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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CORBY MASONIC COMPLEX

Brethren

2017 has been a momentous year, and as it is once again time for me to reflect on the preceding twelve months, it is the perfect opportunity to thank all members and their families in helping to make the various Tercentenary celebrations so successful.

It was great to see our master's take their parts in the 2nd degree lecture ceremony at HQ in Gt Queen Street in March as it was to see all of our Banners being paraded through Peterborough in June.

I am particularly proud of the events that were specific to Corby; Rock the Ages Concert held the Corby Cube in April and the Georgian Feast transforming the complex into the Goose & Gridiron Alehouse in late June - both events were runaway successes.

WBro Dave Genner and I were honoured to represent the complex on the 31st October at the National finale to the Tercentenary which was a spectacular event held at the Albert Hall (*see main picture above*)

Looking forward, applications for membership here at Corby continues to be sought after, good men clearly want to join us, and the complex continues to receive plaudits from visitors. In the words of an active provincial officer on a recent visit, we have a centre to be proud of.

As always my thanks go to Jason, his team and the members of the committees who do so much to make the complex tick.

I would like you all to remember in your thoughts those brethren who have passed to the grand lodge above during the past twelve months, their widows and relatives, not forgetting the widows and relatives who themselves have also passed away.

Finally let me end by wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Jimmy
Complex Chairman

This publication is only as good as its contents. If you have any ideas, photos or indeed would like to advertise events associated with your lodge, chapter or preceptory, please contact Steve Burton email steveburton4@sky.com
This newsletter can also be found online at [Corby Masonic Complex Website](http://CorbyMasonicComplexWebsite)



Charity

Whilst the focus has been on the tercentenary, our Fraternity, Lodges and individuals have continued to support charity throughout 2017 at both local and national levels.

At an individual level Bro Aaran Devenney's daughter Laura completed the Great Eastern Perkins Run (half marathon). Aaran's Lodge Thistle & Rose donated £200 to her chosen charity Muscular Dystrophy UK, the condition his dad, her grandad and his two sisters suffered with all their lives. As well as the money this helps raise the profile of this worthy charity.

Raising money for worthy causes to improve lives it's in our DNA



Nationally during the last 6 months alone, we have provided **£9.7 million** to support Masonic families experiencing a financial, health or family need.

£2.8 million was given to households in financial distress, who were unable to afford everyday living costs.

£1.5 million helped people access the medical treatment, mobility aids, home adaptations, respite care and counselling they need to live healthy and independent lives.

£1.6 million helped parents afford IT equipment, course materials, school uniforms and extracurricular activities for their children in full-time education.

£3.8 million was provided to fund a range of nursing, residential and dementia care to meet the needs of older people at **RMBI Homes**.



On 15th September at the Lodge of Heritage a number of eminent Corby Masons assisted by

the Deputy Provincial Grand Master VW Bro Trevor Boswell presented a series of cheques, on behalf of the Lodge to the following worthy causes: Lakelands, Corby Mind, Vine Community Trust - a total of £1200, and from the 15/16 cohort of masters £2,000 to Corby Home Start.

A new diary date this season



United Corby Lodges

Building on the success of the Provincial Tercentenary 2nd degree ceremony, Corby Lodges have decided to replicate this as an additional ceremony on a yearly basis. The inaugural event will be held under the banner of Heritage on the 20th April 2018. All of this year's masters will be involved and a candidate has already been selected.

L to R, Tom Hall- Lodge of Heritage, Peter Whitworth - Thistle and Rose, Dave Genner - Lodge of Unity ,Scott Mc Cleod - Ferrara, Jim Masson – Corbie. Not in picture Paul Mc Gregor - Lodge of St Giles.

Palmer Lodge of Provincial Stewards



The Complex was honored to host the Palmer Lodge of Provincial Stewards on the 24th October as they passed Bro Simon Taylor on behalf of Corbie

Lodge; a prestigious event, memorable for the candidate and a full lodge. It is hoped they make a return visit soon. The light blue aprons belong to the WM of Corbie Lodge and their newest fellowcraft Bro Simon.

Richard Sandbach Lodge of Research

Another prestigious event which will be held on the 15th January 2018. W Bro Dickon Sandbach and his team will perform a demonstration and explanation of the salient parts of the First Degree ceremony to the United Lodge of Instruction.

The Lodge of Instruction is open to all, whether you are an entered apprentice, fellow craft or a master mason. Don't miss this, reserve your place with your Lodge Secretary.

50 years in freemasonry and still going strong.

Congratulations to W Bro John Hallum, a founding father of Freemasonry in Corby, who actually took part in the building of the complex in the early 1970's. Initiated into Thistle & Rose Lodge on 1967, he became a founding member of Ferraria Lodge attaining the chair there in 1978, completing the circle he then took the chair of Thistle & rose in 1999, his place in our history is assured.

He is seen here enjoying the Tercentenary Grand Ball at Wicksteeds Park on the 21st October with his wife Jean. John will receive his Jubilee Certificate at Thistle & Roses Burns Supper on January 24th 2018.



Lest we forget ~ Remembrance Sunday 12th November

The Chairman W. Bro Jim Spence PAGDC and W. Bro Ron Stone PPSGW, accompanied by brethren from across all orders laid wreaths on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Corby Masonic Centre at the annual Remembrance ceremony held at the cenotaph in the old village.



Notice Board & Events



Saturday 2nd December: Lodge of Unity London Day Trip £15pp

Tickets are available from:

Eddie Storey: Mob 07805 803013

Billy Glover: Mob 07725 414297

Dave Genner: Mob 07764 992557

George Peel: Mob 07951 800856

Saturday 2nd December: Free

Corby Masonic Players will be performing their pantomime Snow White. There will be two performances at 1pm and 4pm.

The Pantomime will be free to members, family and friends and will include a festive selection box for each child. The bar will also be open on the day. All that we require is your name and the number of adults and children that will be attending and which performance. Please give this information to your Lodge Entertainments Officer, one of the cast members or to one of the Corby Masonic Centre staff.

Sunday 10th December: Provincial Carol Service Peterborough Cathedral

Tickets to include mince pie and drink: £4 from your Lodge Secretary

Sunday 17th December: Members, Friends & Families Christmas Lunch

£16 pp - three course dinner see the complex manger or ask at the bar

Saturday 23rd December: Christmas Party Night

£15 pp includes a two course dinner and disco

Ladies Festivals

Don't miss out on the chance to thank the lady in your life for her support in your masonic life. Book up early for your Lodge's Ladies Festival. Contact your Lodge Secretary for details.

Festival date	Lodge
18 th November	Unity
10 th February	Ferraria
7 th April	Corbie
12 th May	St Giles
2 nd June	Thistle and Rose



And finally, the Ronnie Stone joke slot ...

Paddy joined the army. First night he was on guard the officer told him there was a curfew: anyone seen after 9pm is to be shot. At 8.30pm the officer heard a shot. He went out to see what had happened, Mick was laying on the road. Officer said to Paddy 'Did you shoot him?' 'Yes I did.'

The officer said, 'its only half eight and the curfew doesn't start until nine.' Paddy says, 'I know that. I also know where he lives and he would not have got there by nine.'

