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THANK YOU PGM

Alan John Vaughan
Provincial
Grand Master
15th November 2010 -
11th May 2018



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Masonic History of Alan John Vaughan



Initiated - 24/02/1971

Passed - 28/04/1971

Raised - 27/10/1971

Exalted - 24/04/1980

Grand Ranks	Start Date	End date
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (PAGDC) - Craft	28/04/1999	27/04/2004
Past Grand Sword Bearer (PGSwdB) - Craft	28/04/2004	
Past Grand Standard Bearer (PGStB) - Royal Arch	01/05/2003	
Provincial Ranks		
Craft	Start Date	End Date
Provincial Grand Master (ProvGM, Bristol)	15/11/2010	11/05/2018
Deputy Provincial Grand Master (DepProvGM, Bristol)	30/10/2003	15/11/2010
Provincial Junior Grand Warden (ProvJGW, Bristol)	01/01/1997	28/07/2015
Provincial Grand Registrar (ProvGSIB, Bristol)	01/01/1989	28/07/2015
Royal Arch	Start Date	End Date
Grand Superintendent (GSupt, Bristol)	15/11/2010	11/05/2018
Second Provincial Grand Principal (2ndProvGPrin, Bristol)	30/10/2003	14/11/2010
Third Provincial Grand Principal (3rdProvGPrin, Bristol)	27/05/1999	31/12/2000
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (ProvGSwdb, Bristol)	01/01/1999	28/07/2015
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer (ProvGStB, Bristol)	01/01/1991	28/07/2015

Lodge Career				
No	Name	Joined	Prov/Dist	Join Type
L4464	Dolphin	24/02/1971	Bristol	Initiate
L8168	Bristol Installed Masters	31/10/1984	Bristol	Joiner
L7464	Euclid Lodge of Installed Masters	08/02/1990	London	Joiner
L8522	Bristol Patrons	26/09/2002	Bristol	Joiner
L686	Jerusalem	01/01/2004	Bristol	Honorary
L1404	Saint Vincent	01/01/2004	Bristol	Honorary
L9841	Sportsmen's	20/09/2008	Bristol	Founder
L68	Royal Clarence	08/12/2008	Bristol	Honorary
L3633	Robert Thorne	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L3884	Cabot	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L3992	Peace	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L4561	St Nicholas	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L5386	Chatterton	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L1388	Canynoges	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L3108	St Augustine	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L2557	Powell	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L103	Beaufort	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L326	Moir Lodge of Honour	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L187	Royal Sussex Lodge of Hospitality	01/10/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L9688	Matthew	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L7401	Lodge of Unity	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L7356	Brunel	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L7127	Lodge of Harmony	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L7051	St Katharine	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L6789	Burnett	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L6688	Castle	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L6502	Anchor	01/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
L9299	Yatton Lodge of Harmony	30/09/2011	Somerset	Honorary
L9936	Scoutcraft	29/04/2017	Bristol	Honorary

Chapter Career				
No	Name	Joined	Prov/Dist	Join Type
C3108	St Augusrine	24/04/1980	Bristol	Exalte
C8168	Bristol Installed First Principals	29/11/1997	Bristol	Founder
C335	Chapter of Rectitude	03/10/2000	Wiltshire	Joiner
C9688	Matthew	02/11/2009	Bristol	Honorary
C9841	Sportsmen's	19/01/2013	Bristol	Founder
Lodge Offices				
No	Name	Office	Start Date	End Date
L4464	Dolphin	Treasurer	22/11/1995	26/11/1997
L4464	Dolphin	Chaplain	25/11/1992	22/11/1995
L4464	Dolphin	Director of Ceremonies	27/11/1991	25/11/1992
L4464	Dolphin	Master	26/11/1980	25/11/1981
L8168	Bristol Installed Masters	Senior Warden	24/05/2000	22/05/2001
L8168	Bristol Installed Masters	Master	23/05/2001	21/05/2002
L9841	Sportsmen's	Master	20/09/2008	15/04/2009
Chapter Offices				
No	Name	Office	Start Date	End Date
C335	Chapter of Rectitude	Treasurer	03/03/2011	29/02/2012
C335	Chapter of Rectitude	Charity Steward	02/03/2006	28/02/2007
C3108	St Augustine	Director of Ceremonies	28/09/1995	23/09/1999
C3108	St Augustine	Most Excellent Zerubbabel	27/09/1990	31/12/1990
C8168	Bristol Installed First Principals	Most Excellent Zerubbabel	12/11/2005	10/11/2006
C8168	Bristol Installed First Principals	Haggai	10/11/2004	11/11/2005
C8168	Bristol Installed First Principals	Joshua	12/11/2003	09/11/2004
C8168	Bristol Installed First Principals	Director of Ceremonies	12/11/1997	08/11/2000
C9841	Sportsmen's	Most Excellent Zerubbabel	26/01/2013	20/01/2014

City and County Conclave No 510

On the 5th December the City and County Conclave, No. 510 in the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, was honoured by a visit of the Deputy Grand Sovereign of the Order. This was the 21st meeting of the Conclave and the Deputy Grand Sovereign took part in the ceremony performing the accolade to make it a truly memorable experience for the candidate W Kt. Nathan Parsons.

Three more candidates were proposed during the meeting, City and County is a daytime Conclave which meets three times a year in Park Street. The after-meeting comprised Vegetable Soup, Fish and Chips followed by Baverois and Mousses, the Viceroy, E Kt. Tony Driffield proposed a toast to the Deputy Grand Sovereign who suitably responded saying that he had enjoyed his visit and he wished the Conclave well for the future.

THE ORDER

All Royal Arch Masons are entitled to seek membership of The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St. John the Evangelist. Since the establishment of Grand Imperial Conclave in 1865, the order has steadily grown with Conclaves formed throughout the English-speaking world.

Why Constantine? Candidates in this degree recognise how Christianity can be embraced by seeing how the legend of Constantine's conversion is set within Masonic ritual that is linked with the history of the Roman Empire.

THE HISTORY OF THE DEGREE

Constantine, a Roman, was destined for the college of Emperors but following the death of his father, he was hailed by the Legions in



The photograph shows from left to right, David Palmer, The Right Illustrious Intendent General for the Division of Somerset and Bristol; Andrew Baxter, The Most Puissant Sovereign of the City and County Conclave and Peter Hawken MBE, The Right Illustrious and Eminent Deputy Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of England and Wales. Photograph courtesy of Ill Kt. John Hawkins.

York as Augustus and became the Governor of Britain and Gaul. After several successful battles across the Alps and Italy he eventually established himself as the lawful Emperor of both the East and West and transferred the capital of the empire from Rome to Byzantium, later to be named after him.

He was the first Roman Emperor to openly encourage Christianity. His conversion began one evening after a long day's march with his army when, in what he believed was a sign from heaven, he and his army saw in the sky, and by the rays of the setting sun, a pillar of light in the form of a special cross. To sanctify the minds of his pagan army, he had made a standard bearing a Cross like that seen and ordered it to be carried before him in the wars. Several Christians in his army came forward and avowed their faith following which Constantine directed that they should wear on their armour a red cross.

Having been successful in battle it is said that Constantine with the

help of his chief bishop, Eusebius, opened a Conclave of the Knights of the Order whose members became the bodyguard of their Sovereign.

THE CEREMONIES

The Christian Order is in two parts. The first ceremony consists of the candidate's admission, obligation, and then the installation as a Knight-Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine, in which the historical basis of the Order is also detailed. In separate ceremonies the Knight-Companion builds on what he has already been taught, and in the ceremony of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist this knowledge is further expanded and the ultimate aims of Freemasonry are revealed. These, together with the two Installation ceremonies leading to the principal Chairs in the Red Cross of Constantine, are undoubtedly among the most impressive ceremonies in the whole of Masonry.

Provincial Act of Remembrance



On Saturday 11th November 2017 before the meeting of BIFP Chapter the now annual remembrance Service took place in the foyer at Freemasons Hall, Park Street. Where Brethren paid their respects to the British Forces who have paid the Ultimate price in War and Conflicts around the World since 1914.

The service was conducted again this year by the W Bro Revd. Steven Hawkins along with Assistance from the PGM R W Bro Alan Vaughan this



Left to Right:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. W Bro Revd Steven Hawkins | | 5. Phil Clarke | REME |
| 2. Bro Ian Withey | MoD Police | 6. Bro David Geater | Bristol Branch Merchant Navy |
| 3. Martin Dove | Bristol Army Cadets | 7. W Bro Tony Griffiths | Royal Observer Corps |
| 4. Nick Abdy | Pill Branch Merchant Navy | 8. Ron Thomas | Bristol Branch Merchant Navy |

short but relevant Service is increasing in popularity every year, along with the companions of BIFP Chapter and their Ladies, approximately 75 members attended the service that was arranged by W Bro Tony Griffiths

and was this Year supported by Local Servicemen's organisations - A wreath was laid in Remembrance, and the last post was played followed and two minutes silence was observed by all those present.

Bob White
PGCO



Freemasons Hall - Fresh Air Replacement System

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During the summer closed season a new fresh air supply system has been installed in the Hall to replace the original system which was shut down in 2012 owing to the potential risk from asbestos fibres in the ductwork sound insulation quilt.

The new system is now operational and provides fresh air at ambient room temperatures into all the main internal rooms in the building.

The old supply system has been abandoned and sealed to avoid the risk of any possible future contamination within the Hall.

The design process to re-provide the supply air within our Grade 2* Listed building has been complex and the team have investigated a number of options before settling on the current independent system.

Air is now supplied in four independent zones:

- *The Bar and Basement area*
- *The Dining Rooms and Chapter Room*
- *Lodge Rooms 1 and 4*
- *Lodge Room 3 and Rehearsal Room*

The systems are on timed controls and have adjustable settings for temperature delivery which will give us a significant amount of control of the conditions in the various areas of the building. However, it should be noted that this is not an air conditioning system, it is a replacement, to current regulation standards, of the original air supply system. It allows us to warm the supply air to ambient room temperatures but not to cool it.

We have, however, in two specific areas of concern, provided additional cooling facilities to allow consistent control of the temperatures within these areas. These are the Bar and the Chapter Room.

The Bar can overheat when busy and the air-conditioning unit will allow the area to remain comfortable in all conditions. Similarly, the Chapter

Room loses and gains heat easily as it has two large external walls and a balcony over part of its ceiling. The air-conditioning unit fitted here should again enable us to keep the temperature down for large spring, summer and autumn meetings whilst also being able to keep them up on cold winter nights when the Chapters meet.

The new system meets our statutory requirements for fresh air but will also give us better environmental control in the future. However, Brethren please remember that we have just installed the system and are in a period of commissioning to test out the best settings in the various vagaries of the British climate. So please bear with us over the coming months as we balance the system.

My thanks for their continuing hard work in this and other projects in the Hall go to Richard Needs, Philip Patrick, Steve Rawlings and Tony Griffiths.

Alan J Vaughan
Provincial Grand Master

Bristol Remembrance Sunday - 12th November 2017

For the first time Bristol Mason's representing the Province of Bristol marched behind the Bristol Standard Banner that was carried by W Bro Brian Yeatman of The Powell Lodge, in the procession that made its way from College Green through the City Centre to the Cenotaph at this year's Remembrance Sunday Commemorations.

The Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were accompanied by approximately Fifty Brethren, to pay our respects to British Forces that have paid the Ultimate price in War and conflicts around the World since 1914.

Bro Dwayne Doherty of The Dolphin Lodge laid a wreath of Poppies on behalf of the Province, all present were happy that he was honoured to represent the Province at this year's Commemorations.

Bob White - PCO



Mark Master Masons step up once more



Following the recent announcement from the Mark Benevolent Fund of a £35,000 grant to the Shelterbox charity, many Provinces also wanted to help in the relief efforts. The overwhelming support of 18 Provinces added another £32,850 giving us a staggering figure of £67,850.

Your generosity has now funded 1,938 ShelterKits. They are currently being distributed to those affected by the devastating storms and hurricanes in the Caribbean and surrounding areas. You can be safe in the knowledge that funds will reach their intended destination.

Mark well Brethren and keep up the magnificent work.

About the Mark Benevolent Fund

The Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) was founded in 1868 by Canon George Raymond Portal. The aim of the charity is to help poor and distressed Mark Master Masons and their immediate family. To date over £7 million has been disbursed in grants to individual petitioners.

The M.B.F. also makes donations to many other charities and worthy causes. These grants have totalled over £20 million since 1868. Examples of grants over recent years are £2.6 million to the Hope for tomorrow Cancer Charity; £12,937 to the Dogs for Good charity for the training and

development of a support dog; £1.4 million to St Bartholomew's Hospital for Cancer Care; £13,150 to the Baldwin Trust for the refurbishment of canal boats specially modified for disabled visitors; £107,628 for St Oswald's Hospice in Northumberland to replace and upgrade their kitchen facilities and a renewed partnership with St John Ambulance pledging over £3 million to help replace their fleet of ambulances, mobile treatment centres and support vehicles.

As the 150th Anniversary of the M.B.F. approaches, it is important to reflect on Canon Portal's drive, enthusiasm and dedication, remembering that to

him it was wrong for there to be any delay in providing assistance to those in need. Canon Portal's own Latin tag "Bis dat qui cito dat" – 'He gives twice who gives promptly' or 'A gift given without hesitation is as good as two gifts', became the guiding principle of the M.B.F. We still live by that adage, which is as relevant today as it was when he founded the Fund in 1868.

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Craft

The Grand Master, HRH, The Duke of Kent KG, has been pleased to appoint

W Bro Jonathan Mark Walker DAVIS DPGM as the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Bristol with effect from Saturday 12th May 2018.

The PGM Designate is very pleased to announce that his Deputy will be W Bro Richard Lewis PPrSGW.

The Installation Ceremonies will take place at St Georges Hall on Saturday 11th May 2018.



WBro Jonathan Davis PGM



W Bro Richard Lewis Deputy PGM

Bristol Masonry Patronises Young Artist

When Bristol's Freemasons' Hall was destroyed by incendiary bombing on the night of 24th November 1940, almost the whole contents of the library and museum were lost. The few items which survived did so because they were at the homes of Brethren that night, rather than being in the building.

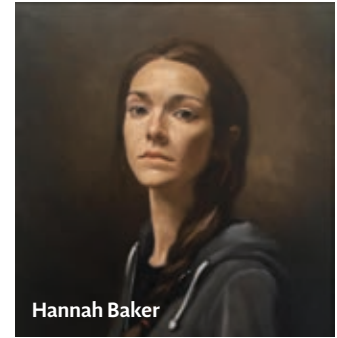
As well as destroying the Lodge and Chapter rooms, many portraits of Past Provincial Grand Masters and their Deputies were lost. The Province was fortunate, however, in that black and white photographs of many of these portraits had been published in various books. A History of Freemasonry in Bristol by A.C. Powell and J. Littleton, published in 1910, contains several; and The Freemasons' Hall, Bristol by Sir Ernest H. Cook, published in 1939, included his own portrait as a frontispiece.

Hannah Baker is a young English artist who trained in Florence. She excels in the "Sight-Size" method used by famous artists such as Sir Joshua Reynolds, John Singer Sargent, and James McNeill Whistler. In this technique the image is placed immediately beside the subject and the artist stands at a distance in order to perceive both as a whole. Using this method, Hannah has become an accomplished portrait painter. Critics have described her as an "extremely talented young artist, gifted with great pictorial skill ... Hannah has an intuitive

sense of colour and style, and a superb handling of paint. She truly draws with the brush ... She is a true promise in the world of art today" (International Confederation of Art Critics website).

Hannah has undertaken to reproduce several of the lost Bristol portraits and the results speak for themselves. She has already reproduced those of Frederick Charles Husenbeth, who served as Deputy Provincial Grand Master three times for a total of twelve years, and William Augustus Frederick Powell, Provincial Grand Master from 1889 to 1906. More recently she has been commissioned by the Bristol Masonic Society to replace the portrait of Alderman Sir Ernest Henry Cook, the Society's first President, originally painted by Ernest Board. This new portrait was

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Hannah Baker

unveiled at the Society's meeting on 29th September, as part of their Centenary Celebrations.

Bristol has one of the finest Masonic Halls outside London and, by rehanging these portraits, the Province's lost heritage is being restored.

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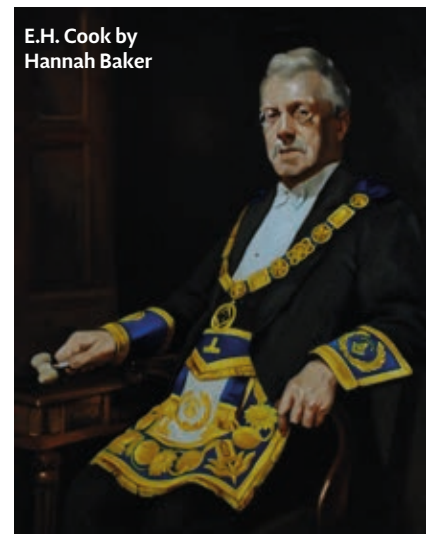
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E.H. Cook
original



E.H. Cook by
Hannah Baker



WAF Powell original



WAF Powell by Hannah Baker



Husenbeth original



Husenbeth by Hannah Baker

The Christmas Tree Appeal 30th Anniversary

In 1987 a relatively small Christmas Tree was erected in the reception hall in Freemasons Hall, Bristol, by Ken Johnson and Tony Rance from the 87 Circle with the sole purpose of brightening up the building as it was Christmas time.

The result was that on Christmas Eve two presents and a 10pound note had been fixed to one of the branches. It was decided to take the presents up to the Women's Aid Refuge on the Wells Road, and a relationship was formed which still exists today.

In the 30 years we have delivered something in the region of 35,000 presents to not only the Women's Aid, Bristol (well Kingswood actually) but as far afield as Yeovil, The Mendips, Chippenham and Stroud. We even do an emergency trip to a Refuge in North Wales where we had been informed they had nothing.

Mothers and their children are not always taken to a local Refuge but to one which is safe and maybe some distance away. We try to make sure when they get there, they are not forgotten and have something for Christmas.

We also try and help with food and some cash so that if the girls / ladies running the refuges have to get a taxi or some other form of transport at some ungodly hours to get a family out of a dangerous situation they can do it, and they even need instant money to get restraining orders etc.

We do not only support the Women's Aid but a number of other places where help is needed to give Children something for themselves at Christmas. We also deliver to all the Bristol City Council Family Support Units in the City.

In addition, we collect other items as well as toys, such as toiletries, sanitary wear, warm clothing, plus books, pencils and even in some instances food. We work with "Caring at Christmas" and a number of other such Charities around the City, who look after homeless people at Christmas and they also receive from us warm clothing which the Brethren donate.

The Brethren are brilliant at donating money as well, and this enables us to help in so many ways. Any money that is left over, after we have taken care of all the aforesaid, we donate to some of the small and maybe lesser known Charities in and around Bristol. ERIC (The Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity), NACOA (National Association of Children of Alcoholics), SCARF (skin cancer research, Southmead) plus numerous others. Also, one or two of the larger ones who do brilliant work in helping children, such as, The Starlight Foundation, The Jessie May Trust and of course The South West Children's Hospice.

We have since 1987 donated somewhere in the region of £35,000 in some form or other, to mainly children's related charities who need.

The Christmas Tree Appeal actually does not only operate around Christmas. Due to our knowledge of who, what and where, we find ourselves moving things around throughout the year. "A" doesn't want those blankets or duvets etc. any more, but we know someone who does, so we move them onto to "B". Over the years we have got to know who wants what and the constraints they have on them as to what they can take.

A few years ago, we inherited a very big dolls house which no one wanted but it was in immaculate condition. It was too big for anyone locally, but we found out that the Children's Hospice attached to very famous Christies Hospital in Manchester would love to give it a home. A quick call was made to one of the Brethren who happened to have a few lorries with lifting facilities on the back, and it was soon picked up and delivered all the way to Withington, Manchester. It's still a main feature in their reception area.

Today we now erect and dress five trees still with the main objective of brightening up Freemasons Hall for Christmas. I think you will agree that objective has been achieved but with a big bonus for us all, that of cheering up and helping out a few people at Christmas.

The 2017 Appeal is now well under way, and it looks likely to be a record year all due to the generosity of THE FREEMASONS OF BRISTOL

Tony Rance

6th December 2017

London Demo



The Christmas Tree 30th Anniversary Appeal 2017

2nd January 2018

Dear Brethren and Companions,

All Lodges and Chapters in the Province of Bristol

We cannot thank you all enough for all the generosity you have shown to the Christmas Tree Appeal this year. Considering we were not able to erect the Tree(s) until the beginning of December the results have been tremendous. We have received and given out over 1100 presents to worthy causes in the week leading up to Christmas.

Some eight Women's Aid organisations who collectively have "12 safe houses", have all received bags of present, plus bags of toiletries, children's underwear and other miscellaneous items. Plus, warm clothing to the Caring at Christmas and a number of other worthy outlets. We also contact the Women's Aid units prior to Christmas to see if they have any special needs and the money that is so generously donated enables us to fulfil those needs. This year we also had help from a number of young supporters who were related to Members of the Province and between four young people we received around 350 presents and one even used it as her Duke of Edinburgh's Award Project.

In addition, we have delivered to two other projects and have also included four Bristol City Council Child and Family Units. At every place we visited we received a really warm welcome, and appreciative comments about the presents which were all nicely wrapped and new.

Also, due to your generosity, we were able give a monetary donation to all the Women's Aid Units. At Christmas this is especially welcome with a lot of their funding either reduced considerably or withdrawn altogether. Christmas is a busy time for getting vulnerable families away from brutal homes and into safety, and quite often they come with nothing in terms of personal chattels, or money, just what they were wearing as they made their getaway.

With regards to the monetary donations we have received in excess of £2500, which is again a marvellous total and has enabled us to make donations to not only the Women's Aid Safe Houses but also to a host of other child related Charities. A full Account of each Appeal is available for those who wish to see it.

Since the Christmas Tree Appeal started in 1987 we have donated in excess of 17,000 children's and ancillary presents and well in excess of £33,000, to Charities which are specifically related to Children's Needs, although we have made the occasional donation to Charities nearer to a Mason's heart, not many, it must be said, but a few.

In addition, once again, Fredy Eyermann, gave all his perishable goods to another Home for the Homeless and Displaced on the Friday, a gesture which again was very much appreciated, well done Fredy. (Fredy did this on a day he was also having treatment at Southmead, a wonderful gesture, and I know in talking to him, he should have been resting at home.)

In closing I must give a special thank you to "Santa's Special Helpers" who, instead of reindeer and sleighs, jumped into their Honda's. Lexus, Nissans, etc. etc, and delivered presents all over the South West to ensure the Children got their presents in time for Christmas.

Therefore, a big thank you to W Bro's. Barry Leat, Tony Corrigan, Simon Vowles, Bob Cox, Geoff Hunt, Gerald Slade and Martin Leather. Also, we could not have done this without the support of W Bro's. Stuart MacKendrick, Peter Wills and Viv Bevan. A very special thank you also to W Bro Tony Griffiths for all his assistance and unfailing support, well into the night on many occasions.

Yours fraternally and very gratefully,

Tony Rance

The Bristol Masonic Benevolent Institution

Over the past year the BMBI, under their constitution, has been carrying out its work to help Bristol Masons and their dependants. They have also considered requests from non-masonic charities which are based in the Bristol area and helping good causes. The full list is published in the Province of Bristol Year Book.

Here are just some of the major recipients:

- St Peters Hospice £20,000
- Great Western Air Ambulance Charity £5000.
- The Jessie May Trust for children £6000.
- McMillan Cancer Support £5000.
- Prostate Cancer Southmead £5000.
- The Bristol MSF 2019 Festival Appeal £20,000

Children's and Cancer research charities have also benefited as well as helping other local charities, food banks at Christmas, night shelters and soup runs for the homeless.

Over the past year 42 worthy causes have been helped by Bristol Masonry totalling £111,350.

A note for Lodge Charity Stewards diaries - BMBI AGM will be held 4th April 2018 at Freemason's Hall, Park Street, Bristol

Carol Service



Gala Dinner



Masonic Charitable Foundation

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On the 25 October 2017 The MCF approved £450,000 for hospices across England and Wales. In total the Masonic Community has awarded over £12million to the hospices since 1984 through the MCF.

This year Jessie May was awarded £1,000 and St Peter's Hospice £2,620

In addition, significant monies will be awarded in partnership with Hospice UK, the national charity for hospice care. This is a pilot project to give more substantial grants to hospices. The grants will help develop and extend bereavement support services in hospices; the effect of these services will enhance the well-being of bereaved families or individuals. The very significant grant will be announced in March 2018.

Tim Brunton
PGCharity Steward

The MCF has defined its Strategy and Values as:-

RESPONSIVE TO NEED • MAKING A DIFFERENCE • STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Emergency grants in the wake of hurricanes Irma and Maria from the MCF-£110,000

£450,000 has been awarded to 245 hospices across England and Wales.

£41,053 of small grants awarded in July to 9 charitable organisation's.

£552,045 of large grants awarded in July to 12 charitable organisation's.

Province of Bristol Masons and dependents in 2016/2017 received grants of £40,879 and so far this year £21,082.

In 2016/2017 across All Provinces a total of 4024 grants at a total of £6,001,376.61 was awarded.

MCF Community Awards £3million. New videos concerning the grant giving are soon to be produced. 177,801 votes were cast. 87% from members of the general public.

Monies raised from Festivals completed in 2017 by provinces was £10.84 million.

By Jan 2018 the Relief Chest Scheme will have an on line donation platform.

MCF are launching an on line will making service.

www.mck.org.uk



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CHARITY



Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled

Visited the Avon Riding Centre for the Disabled for the presentation of the £25000 cheque as winners of the MCF Community Award for the Bristol Province.

The money is going to be spent on the purchase of two horses and their training, the resurfacing of an out-door paddock so it becomes all weather and not muddy and extending their car park. This will allow them to host the regional riding disability championships.

I was joined today by Bros Les Bakos from Moira Lodge [a newly joined mason] who had voted for the charity in the summer, visited their operation and has now put himself forward as a volunteer.



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On Wednesday 28 February Tim Brunton, Bob White and Chris Williams had the great pleasure in meeting Claire Horrex of the Charity Bloodwise. The BMC presented Claire with a cheque for £1000. This donation was requested by our well known and esteemed brother mason Bryan Fox who was unfortunately diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in the summer of 2017. Bryan has received extensive support from the Bloodwise charity. Bloodwise is the UK's specialist blood cancer charity. They fund world-class research and offer information and support to everyone affected by blood cancer, including leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other blood

disorders. They can also discuss how patients might benefit from research and clinical trials. There is also a support line 0808 2080 888 [Mon-Fri 10.00am -4pm, freephone].
bloodwise.org.uk/information-and-support, [facebook.com/bloodwise.uk](https://www.facebook.com/bloodwise.uk)

Bryan's grandson Adam is running in the Bath Half Marathon on 4 March to raise monies for the charity and at a Bristol Rovers game v Bradford City their buckets raised £530.

Our thoughts are with Bryan and his family.

Tim Brunton
 PGCharity Steward

Emmaus

Chris Williams and Tim Brunton visited Emmaus at Backfields House, Upper York Street Bristol to present them with a cheque for £1000 to help towards the cost of refurbishing two houses in Bristol for homeless individuals. The two houses have been given to them on a 10 year lease rent free from Bristol City Council, but require a lot of work. They are needing to raise £30,000 per home to bring them back to use.



Emmaus have three shops. One in Gloucester Road selling antique type furniture and two others in Bedminster by Asda and the third at Upper York Street which we had a rummage around. For more information:
info@emmausbristol.org.uk

Tim Brunton

18 months of the MCF: What have we been up to?

As autumn leaves creep onto the steps of Freemasons' Hall, it seems summer is over for another year. As we look forward to the festive period, it is also important to reflect on what has been a busy, exciting first 18 months.

What do we do?

We have now established the Masonic Charitable Foundation as one of the largest charities in the country, building on the legacy of the four separate charities that had existed since 1788. Caring for people is, and always will be, at the heart of what we do. We build better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing; it is incredible to see our support changing lives. Over the last year and a half, we have proudly supported around 5,000 Freemasons and their families across England and Wales, as well as 477 local and national charities.

We are here to support Freemasons and their family members who are facing financial, health, family or care difficulties. Our support primarily takes the form of regular financial grants to cover essential living costs and we provide a range of additional, specific grants and practical support.

We promote independence by protecting the financial stability of families and individuals and providing home adaptations and mobility equipment for those with disabilities or limited mobility. Through our grants for school trips, extra-curricular activities and course fees, and our MCF holidays, we encourage opportunity by preventing social exclusion and isolation as well as supporting the education of children and young people. We improve wellbeing by funding medical treatment, respite care, counselling services

and providing quality residential care. All of this support is funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families.

When Freemason Adrian faced redundancy for the fourth time, he worried how he would meet the costs related to his children's education. "I've been a Freemason since 1987 but was completely oblivious to the support provided by the MCF," said Adrian. "I went from having a good, well-paid job to having nothing, which was tough. Then my Almoner told me about the MCF, and everything got better from there!" We provided Adrian's daughter, Jessica, with funding to attend additional science tutoring, and gave his son, Christopher, an annual scholarship to support him through his degree.

"I can't tell you how grateful we are," said Christopher. "University was the best three years of my life. I graduated with first class honours in Sport Science and a merit in my Masters. I'm now working as a Performance Analyser for the Cardiff Blues rugby club and working towards a PhD. None of this would have been possible without the support from the MCF."

Meanwhile, Jessica's science tutoring helped to secure her place at university and she is about to begin a six-year degree in medicine.



Supporting the wider community

Our support extends beyond Freemasonry through grants to local and national charities that help the most vulnerable people in

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wider society. From community nurses to artists teaching the blind; and from addiction support workers to adventure activities for disabled people; our support has funded projects that make both the ordinary and the extraordinary possible for those facing disadvantage.

We have awarded 477 grants to charities since launching in 2016, including £75,000 to Buttle UK. Our funding will support access to education, employment or training for young people who are estranged from their family or carers. We're also funding pioneering medical research studies that will impact lives of those living with illness, and those yet to be diagnosed, including £150,000 to Brain Tumour Research. Our funding will help ground breaking research into one of the most common and deadly types of brain tumour. Professor Silvia Marino who is leading the research, explained;

"Our grant will pave the way for new drugs designed to target and kill the cancer cells which will stop the tumour in its tracks".

Although the research is in its early stages, imagine a world people diagnosed with brain cancer to feel a greater sense of hope, in part because of Masonic funding.



Celebrating the Tercentenary year

This year, we have taken our grant-making a step further to celebrate 300 years of Freemasonry. Through the MCF Community Awards, Freemasons and the public voted

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for 300 charities to receive £3 million, in grants of up to £25,000. An astonishing 177,809 people voted in the awards, and 87% were members of the public.

Events are now taking place up and down the country to award the charities with their grants. What a fantastic way to spread the philanthropic nature of Freemasonry, meet beneficiaries and promote the work of the MCF.



As we look towards the future, we hope our work will continue to make an impact on both the Masonic family and your local community. We consider all applications for support on an individual basis, so if in doubt – please get in touch!

If you are a Freemason or close family member of a Freemason and need support with a financial, health, family or care need, call our confidential enquiry line on freephone **0800 035 60 90** or email help@mcf.org.uk.

If you are a representative of a charity, please visit mcf.org.uk/community to find out more about our Charity Grant programme, or call **0203 146 3337** for more information.

Enjoy the autumn season and keep an eye on our website and social media pages for the latest news about our work.

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An Introduction to Bristol Playbus Project



Bristol Playbus Project was first established in 1974 with an under five's bus; working at first to establish play groups and subsequently, parent and toddler groups.

The project is now a mobile play, early years and inclusive play project with a fully converted double-decker bus for Pre-school children, Playranger van and soon to be, sensory truck-fully equipped for working with disabled children and young people in their locality.

We work in areas where people are isolated from community provision in and around Bristol. We work proactively to identify areas of inadequate provision and respond reactively whenever a need for our service is identified. We provide resources to bring people together to identify their common needs, and offer support so they may independently fulfill those needs.

The Bristol Playbus Project actively promotes the importance of play.

We offer play opportunities, creative activities, mobile crèches, play events, pre-school and after-school sessions, inclusive play, training and community development work. Throughout the year, we work with pre-school children and their parents/carers, juniors and disabled youngsters. This includes work with Children's centres, community action groups, Adventure playgrounds, Traveller communities and other groups from minority ethnic/cultural backgrounds. We liaise with other agencies and work in partnerships to provide a high quality, professional service.

Free Open Play sessions are provided by the Playranger team in Bristol's parks all year round and during the school holidays and we are also available to be hired out for community consultations, crèches, events and festivals.

We are funded by a range of different Community Trusts and foundations South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Council but with major cuts and local government re-organisation over the last few years, our own fundraising with support from local and national companies and individuals, has become increasingly important.

We endeavour to offer equality of opportunity in all the work that we do, placing great emphasis on involving volunteers from our diverse local community.

Our staff team consists of a Project Co-ordinator, three play development workers (specialising in either under five's, play and inclusion) and a small, dedicated team of experienced sessional workers and volunteers. The project is overseen by a voluntary management committee (trustees).

The Bristol Playbus Project is represented at a national level on the board of National Playbus Association.

We can accommodate children aged 0-13 years and provide for them a happy, secure environment.

We regard each child as a unique individual with their own root to independence. We value the background of each child including culture, religion, language, personal achievement and home experiences. Through this we aim to reflect the positive images of our society in the experiences we offer. For further information, please contact the office at 24 Bright 5street, Barton Hill, Bristol, BS5 9PR, tel. 0117 9551566, Email- Manager@BristolPlaybus.org

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Jessie May



On Tuesday 19 December Tim Brunton Charity Steward, Chris Williams Past Deputy Chair of Bristol Masons, Chris Cook, Preshaw Dewani met with Rachel and Julian and other staff members from Jessie May – Children's Hospice at Home. We presented them with a cheque of £1000 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation [MCF]. Jessie May is a charity that provides specialist nursing care for terminally ill children in their own homes. They offer vital respite care and emotional support to those children's families, as well as end of life care and bereavement support, allowing families to make the most of the precious time they have together and creating treasured family memories. They have 35 full / part time nurses. Due to the nature of the care provided, they cannot operate a waiting list and so they are fully stretched. If you wish to get involved or find out more about this great charity : www.jessiemay.org.uk fundraising@jessiemay.org.uk Tel. 0117 9616840

Tim Brunton & Chris Cook
MCF Reps.



Green House

Chris Williams and Tim Brunton had great pleasure in presenting a £4000 cheque to the Green House in St.Werburghs Bristol. They are a charity that has been operating for over 30 years providing support for children and adults affected by sexual abuse trauma.

They are a non profit making charity and their services are entirely funded by grants and donations. Last year they helped 133 women, 60 men and 72 children plus family support and everyone is offered six months of individual therapy for free. They have a high success rate of treatment and not only helping those affected to come to terms with their experiences but also reducing unemployment, mental health issues and reliance on drugs and alcohol. To find out more :

www.the-green-house.org.uk .

Tim Brunton
PGCharity Steward

Bristol & District Tranquilliser Project

has been supported through the MCF Community Awards – Tercentenary Fund with a grant of

£4,000

to support their outstanding work

300 charities | £3 million | 300 years

2017 MCF Community Awards



Tim Brunton and Naomi Salisbury.

Self Injury Support

The MCF Donated £3000 to the charity Self Injury Support [info@selfinjurysupport.org.uk].

Myself, Tim Brunton and Chris Cook as MCF representatives visited the charity at their offices at Upper Maudlin Street. They are part of a network of charities that offers support and advice to young women who are in the process of self-harming.

They provide support through a phone line, texting and the internet, also go into local schools and prisons.

They also offer their services to older women and men.

They made us very welcome and we were pleased that we could help such a worthwhile charity.

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The Soundwell Music Therapy Trust

I had the great pleasure of representing the MCF and Bristol Freemasons in presenting a Cheque for £2500 to Glyn from The Soundwell Music Therapy Trust at St Saviour's Hall in Weston Super Mare. They are a charity that provides music therapy within the South West for adults whose lives are seriously affected by mental issues.

They support people in their mental health recovery and provide emotional support for carers, using music to explore creativity, communication and expression. This can rebuild hope and transform lives. It has also been recommended by N.I.C.E.

At a local level isolated individuals can make friendship groups. The charity has no base but travels out to community halls and other venues.

If you wish to find out more or ask the charity to come and give a talk contact details: soundwell.org

Face Book :
soundwellmusictherapytrust

Tim Brunton
Charity Steward for
Freemasons of Bristol



Bristol Masonic Golf Society



**The Ron Brunton
Inter Lodge Trophy**
Played at Thornbury Golf Club
Friday 15th September 2017

On what was to prove an overcast, but warm day, 20 players from 9 lodges from within the Province of Bristol competed for the coveted Ron Brunton Inter Lodge Golf Trophy – the third year that this competition had been held.

Running alongside the team competition was the Individual Bristol Masonic Golf Society Champion's Trophy.

All the players arrived safely and commented that if the competition had been run the day before, then no-one would have been able to get to Thornbury Golf Club after the terrible accident.



However, having made their way to the club, golfers were greeted with a hearty bacon roll and coffee, before stepping out onto the First Tee. Teams of two, from each lodge, playing a 2 ball, Better Ball Stableford competition off a full handicap allowance, with both players to score on all par threes, set off on the elevated first tee at Thornbury from 10.30am onwards.

Playing conditions were very good throughout the day, although a slight breeze from the west did make some of the holes more difficult. Competition and rivalry amongst the teams was intense – each pairing wanting to become the team to beat the first two year's winners Beaufort, to be crowned Inter Lodge Champions for 2017.

From the outset, it was clear that scoring would be good in the pleasant conditions.

As players completed their rounds they were treated to an excellent rolling two course buffet meal laid on by the club. Everyone agreed that this was excellent value for money.

Once all the cards had been scrutinised and signed!!!! ("as correct!") the scores were calculated.



Overall winners of the team prize, by the narrowest of margins and winners of the Inter Lodge Trophy were the team from Jerusalem Chapter, closely followed by Cabot Lodge in second place with Brunel and Dunckerley Mark Lodge in third place.

**Individual Champion for 2017 -
Andrew Nunn**
**Nearest the pin in 2 on 6th -
Sam Glenn**
**Longest Drive on 9th -
Colin Rogers**
**Nearest the pin on 12th -
Andrew Nunn**
**Nearest the pin in 3 on 18th -
Stephen Carter**

Thanks, were expressed to Thornbury Golf Club for giving us all a superb day. The golf, the company,

the food, and the service were all first class.

This is now the third year that this competition has been played and it was thought, by all who played, to be a resounding success. It is hoped that in the coming years that more lodges in the province will be represented!



Safest place on the course when Arthur Grannan is playing his shot = middle of the fairway!!!

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to team and individual winners at Brunel Lodge meeting (the Captain's Lodge) on Thursday 19th October 2017.

Further information about this meeting will be sent out nearer the date but it is hoped that as many members of the BMGS as possible will be there to support our outgoing Captain, Adrian Timms and welcome next year's Captain Tony Whitmarsh.



The Province of Bristol v Wiltshire

Played at Kendleshire Golf Club
Wednesday 20th September 2017

Having had to re-arrange this fixture, there were high hopes from the Bristol team that we could win the trophy for the first time ever against a strong Wiltshire team at Kendleshire Golf Club.



The weather was perfect for the start of our game of golf – the sun shone, it was quite warm, but with a light breeze blowing across the course made some of the holes a little more challenging. There had also been forecast a chance of rain later in the afternoon, which would affect the late starters.

Once again Wiltshire could only provide a team of 13 for this annual encounter but that did not detract from our enjoyment of the day, renewing our friendships with people that we had been playing against for a number of years now!



The course was in near perfect condition with well-manicured fairways and consistently even greens. It became very apparent that with the greens so fast, putting would be more difficult

As the afternoon progressed, and the rain arrived, the result of the match was very much in the balance.

The final result however, was a win for Bristol by 4 to 3 but everyone agreed that it had been a superb day; much enjoyed by all those taking part.

(Apart from Ron Brunton, who lost Again!!!! Probably for the 5th time this year!)

After a drink in the bar overlooking the 18th hole, all players adjourned to the dining room to enjoy a splendid two course meal with coffee.

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At the end of the meal, the trophy was presented to the Bristol Captain Adrian Timms by Michael Eagles, who was very gracious in defeat; but acknowledged the fact that it had been a tight game played in the correct manner.

As the sun set on another successful year of golfing for the BMGS, we all look forward to supporting our new captain for the year – Tony Whitmarsh

Don't forget the Captain's Lodge visit on Thursday 19th October 2017, where trophies and prizes will be given out for the year along with a cheque to the PGM.



Winners of Trophies for 2017

Competition	Winner
Douglas Marshman Tankard	Roger Unwin
Colin Rogers	
Gloucestershire	Gloucestershire
Monmouthshire	Bristol
Don Foster	Colin Rogers
Clive Farrow	David Branch
Cabot Cup	Mike Biggs
Tercentenary	Oxfordshire
Cornwall	Bristol
Somerset	Somerset
Ron Brunton	Andrew Nunn
Wiltshire	Bristol
Captain's Trophy	Adrian Timms



To start the year in true style, some of the 2000 Circle members decided to cruise the Caribbean to kickstart the tourism after the devastation brought to their islands by the two uninvited ladies, namely 'IRMA and MARIA! The men forgetting that the ladies in our group could cause devastation too.....to our credit cards.....just as soul destroying.

The cruise liner Viking Sea was an amazing ship and their crew from day one set about to make for one real enjoyable outing for 10 of the circle members. The succumbing of

the ship's hotel staff to the charm and negotiating skills of the 2000 circle, meant the private dining room facilities each evening.....even the fine dining restaurants! As you can imagine the range of drinks that accompanied the exquisite dishes, set for lubrication of the vocal chords! The toast..... unique circle formed with tinkling of glasses.....always to 'The 2000 Circle'!

The pre-dinner drinks at different venues around the ship and drinks at dinner certainly energised those dancing feet! The Viking band at the Torshavn were always happy to play along with suitable numbers.....even join in a video production for a special Happy Birthday!

Each day as the sun rose new exhilarating views presented to those hazy eyes recovering from the effect of the port and liqueurs! From San Juan to St Croix to St John's to Castries to Bridgetown to Guadeloupe to St

Kitts to St Maarten to St Thomas..... walking tours, bus tours, train tours, beach experiences, snorkelling.....so much was enjoyed individually or as a group. The wonderfully happy and easy-going people of these islands just add so much value for tourists!

A couple of the many highlights of the tour was competition between the male and the fairer sex members! As was inevitable and expected, even though they endeavoured by fair or foul means, the fair sex lost convincingly at the beach in the construction event and on ship on the sports deck. The ladies did try very hard with their Windsor Castle but the ship in dry dock model was well.....

From the photo above one can summarise the fun that was had by all from the departure time to arrival at Heathrow. The finale being the Pole Dancing demo by.....to be revealed at a later date!!

Bro Paul Wong

Bro Paul Wong has recently been diagnosed with Cancer, this has caused difficulty with his ability to walk and at 25 years of age a pretty difficult situation.



W Bros Neil Sage and Tony Griffiths on hearing of his predicament set out to see if they could locate a mobility scooter to give Paul his independence. Within a week they had got the support of Bristol Mobility Centre in St George. They offered a reconditioned machine FOC.

The photo shows Neil and Tony handing over the machine. A true occurrence of Brotherly Love and Relief.

Paul Robinson



The Bristol Masonic Classic Car Club
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Join us on Drive it day 22nd April 2018

We will meet at the Whitminster Inn Bristol Road, Whitminster, Gloucester GL2 7NY between 09:00-11:00 where we can view all of the cars and have a natter. Tea/Coffee sandwiches etc will be available in a marquee which we have exclusively hired. We will then set off on a drive through the Cotswolds arriving back at the Whitminster for 14:30 to a leisurely Sunday Lunch in the Marquee.




Modern Classics Welcome...

For details of how to join The Bristol Masonic classic car club (no subscription), and attend this event, please E-mail info@BMCCC.org

We will send you an application form to join the club, and an entry form for the event.

Masons are welcome to join us as a visitor from another Province.

Please E-mail info@BMCCC.org for an entry form and details.

Telephone number and address above if you don't have E-mail.




Hope you can join us!

Closing date for entries 31st March 2018



1985 Circle

2 017 was yet another successful year for our Circle with our President W. Brother Max Houlden of the Lodge of St Christopher No.9095.

Our programme commenced with the now traditional A.G.M. and 'Post Christmas' celebratory lunch held at The Major's Retreat, Tormarton.

The first 'outing' was a Fraternal visit to the Lodge of St Christopher to support our President Max. This was a particularly important evening as his son Matthew was 'Raised'. The Ladies spent the evening with our President's lady, Ann, who was celebrating her birthday! Probably a familiar story, we go off to enjoy ourselves at Lodge whilst the ladies are left to amuse themselves even a special occasion! We are very fortunate to have such tolerant support behind us!

In April we met at the Royal Hotel, Pier Road, Portishead for lunch before we made a visit to the RNLI Lifeboat station. We were treated to a most informative talk on the work of the RNLI followed by a conducted tour of the Lifeboat Station. It is truly amazing what these volunteers do in order to in order to 'save lives at sea'!

At the May Bank Holiday we assembled for the annual Circle Caravan 'Weekend' at Piccadilly Caravan Park, Lacock. As always this was a most enjoyable occasion, which for some can last for as much as 10 days during which we enjoyed great company, a lot of laughs interrupted by good food and wine! The communal Circle BBQ, open to all, was held on the Bank holiday Sunday.



In July we made a visit to the Cannington Walled Gardens, near Bridgwater. We then drove along the road to Nether Stowey where we had lunch at the 'Ancient Mariner' public house. This was followed by a tour of Colledge House, the National Trust property, which is situated in the same village on the opposite side of the road.

In September we made a tour of the 'Thatchers' Cider factory at Sandford. This was an extremely interesting occasion thanks to our

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guide who took us through every aspect of production until we had a opportunity to sample some of the products. We then retired to the factory restaurant for lunch.

The year continued with a celebratory lunch in Number 3 dining room at Park Street with a superb meal thanks to Fredy and his staff. We closed off the year with Ten pin bowling at the Leisure Centre, Longwell Green followed by a meal at an Italian restaurant in Hanham High Street.

We are shortly to prepare a programme for 2018 under a new President. Thankfully, due to enthusiastic support, the 1985 Circle remains strong and active; long may it continue.

W.Bro. Mike Huggins,
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Many of the brethren will have seen that a lot of the furniture in the various lodge rooms has changed in appearance, particularly the chairs.

If one were to appraise them closely, you would note that the refurbisher has given much consideration to the fine details and in doing so has enhanced the appearance and comfort of the chairs.



As one can imagine such work takes a considerable time and patience. The skill required is gained over years and only after much effort. A true case of the chisel and mallet!

Time that has been given willingly and absolutely free. The brother

who done this is none other than W. Bro Richard Cridland of The Moira Lodge of Honour No 326 and the 2000 Circle!

We would like to acknowledge his tremendous work, time and effort.

Prakash Dewani



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The St Vincent Polo Shirt Challenge

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both the Lodge and the Province on the left breast. The Compasses and Square are embroidered on the back, below the collar.

Numerous entries were submitted throughout the Tercentenary year, with photographs taken in many diverse locations including the Grand Lodge of Austria, Vienna; the British Grand Prix, Silverstone; the Battle of Waterloo monument, Belgium; inside Rosslyn Chapel; the catacombs of Luxembourg; the Royal Palace in Kandy, Sri Lanka; paddling in the Baltic Sea; the Devil's Pulpit, Monmouthshire; and sitting in the Grand Master's chair in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh.

After careful deliberation by the judges, the winners were announced at the March 2018 After Meeting of St Vincent Lodge and the prizes were presented by the visiting Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro Sir David Hugh Wootton.

Runner up was awarded to W Bro Jon Hayes for his photograph on the deck of the TARDIS, promoting the lodge across all of time and space.

Second prize went to Bro George Nita, for his

photograph at the Cathedral de Santa Maria in Palma de Mallorca, demonstrating both the front and rear badges on the polo shirt in a beautiful location.

First prize was awarded to W Bro Richard Keen for a stunning photograph in front of the Acropolis of Athens.

Overall, the Polo Shirt Challenge has been fun and has generated an enjoyable competition amongst the brethren of the lodge. In addition, it has raised a total of £140 in support of the 2019 MSF festival.

As part of the Tercentenary celebrations in 2017 and in support of fundraising for the 2019 Festival, the Charity Steward for St Vincent Lodge set its brethren a fun and unique challenge. Members of the lodge were tasked with having their photograph taken in the St Vincent polo shirt in interesting or unusual locations throughout the year and posting them to the lodge's Facebook group. Each photo entry generated a £5 donation to the MSF festival and an independent panel of judges were appointed to decide upon the winning entry.

The Lodge polo shirts bear the image of St Vincent from the Lodge's banner, with the name of





The Robert Thorne Lodge

The Robert Thorne Lodge held their Ladies Night at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel on the June 24th 2017. It was a very successful evening attended by 111 guests, including family and friends.

Owing to a very good response the raffle raised the grand sum of £1,200 plus.

This was distributed by W.B. Roy Williams and W.B. Roger Tanton and were both very well received at each of the following presentations

- **£1000 to the M.S society at Bradley Stoke Bristol, where they were shown around the building including a demonstration of their facilities'.**

- **£200 to the R.N.L.I Weston-Super-Mare Branch. The R.N.L.I. demonstrated the launching of the Life Boat before being supplied with coffee and biscuits.**

They were then joined by W.B Andy Moore's mother-in-law Mrs Jan Davis, who is an outpatient at the centre for refreshments at their new café on site.



Help for Heroes



On 12th September 2017, members of the Lodge of Virtue & Industry No. 4701 were pleased to meet at Park Street with Andrea Vassallo (regional representative for the charity Help for Heroes). The purpose was to present the charity with a cheque for £1,145.00.

The money was raised by W. Bro Jon Draper and the members of the Lodge of Virtue & Industry during Jon's year as Worshipful Master. Jon was supported by his

wife Tracey throughout his year in office which culminated in a successful ladies night.

The charity is close to the hearts of both W. Bro Draper and his wife. It is a fact that thousands of servicemen and women are living with injuries (both physical and mental) each and every day. Together with their loved ones, they continue to need help to cope with the challenges they face. It is accepted that long-term recovery is more than

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Having moved on from our Tercentenary Edition, which I felt was well received by all, now comes the problem 'follow that'

Well I hope that the tribute to our retiring Provincial Grand

Master is well received, as under his leadership a lot has been achieved in his time in office, and I felt it only fitting to thank him in this way.

Just to let you know that W Bro Tony Griffiths of Sportsmen's Lodge and Bro Jason Jenkinson of Unity Lodge plus David Johnston a friend of Jason (who is not yet a brother yet), but, will be by the time they finish the 1000 mile ride. They will be starting on Monday 23rd July 2018 and expect to finish 10 days later. We wish them the very best of luck, and trust that they will not be saddle sore!!

Finally, hopefully you will all have received a email about the proposed formation of the new Bristol Golf Lodge, we are aiming to get it off the ground by Spring of 2019, and we will need as many founder members as possible, as soon as possible, but before the end of May 2018

Lastly I hope that you find the March 2018 of interest, and would advise you that the next issue will be in September 2018

Regards Keith Irwin



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Peter Franklin's Granddaughter

First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to Tony Rance for inspiring me to complete a really rewarding volunteering project for my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award.

For some years now my Gramps, Peter Franklin has asked me for my unwanted presents or good quality used toys to donate to children, who are not as lucky as me.

I knew about the Christmas Tree at Park Street, but I didn't fully understand either the amount of hard work involved, or the real need of the children who receive the presents.

This year though I learnt so much more about the excellent work that Tony does to co-ordinate the Christmas Appeal, and, I am more aware of how children in the safe houses are so different to mine. I can only imagine a little bit about how these children feel; how they suffered abuse, their fear, their

emotions when they escape and have to move away from the home and friends to hide.

That's why it is so nice and rewarding to give something to them which I think they will appreciate.



This project has taught me that children in safe houses have to leave with nothing; the only things that they have are just the clothes they are wearing. As for me, I miss my mobile phone if I'm without it for long! So, I decided to use my phone to help. I spread the word to all my friends, my friends' friends,

my brothers' friends, my mum and dad's contacts, school contacts, anyone I could think of to ask for donations. I texted, I emailed, I used social media and, also I used the more traditional ways of chatting and putting up leaflets. Raising awareness of this appeal brought donations rolling in and I easily exceed my target goal of collecting 100 presents.

On the 16th of December we travelled down to Bristol from my home in Surrey to put them with all the other donated presents under the tree.

It was great to see so many other presents there and to add to them. I think each and every present will have brought joy and happiness and it's good to know that Tony will make sure they reach children who need them, even if they are miles from Bristol or Surrey.

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