



On the Square

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORBY MASONIC COMPLEX

Above: At Grand Lodge (L to R WM's Andy Mc William, Graham Rodger, John Russell, Eddie Storey)

Brethren

What a fantastic start to our tercentenary celebrations, the panto by the Corby Masonic Players on consecutive Sundays in early January was very well supported and really raised our profile within the local community. We have now completed the first formal event of the year; the second degree ceremony held by Three Counties Lodge on the 25th March. To say I am very proud of the Brethren from the complex who took part would be an understatement, their dedication and hard work was a major contributory factor in what was a memorable event. It was so good to see so many of you in attendance on the day.

We now look forward to the 'Rock the Decades' event being held at the Corby Cube on Saturday 29th April, the Provincial Parade & Church Service on the 11th June and the Georgian Feast here at the complex on 24th June. Our [website](http://www.corbymasoniccomplex.co.uk) has full details and some great pictures of previous events, it's well worth a visit.

In terms of our complex there have been a number of challenges which we have faced and addressed this season, with necessary increases coming into effect next season in terms of capitation and meal prices. However, let me assure that the fees are still competitive with other centres similar to ours.

As I noted in the December Newsletter we have seen an increase in visiting and influx of a younger generation in significant numbers, the New Mason's Evening which took place March 10th was a great success.

My thanks go to the Web team, Brad, Jason & Rob, our site is becoming a 'must visit' for Brethren from both our complex and other centres and I also extend our congratulations to Dave Genner who has been promoted to Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies in the craft, a well-deserved honour.

Online regalia shopping is the next stop on our e-journey. Watch this space (sorry I mean check out the web). Finally I look forward to the AGM on Tuesday 20th June, and hope to meet as many of you as possible.

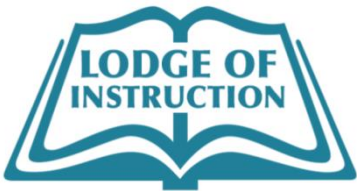
Jimmy

Complex Chairman

A diary is planned for next season priced at £3 (proceeds will go to the LOI. This will be available from September therefore the next scheduled newsletter is due for publication in December. In the meantime for up to the minute news and events remember to visit us online at www.corbymasoniccomplex.co.uk

New Masons Evening – Friday 10th March

Grand Lodge Officer's W. Bro Jim Spence and David Jackson welcomed over 30 brethren who had recently joined Lodges based at the Corby Complex for social evening PAGDC. After introductions the evening consisted of a tour and explanation of the Lodge Room, an overview of the work of the Lodge of Instruction, a festive board consisting of a curry followed by a lecture on the history of the fraternity. Feedback has been very good with a number of applications received to join the LOI and a recommendation that the complex consider a repeat evening on a yearly basis.



Festival Monday 10th April

With the Provincial Grand Master in attendance, Brethren were presented with another chance to witness the second degree ceremony delivered at the Tercentenary event held at Grand Lodge in March. Although the surroundings were not quite the same, the evening was equally enjoyable. WBro D Docherty Provincial Senior Grand Deacon had the honour of being the President for the 2017 festival whilst Bro Eddie Storey the WM of the Lodge of Unity was the presiding WM festival. The quality of the ritual was outstanding and a testament to the dedication of the all the members of the LOI.

Father, Son & the Holy Royal Arch



On Valentine's Day, 36 very brave Royal Arch Freemasons decided to spend this special evening away from their partners and with their Companions instead.

A most enjoyable evening of Royal Arch masonry was

there for all that attended on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at the convocation of Thistle & Rose Chapter, No 6644 which was marked by the official visit of The most Excellent Grand Superintendent, EComp Wayne Williams, accompanied by EComp Steve Seward, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

It was a special evening for EComp Steve Seward as he witnessed his son Bro James Seward exalted into the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, completing his journey in Pure Antient Masonry.

Corby Masons – Out & About

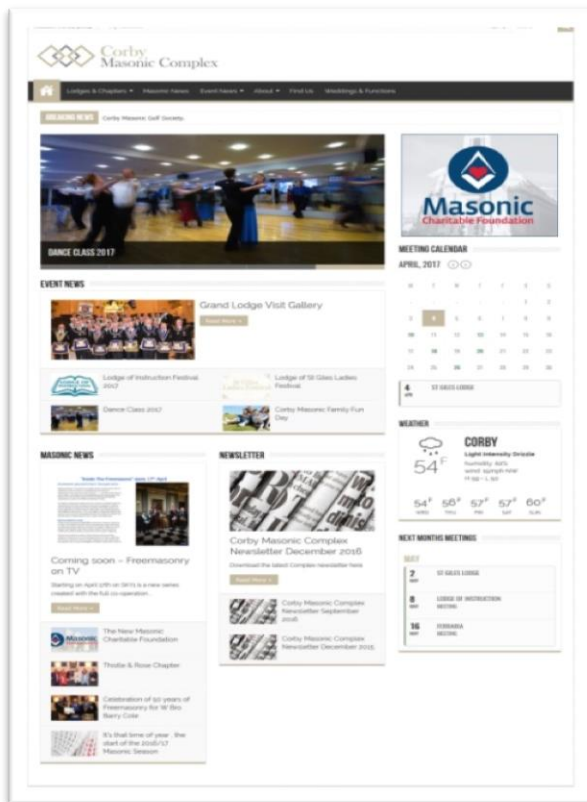
As always we continue to visit and support each other throughout the Province and beyond, Rab's posse and a few hangers on pitched up recently at Trinity Lodge to support WBro Scott Morton PGStwd who was representing the PGM on that occasion, having attended the Lodge of Heritage in Stamford in February. The next stops for the posse are the LOI festival 10th April and their own special Thistle & Rose St Georges Day meeting on the 26th April. To come along contact Rab: rabreid50@outlook.com



There is so much more on line

<http://www.corbymasoniccomplex.co.uk/>

As members of the Corby Lodges & orders we can be very proud of what our complex is attempting to do online. It is in the early stages of a much grander plan that will include the ability to purchase online from our shop. The whole process relies on the expertise and dedication of Bros Brad Holmes and Rob Poulter along with the complex manager Jason Hazeltine. Their ambition is to make the site an integral part of what we do.



Brad says, 'the most important piece of this puzzle is us getting the correct information as soon as possible. All people need to do is contact myself or Rob with anything they wish to put up and we will upload any news, events, galleries or anything you



wish to say. Even if we have some budding writers that want to write some blog posts, whether it be a bit about the history of your lodge, great stories or anecdotes or even something about Freemasonry that you would like to share (all within our constitution's and rules about what can be shared online or on a

public platform), we have a wealth of knowledge and experience in our complex and I would love to see it being shared alongside our upcoming events and news.

So please if anybody feels they would like to contribute to what we are doing here no matter how big or small, you may not think what you have to say is interesting but many of us do, it's simple, just get in touch with me and help us build a great central point for everything that is Corby Freemasonry.'

To **get involved** contact Brad at studio@brad-holmes.co.uk

Notice Board & Events

The Tercentenary celebrations continue

Corby's own Tercentenary special event 'Georgian Feast Night' takes place at the complex on the 24th June, unmissable - see right.



Sunday 11 June 2017 - Parade and Church Service

The second main event is the Parade and Church Service at Peterborough Cathedral, which will start from Peterborough Town Hall at 2.45pm arriving at the Cathedral in good time for the 3.30pm evensong service. There will be no restriction on numbers and the event is open to Masons and non-Masons, male and female. (Children can also attend).



Celebrating the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England.



FORGET YOUR MEDIEVAL NIGHTS

The place to be this year is the

GEORGIAN FEAST NIGHT

Bring your Ladies!

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 1717
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6 for 6:30pm

CORBY MASONIC CENTRE

Tickets only £20 Includes 5 course feast



WHICH OF THE 4 ORIGINAL



LODGES WILL YOU



REPRESENT?



Georgian Dress Optional

AFTER THE FEAST THERE WILL BE DANCING UNTIL MIDNIGHT

**Tickets Available from the Corby Masonic Centre
or Jack Summerfield 07886 768189**

And finally, the Ronnie Stone joke slot

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'Did you know that the Irish scarecrow has won the Nobel Peace Prize, he was outstanding in his field.'

