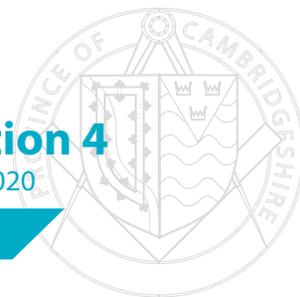


The Second Rising

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Helping with shop and drop

Helping to provide a shop and drop service in the March area is WBro. Ray Jack, of Caldwell Lodge No. 3201, He is keeping busy by shopping and delivering items in conjunction with FACT (Fenland Association for Community Transport).



Cake off bowls 'em over

Many Cambridgeshire brethren are getting involved with fundraising by other organisations they belong to throughout the county.

WBro. Les Mills, secretary of both Caldwell Lodge No. 3201 and Fenland Meridian Lodge No. 9858, is also president of March Town Cricket Club, where he organised a 'Great Cricket Cake Off' competition.

His initiative aimed to provide some help in the local community by raising awareness of the March Food Bank and attracting donations.

Members were requested to bake or buy a cake and donate tins and other foodstuffs to the charity, which is based in the town's Centenary Church Hall and usually accepts donations on Monday mornings.

Food Bank organiser Barbara Taylor judged the 'best presented home-baked cake' contest and the winner was Catherine Henshaw who baked a rainbow cake. She won a large bottle of Prosecco donated by Les, who had enlisted the help of his older sister Annie to provide his Victoria sponge.

Ray is one of several volunteers helping people at high risk, along with the elderly and vulnerable during this coronavirus pandemic. FACT launched this scheme after closing its dial a ride and befriending services due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Check out the Pathway website

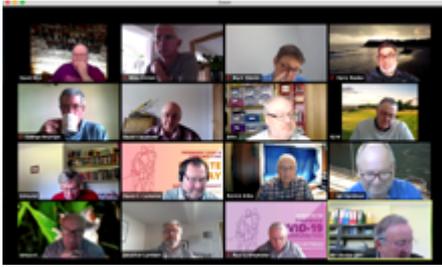


While Membership Officers and Mentors are familiar with the Members Pathway webpage produced by UGLE, it is, however, a resource for everyone that can help you to look at your own lodge through fresh eyes. "Now more than ever is a good time to think about how we can all use every facility to make sure our Lodges flourish again when we return from lockdown," said Provincial Grand Mentor, WBro. Jon West. The Members Pathway promotes and encourages communication, from how to promote your own Lodge and attract new members to how we retain and enthuse those we already have. Find out more here: <https://b.ugle.org.uk/membership>

The organisation decided if they could not provide their normal service of taking people to the shops, then they would take the shopping to the people. Other services include collecting and delivering prescriptions.

Try Harry's Quiz on page four

Help from Province's Covid-19 Group



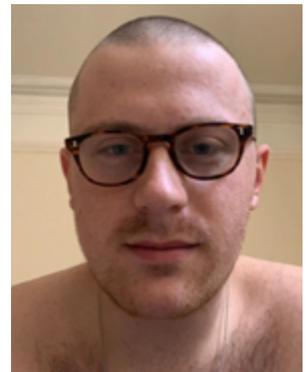
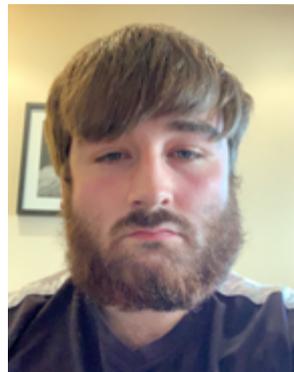
Normally at this time of the year we would be looking forward to the summer break with, of course, the annual meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, these annual events have been postponed. In the meantime, many of our members are busy helping the community and fellow members in different ways. While we may be further apart, we are also closer together. Straight after the suspension was announced, our Provincial Grand Master formed an Executive Covid-19 Sub Group to see what support could be given, not only to our members, but also to the wider community. The group meets regularly to ascertain the most important needs. The weekly meetings have resulted in help being given in a number of areas. These include:

- Donation of £5,000K to MAGPAS
- Donation of £5,000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance.
- Assistance with PPE to Cornwallis Court, our RMBI home.
- Contact being made with numerous potential suppliers of PPE.
- Enabled 500 sets of NHS scrubs to be used by Community Trusts.
- Contact made with members of our Province who work in the health sector.
- Enabled 250 sets of NHS-approved scrubs to be used for acute medical care.
- Supported the Salvation Army with the purchase of a large commercial fridge to help store ingredients donated for making meals for the homeless.
- Producing a shorter version of the Cambs Mason, called The Second Rising, to keep members up to date with what is being done in the Province by lodges and individuals.



Getting cropped for charity

It was short back and sides time for Bro. Brodie Ellis and Bro. Harry Johnson, of Fenland Farmers' Lodge No. 9933, when they took part in Wisbech Town Cricket Club's collection for the Covid-19 fund at Queen Elizabeth Hospital at King's Lynn. The club has also calculated the miles its four Saturday teams would travel to get to their games this summer - the total was 1,147. Now club members are being challenged to raise sponsorship money by using alternative means, such as running, walking and cycling, to clock up those miles. You can show your support at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wtcc-away-day



Co-operation across the border

A Wisbech mason helped to mobilise Masonic support for a family who suffered a disastrous fire at their home of the first day of the coronavirus lockdown.

WBro. John Grevatt, of Gild of Holy Trinity Lodge No. 6125, lives just over the Cambridgeshire border in the village of Gedney Hill in Lincolnshire, where the fire occurred. John said: "A young family with four children and pets suffered a disastrous fire overnight making their house

completely uninhabitable, albeit with them and the pets able to make their escape without any serious injury."

A relief effort in the village was started and continues to be co-ordinated by two of parish councillors. As the incident was not in Cambridgeshire, John felt it inappropriate to call on our Province's charitable resources but informed his fellow villager WBro. Gerald Simmons, of Alexandra Lodge No. 985 at Long Sutton, in Lincolnshire.

After very few phone calls and with the assistance of WBro. John Grimwood, just 24 hours later, Lincolnshire Province approved an emergency grant of £500 to the family to assist with their immediate needs. "We hope that with an excellent community response their situation can be made more tolerable and less traumatic than could be otherwise. It is true that Freemasonry cares and even more important is very ready and quick to respond," said John.

Caldecote network running at full speed

The village of Caldecote has seen some amazing local support from villagers in supporting those vulnerable and isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic.



As previously reported, at the forefront are WBro. Adrian Peters and his wife Lynn, who offered to find a solution for neighbours needing food and medication, but unable to leave their homes.

Adrian and Lynn set about helping them, and word spread to the remainder of their street. After more requests for help, the couple organised a community web of helpers to provide essential support with collecting and delivering to the vulnerable and in some cases just a voice to speak with for company and reassurance. The demand for help grew as did the number of people volunteering to help.

Adrian organises the supply of vegetables and meat, with deliveries numbering in the hundreds. He also organised a Gofundme page (Caldecote Community Fundraiser), which now has many donations from the people in the village, the biggest of which was £250.

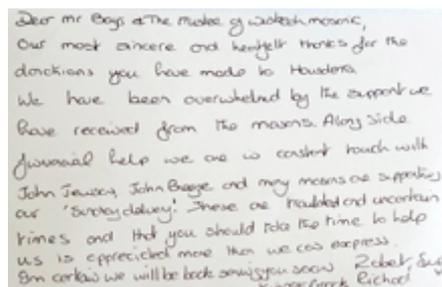
www.gofundme.com/f/caldecote-community-fundraiser

Two local councils are referring the villagers to Adrian for help. The Peters have also applied to South Cambridgeshire Council for a £5,000 fund to further subsidise the cost of the boxes.

From festive board to Sunday lunch

A Sunday lunch delivery service, suggested by local Masons, is being organised by one of the Province's regular catering companies. Housdens Catering, based in Chatteris, and its staff were in the thoughts of brethren when our Masonic centres were closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Shortly after, some members from the Wisbech area asked if Housdens could deliver meals.

As a result, arrangements were made, and more than a dozen masons and their families are enjoying Sunday lunches brought to the doorstep ready for the table. This initiative has not only supported the caterers, but also has provided a service for those who may not be able to cook for themselves at this particular time.



WBro. David Bays, of Gild of Holy Trinity No. 6125 and a trustee of Wisbech Masonic Benevolent Fund, received a thank-you card from Housdens, which said:

"We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from the Masons. These are troubled and uncertain times and that you should take the time to help us is appreciated more than we can express."

Stay safe and keep in touch

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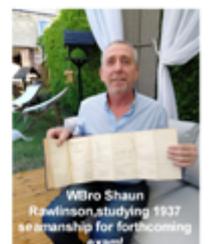
You can also find news and information about freemasonry in Cambridgeshire on the Provincial website at: www.pglcambs.org.uk

Prizes galore!

Winners of a lodge's virtual raffle have been proudly showing off their prizes, ranging from sportswear to an isolation survival kit and even a manual of seamanship for 1937, to create a fun photo montage.



Some Kynaston 'Virtual Raffle' winners with their prizes



The raffle, held by Kynaston Lodge No. 5810 on its WhatsApp group, was the idea of the Worshipful Master, WBro. John Creek. A total of £485 has been raised for the MCF's Covid-19 emergency fund.

Around the Province

Saturday 18th April should have been the Ladies Festival at St Wendred Lodge No. 8374, but it didn't go ahead. Instead many of the brethren raised a glass to the ladies and sent a selfie to their WhatsApp group.

Besides delivering shopping to members of his family who are in isolation, WBro. John Beeken, of Stone Cross Lodge No. 6704 at March, and his wife have been delivering food parcels to school pupils who qualify for free school meals. "My retirement is hectic," said John, a former paramedic.

WBro. Dave Sowman, of St Andrew Lodge No. 4087 at Whittlesey, and his wife organised for their fellow allotment holders to donate spare produce to a local food bank. They have also been contacting and helping local vulnerable people.

Brother Chenguang Sun, of Nourse Lodge No. 8590, has already delivered 200 face masks to Cornwallis Court residential home and promised more when he gets further supplies. He was sourcing a donation of coveralls, goggles and hand sanitisers for the NHS in Cambridgeshire.

Brother Gary Carre-Skinner, of Nourse Lodge No. 8590, has used his 3D printer to make face shields for his sister's surgery in Hastings and a care home in Suffolk.

"If anyone knows of this specific need elsewhere, I am happy to make more," he said. Gary, a laboratory scientist, has also signed up with the NHS volunteer service and to support Covid-19 testing with Public Health England, as well as to help with a clinical trial at Addenbrookes Hospital.

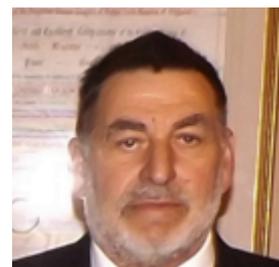
'Bags of Help' support for local communities

Tesco Bags of Help has launched a fund in response to the coronavirus outbreak. It is open to registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, and many more bodies. Grants of £500 are available to organisations that support vulnerable groups whose demand for services has been increased or disrupted, or who need to put new services in place. For any queries please contact: tescocv@groundwork.org.uk

Making a daily advancement in Masonic Knowledge

Calling all Master Masons 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 Raising. 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 15th June. Please send your entry to ProvGOrator@pqlcamb.org.uk

- 1 What is the emblem on the Lodge Almoner's collar?
- 2 What is the 'light of a Master Mason'?
- 3 What does it express?
- 4 What are the differences between the collar jewel of the current Master and a Past Master?
- 5 What are the working tools in the 3rd degree?
- 6 On what was our Master (Hiram Abiff) raised?
- 7 Name them?
- 8 What was Hiram Abiff's role in the construction of the 'former Temple'?
- 9 What does the badge (apron) of a Master Mason call on you to afford?
- 10 Why was our Master not interred in the Sanctum Sanctorum?
- 11 On what 'point' were you first admitted into the Lodge open in the 3rd degree?
- 12 How is the Supreme Being referred to in the 3rd Degree?
- 13 What is the sign of 'Joy and Exaltation' more commonly known?
- 14 Whence did it take its rise?
- 15 What is the position of the square and compasses in the 3rd Degree?
- 16 How many fellow crafts went in search of Hiram Abiff?
- 17 How many Lodges did they form themselves into?
- 18 Which sign is different in Scotland, Europe and USA?
- 19 What is the next regular step after the 3rd Degree?
- 20 To whom is the Tyler's toast dedicated?



WBro. Harry Rooke

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