting in the presence of VWBro. Tim Pearce Higgins, DepProvGM. In his speech, the DepProvGM congratulated the Worshipful Master, WBro. Andrew Jones on the success of the Lodge and wished it the very best for its next 100 meetings.



The Secretary - WBro. Pat Kilby - produced a commemorative summons that reviewed the Lodge from its origins and some of the Brethren who influenced its success. These characters were brought to life in a short and amusing talk given by WBro. Jeremy Miller. He said that the Officers at the consecration of the Lodge looked like the membership of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce at the time. He questioned how the Past Master WBro. Ralph Niblett, 'The Major', who used to inspect his team of Officers prior to every meeting, would view the current team.

The Lodge was delighted to be the first Craft Lodge to earn a Platinum award from the ProvGM for its charity work in support of the 2012 Festival.

Pat Kilby

A new arrival!



Congratulations to proud parents, Bob and Lou Taylor on the birth of a son, Xavier Mason (nothing to do with Freemasonry, says Daddy) on 28th January 2012.

Michael Allan

Message from the Editor

Many thanks for all the contributions that have been sent in this time. Please do send your article as the event happens. Now, it just remains for me to wish everyone an enjoyable summer and the very best for the Festival 2012.

Michael Allan



Historical Jewels tell their Stories

In December 2011, REKt. Stewart Middleton, Provincial Prior for the Province of East Anglia Knights Templar found that a Cantabrigia Chapter Rose Croix Founder's jewel was for sale on eBay. WBro. Alex Allan immediately got the ball rolling. He discovered that the price was £265 with nine more days of bidding to go. In the meantime, WBro. Richard George confirmed that there was also an Etheldreda Founder's jewel for sale and that the seller was a Freemason from Cornwall who was willing to remove the jewels from eBay if Cambridge buyers were interested.

One jewel was bought by WBro. Alex Allan on behalf of Cantabrigia Chapter and one jewel was bought by WBro. Jim Stokes on behalf of Etheldreda Lodge No 2107. Subsequently, WBro. Richard George discovered that the Etheldreda jewel belonged to WBro. Thomas Jennings, Junior. Then scrutinising the Cantabrigia Chapter Rose Croix Treasurer's books, and the Centenary Meeting History compiled by Ill. Bro. Fred Keys, it was established that WBro. Thomas Jennings was a founder of Cantabrigia Chapter Rose Croix in 1889, but resigned on the 3rd January 1894. He was also a member of Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107.

WBro. Jim Stokes later ascertained that WBro. Jennings was actually a Founder Member of Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107 and that he was Master of the Lodge in years, 1885, 1888 and 1890.



A keen devotee of racing, according to the National Horseracing Museum website:

"even in middle age he was known as 'Young Tom' to distinguish him from his father. He was born in Chantilly where his father trained for Count Frederick de Lagrange...he took over the Phantom House Stables from his father ...As a trainer he won the 1000 Guineas in 1900 with Winifreda, the Oaks in 1897 with Limasol and with Mirska in 1912. He also won the Harwicke Stakes in 1897 with Bay Ronald."

The Cantabrigia jewel was supplied by H.T. Lamb & Co, of St. John Square, Clerkenwell, London. Established in 1848, the business transferred in 1903 to William Stiffin, who had previously been manager.

The full history of the jewels and where they have been for the past 100 years remains unknown, but at present everybody is pleased that they are back where they belong.

Alex Allan & Jim Stokes

Millenium Girl wins Newmarket

Jill Brown, nee Webb, was born in Bury St Edmunds in 1946 and grew up on a farm in Somerton, a little Suffolk village. She attended Hartest Primary School and Clare Secondary Modern. She enjoyed her school years and took her GCE exams at the age of 16. PE was not her favourite subject and she would skip class as often as possible to cook for the Governors.

When she left school, she worked for Woolworth in Sudbury and met her first husband Colin Newman. They married in 1968 in Glemsford, had two children Lorraine and Adrian, but regrettably they split up.

In the 1960's she became a fan of the Rolling Stones and was very excited to go to their concert in Cambridge, dressed in her hipster trousers with backcombed hair. Her favourite number was "You better move on".

Indeed, she moved on and came across Peter through a dating agency, when she was working for Solar in Sudbury. They tied the knot in September 1990. Peter had been married before and had two sons. It was inevitable that his son Lee was Best Man, and his other son Justin, an usher. On Jill's side Lorraine was bridesmaid and Adrian another usher. Now they have 13 grandchildren between them.



Jill's cooking career took her to Newmarket, where she stayed for five years at the Day Centre and then for a short while at the Cherry Tree in Stradishall. In 2000, the Millennium year, the stewardship of Newmarket Masonic Club became vacant and Jill took up the post. Peter and Jill are proud to be custodians of the building.

Since their arrival they have been involved in the Festive Board of the consecration of Rose Croix and there has also been some half-a-dozen new Masonic organisations in the Centre.

Peter, as Almoner to both Etheldreda Lodge No. 2107 and Logistica Lodge No. 9804, involves Jill in the caring side. She provides a lunch twice a year for the widows of Etheldreda Lodge.

Peter and Jill love travelling, especially to Ireland. Walking is a hobby but although they are not fond of countries with hot climates Jill loves a good curry.

The four people dead or alive that Jill would welcome at her dinner table are, Mary Berry, Delia Smith, Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill.

Michael Allan

Message from the Provincial Grand Master



2012 will surely be remembered as a very special year, not least for three momentous events. Firstly, Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The celebrations have already begun and will peak with a glorious extended weekend over 2nd-5th June. Secondly, the London Olympics promises 17 brilliant days of sporting achievements starting on the 27th July.

Thirdly, and very importantly, the Province of Cambridgeshire's Festival for the Freemasons' Grand Charity culminates with the Grand Banquet at Queens College on Wednesday 26th September. If you haven't booked your tickets yet, please hurry to do so.

The spirit of brotherly love throughout Cambridgeshire never ceases to impress me, and the support for each other (in Provincial

fund raising events and also in so many individual endeavours) has been remarkable during the whole of the Festival.

I don't know what our final total will be, but whatever it is I'm sure we shall produce a sum to be proud of, the result of the wonderful effort made by so many people across the Province.

We still have some time left to add to our total, so please keep your foot on the pedal. I know that in the next Newsletter I shall be writing of a spectacular success reflecting great credit on Freemasons and Freemasonry in Cambridgeshire.

Rodney Wolverson
Provincial Grand Master

Festival 2012 - Where the Money has come from

The Festival grand total is made up of three components:

- **Funds raised within the Province.** This is made up of donations from Lodge and Royal Arch members plus funds raised by other Masonic orders and societies of the Province
- **Contributions from neighbouring Provinces.** It is customary for neighbouring Provinces to contribute towards our Festival. We have received considerable sums from Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and Oxfordshire.
- **Third Party donations.** Any donations made to the Freemasons' Grand Charity during the period 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012 are included.



Our thanks must go to Lodge Charity Stewards who with tact and diligence have encouraged their members to give freely and to those who have given their time and effort to so many events. We are also grateful to Lodge Treasurers and the Officers of the CMBA who deal with the administration, and to the Grand Charity Relief Chest Scheme for dealing with over 3,000 Gift Aid Envelopes.

Stuart Lingard

Father initiates son (Brother?)

WBro. Bryan Saddington, WM of Virtute et Fide Lodge No 7959, had the pleasure of initiating his son, James Nicholas on Friday 27th January 2012. At the Festive Board, he invited everyone who was a Lewis to take wine with him. The Editorial Board wishes both of them many years of happiness in the Craft.



Word Search Answers

The names of the twenty prominent members of our Province appearing in last issue's Word Search were: Borland, Brady, Dastur, Elliott, Forsdyke, Fyson, Gillingwater, Hutchinson, Impey, Jackson, Lingard, Mason, Miller, Moore, Overland, Pearce Higgins, Sherriff, Truelove, Wilkinson, Wolverson

Fire & Safety Manager to swim the Channel

Bro. John Creek who works for the Godolphin Management Company is taking up the challenge to swim the 26 miles of the English Channel in August. John is going to do the estimated 44,000 strokes to raise much-needed funds for Molly Moore (age 9) and Maxwell Knight (age 7).



Molly has PHACE Syndrome. She has abnormal arterial formation in her brain. This means that some of her blood vessels are narrow or blocked. In 2009, she had a stroke and subsequently lost her ability to move, speak and swallow. She has come a long way since then, but still needs a wheelchair.

Maxwell was born with type II Spinal Muscular Atrophy. This serious condition means he has many special requirements and is confined to a wheelchair. He has physio every day that entails wearing Kafo's (leg braces) and the use of a standing frame.

Please sponsor John on 07917 138968

Robin Hood Sold Out!

This year's Provincial Panto team was under the banner of Scientific Lodge No. 88. Director and producer, WBro. Mark Long, staged three performances of Robin Hood at the Masonic Hall, Newmarket on 6th and 7th January 2012. As usual, WBro. David Adams was the Musical Director and WBro. Dan Heath provided the additional music and the sound effects.



The cast consisted of 16 members from eight different Lodges throughout the Province and they all sang and danced their way through the familiar story. They were suitably dressed in stunning costumes from Classworks Costumes of Cambridge.

All performances were sold out and it is anticipated that £4,000 has been raised for the Festival Appeal 2012.

Mark Long

Inter-Lodge Texas Scramble

Cambridgeshire Masonic Golf Association held its annual tournament at the Gog Magog Golf Club on Friday 11th November 2011. Now in its fourth year, ten teams entered the competition, representing nine Lodges from the Province. The winners were Mick Harding, Richard Rowlett, and Scotty Phillips of St Ovin Lodge No. 7774.



(l to r) Bro. Stephen Greig, WBro. Dave Parker, Bro. Richard Rowlett, WBro. Mick Harding, Bro. Scotty Phillips, WBro. Les Greig and Bro. Alex Hills.

Runners up were Les Greig, Alex Hills and Stephen Greig from Granta Lodge No. 6179. Dave Parker of Kynaston Lodge 5810. won the nearest the pin and Scotty Phillips of St Ovin Lodge won the longest drive.

The Masonic Golf Association presented a cheque for £1,500 to the Chairman WBro. Peter Sutton for the Festival 2012, making a total of £9,000 donated since 2007.

Jim Stokes

The Sacking of the Masonic Temple

PProvGM of Jersey, RWBro. David Rosser recently held an audience of Masons, their Ladies and non-Masonic friends enthralled when he gave a talk on how Masonic life was on the island during WWII. This was a follow up from the morning's short talk to Meridian Lodge No. 9687. Dr Gilly Carr, Fellow of Catherine's College Cambridge, lecturer in Archaeology with special interest in the German occupation of the Channel Islands, assisted him in the evening.

In 1940, an agreement was made with Nazi German Forces that provided no Masonic meetings were held, nothing would be done by the German authorities. Consequently, the Masonic Temple in Jersey was locked with all its furniture, and artefacts. However, in January 1941, a squad of special German forces (SA) arrived and made an inventory of the the Temple, which was then looted of furniture, books and regalia.

A collection of silver jewels, charity jewels and more than thirty-three original collars dating from the first decade of the 19th Century together with pottery, glass and aprons were taken away.



(l to r) WBro. J. W. Brady (WM) - WBro. D. R. Reed (Secretary) - RWBro. A. D. J. Rosser - Dr. G. Carr - RWBro. R. J. Wolverson.

Much of this was shipped to France and used for anti-Masonic propaganda in Germany. Only four large oil paintings of PProvGMs and most of the Lodge's Past Master's Boards were left behind. The Temple was used as a liquor store for the remaining part of the occupation.

Only Lodges who met at the Jersey Temple had their war time "closure" recognised as continual service for the purpose of Centenary Certificates. Finally, the Masons anxious to resume their activities found makeshift furniture, improvised aprons by painting on suitable material and held their first meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on 16th August 1945.

Dr Carr gave a most enlightening insight into the lives of the ordinary working people of Guernsey and Jersey and how they coped in difficult circumstances. There were some illicitly retained radios and in many cases Jews were sheltered. Some tried to escape from Guernsey in rowing boats, but those caught were swiftly returned and executed.

Douglas Reed

Cornwallis Court – Your Local Care Home

Cornwallis Court is one of 17 residential care homes in England and Wales owned and operated by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is situated in the former West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds. The Earl Cadogan, then the Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, opened the site in 1981.

The establishment is reminiscent of a four star hotel. There is a pleasant dining room, and ample lounge space. The 74 rooms have en-suite facilities and equipped with TV. Residents can take their computers into the home.



The RMBI runs the home to a very high standard, but they rely on 'The Association of Friends' to provide the extras. Residents get a present on their birthday and at Christmas.

A summer fete is held with various entertainments. Concerts are arranged and the new Minibus provided by 'The Friends' at a cost of £35,000 is available for trips. On the first Saturday of every month there is a free coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. This is open to Masons and non-Masons. Why not take a group from your Lodge and get a conducted tour of the place. Prior notice would be most welcome.

Cornwallis Court can accommodate 74 residents:

- **52 rooms for General Accommodation.** These are for those who are no longer able to look after themselves at home, but have some mobility.
- **12 rooms in the Nursing Section,** for those who need a significant amount of care. These rooms are on the ground floor and staffed by dedicated carers. There is a 24-hour cover by SRN qualified nurses.
- **13 rooms in Geoffrey Dicker House,** which is specifically designed for the care of people with severe dementia. This building was opened in 1997 and is staffed by specially trained carers. Geoffrey Dicker was ProvGM of Norfolk from 1980 to 1995 and is responsible for raising the funds to build this unit.

All of this costs money and the Lodges of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk contribute towards the work done by 'The Friends'. Convince your Lodge to hold a raffle, make a contribution, or just pass the profit made at the Festive Board. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Association of Friends of Cornwallis Court'.

The East Anglian Air Ambulance has a slogan they use when raising funds: *"Remember us today – for you may need us tomorrow"*. Don't say "it can't happen to me or I won't need the services of a care home". You may well receive unexpected and less than pleasant news one day.

Yes it can happen - IT HAPPENED TO ME

Malcolm Woolf

Dequasbicentennial Commemoration or 175 for 441

On Monday 5th December 2011, the Lodge of Three Grand Principles No. 441 celebrated its 175th Anniversary, in the presence of the ProvGM, the DepProvGM and the Grand Secretary VWBro. C. N. R. Brown. A short history of the Lodge was delivered by WBro. J. P. West assisted by WBros S. A. Britt and M. D. Parkington. The Festive Board menu replicated that of the 150th celebrations.

The Lodge's Warrant is dated 10th December 1836 and was granted by the Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Sussex. WBro. Thomas Nutter, the first Master, in his petition to form a third Lodge in Cambridge, requested that it be opened before St. John's Day (27th December). The Lodge,



then No. 645, had its first meeting in between the 10th and 27th December 1836 at the House of Commons Inn, in Hills Road.

Unfortunately, the first nine years of the Lodge's history are unclear. The Minutes of 1st January 1846 read, *'re-establishing the peace, harmony and good fellowship'*. Some ill feeling came to a head in March 1845, when the Bro. M. Allis, the SW, took off his badge and left the Lodge, taking with him the book, the SW's Jewel and Collar. The first minute book was never seen again.

In 1869, a Past Master of the Lodge moved to Saffron Walden and became the first Master of Walden Lodge No. 1280. Since then Walden Lodge has considered Three Grand Principles as its Mother Lodge. In 1872, Three Grand Principles founded the Chapter of Fidelity and in 1954 Thirkill Lodge No. 7333.

One family's name that cannot be ignored in the history is that of Kidman. VWBro. C. F. Kidman, OBE, PDepProvGM was initiated in 1948, Master in 1962 and 1986. His father WBro. A. V. Kidman joined in 1920 and was Master in the centenary year 1936. At the 175th Anniversary Meeting, VWBro. C. F. Kidman said

that either his father and/or himself has been present at the 100th, 125th, 150th and 175th Anniversaries of the Lodge.

There has been a long association with Scientific Lodge No. 88 and since 1921 its Master has been invited to all the meetings of Three Grand Principles. The same arrangement exists with the Master of Thirkill Lodge.

John McCormick

New Provincial Grand Master - Athelstan

MWBro. Michael Roalfe, GCSM, Grand Master of The Masonic Order of Athelstan opened in conjunction with the installation Meeting of Court of Herbert de Losinga No. 31, a Provincial Grand Court on Saturday 17th September 2011 at the Masonic Hall, Kings Lynn. The purpose was to install RWBro. Francis Barber KCSM, Senior Grand Warden, as the new Provincial Grand Master of the Province of East Anglia, following the recent retirement of RWBro. Roy Foster GCSM from that position.



RWBro. Barber (L) receiving his Patent from the GM, MWBro. Michael Roalfe

Once installed RWBro. Barber appointed and invested as his Deputy, VWBro. Christopher Ansell KCSM, together with other Provincial Officers.

David Hickenbottom

Dogs for the Disabled

Trained dogs can make a world of difference to the disabled. They offer freedom and independence to children and adults with physical disabilities.

WBro. Peter Brindle and WBro. Peter Langran, both Members of Kynaston Lodge visited Mr Andy Lee at his home and presented him with a £250 cheque on behalf of their Lodge for the Dogs for the Disabled Cambridgeshire Branch



Henry, Andy Lee and WBro. Peter Brindle

Andy broke his neck in 1997 in a cycle accident. He is the recipient of 'Henry', a dog that has been with him for 8 years and who has made a great difference in building his confidence and making him more independent. Henry is capable of picking up items, opening and closing doors, disposing of rubbish and helping with undressing Andy who has very little movement in his arms. All these tasks are carried out by spoken words of command.

Without these dogs disabled people would be more dependent on carers and in some cases confined to the house. With the help of trained dogs, they can become more active members of society.

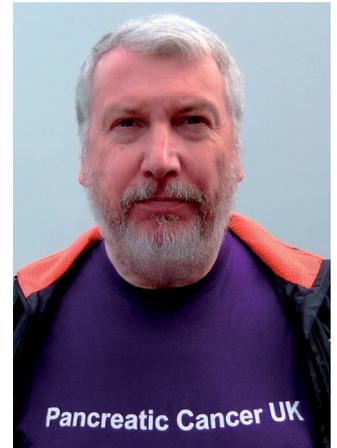
This charity relies completely on donations and the money is used in training dogs in the Cambridgeshire area.

Peter Langran

London Marathon at 58?

WBro. Charlie Brown is going to run the Marathon two months before his 58th birthday. He lost his twin brother with pancreatic cancer one week before going into the chair of Nourse Lodge No. 8590 in November 2008 and he ran the London Marathon for Cancer Research UK during his year as Master.

Pancreatic Cancer UK has completed its survey of the disease and come up with some alarming conclusions. The survival rate after diagnosis is 3%, and this has not changed in 40 years. Now PCUK is seeking to double the survival rate in the next five years, Charlie's brother succumbed 13 weeks after diagnosis.



The London Marathon is on 22nd April 2012. It starts from Greenwich and finishes in the Mall. Hence, the answer to 'what inducement do you have to leave the East and travel to the West?' is – to complete the London Marathon and contribute to helping people to survive pancreatic cancer.

Sponsor Charlie – Call 01223 421338

Charlie Brown

Past Masters' Jewels

Past Master's jewels are often one of a Mason's most treasured possessions. A jewel is presented to the outgoing Master by the Lodge in recognition of a year of leadership, hard work and representation around the Province. When we ascend to the Grand Lodge Above, our relatives hopefully understand the importance of the jewel and return them to the Lodge so that they can be presented again. Unfortunately, this does not always happen and the jewels are sold to collectors or dealers. Old jewels are often very valuable being made of hallmarked silver or silver gilt.



Recently, a collection of Alma Mater Lodge PM jewels, Euclid Royal Arch Chapter jewels and one Isaac Newton University Lodge of Mark Masons PM jewel, all silver or silver gilt and some over 130 years old, passed to a dealer. Arthur, WBro. Edmund Brookes' brother, a more skilled eBay bidder, went into action. It was nail biting stuff, but his clever tactics produced a successful outcome bar two lots.

Alma Mater Lodge and Euclid Chapter now have the precious and historic jewels back in their possession, able to be re-presented in coming years.

Edmund Brookes

Anglo-American Meeting under the Banner of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201

WBro. Brian January went to Georgia in 1993 and was so impressed by an Initiation Ceremony that he was keen to share that experience with us. After months of debating, the Brethren from Russell Gideon Lodge No. 78 at RAF Mildenhall, a Prince Hall Lodge, will perform a demonstration of an American First Degree on Saturday 24th March 2012 at a special meeting at Wisbech St. Mary Community Centre under the banner of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201.

III. Bro. Russell S. Gideon was a Mason who ascended from Grand Minister of State Lieutenant Grand Commander to 33^o Emeritus Past Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council, AASR, (PHA) Northern Jurisdiction in 1977. It was the first time in 84 years that a Mason west of the Mississippi had held such a high rank. The USC had more than 20,000 members in the Northern Jurisdiction, which comprised all states north of the Mason Dixon Line.

His achievement was recognised by the Ebony magazine as one of the nation's 100 most influential Black Citizens, and a place in Who's Who in Black America. A bust was commissioned in 1984 honouring his reign and was placed in the Masonic Cathedral's 'Hall of Fame' in Philadelphia.

Prince Hall Masonry.

On 6th March 1775, Prince Hall was the first Negro to be initiated with 14 free coloured men into the Masonic Order in the United States. The initiation was into Lodge No. 441, a British Army

Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland stationed in Boston. When the Military Lodge left Boston in 1776, WBro J. B. Batt, Master of the Lodge issued a "permit" or dispensation, which was a valid legal document in accordance with the established custom of the day, for coloured brethren to meet as a Lodge and to assemble in their capacity as Freemasons.

Bro. Hall and the other members began to organise African Lodge No. 1 and soon petitioned Bro. Joseph Warren (who was ProvGM) for recognition. Unfortunately, before any action could be taken, Bro. Warren was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

In 1779, another application was sent but there are no records to indicate that it was successful. However, African Lodge No. 1 was meeting between 1779 and 1787. It was only on 29th September 1784 that a Charter was granted from the Grand Lodge of England. Consequently, on 6th May 1787, African Lodge No. 459, the only Lodge in Massachusetts holding a warrant from the Grand lodge of England, was constituted with WBro. Prince Hall as Worshipful Master. Many coloured men from New England, New York, Philadelphia as well as Boston were initiated and received degrees into the Lodge.

Brian January

Picture below shows (l to r) WBro. Daryl Ross, WBro. Guston Barnard, WBro. Henry Taylor (WM), RWBro. Melvin Jackson (SDDGM) and WBro. Tony Hargrave



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