



N&H NYMC
Information evening
February 27th

Introductions

APGM designate W Bro Mark Constant

Corby Group Officer W Bro Steve Burton

Provincial Mentor W Bro Duncan Childs

Interim secretary W Bro Rab Reid

•YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS - HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE TOGETHER



A Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club is being created to provide a forum to help new Masons to meet, enjoy social events together, share ideas and contribute towards the future of our fraternity.



Commonly referred to as Light Blues Clubs, the Club has an exclusive and restricted membership.

This is to ensure a vibrant and enthusiastic membership, not bound by old ideas and traditions, but respectful of them.



Who are eligible for membership?

Every mason from the minute they are initiated until they receive Provincial honors, including masters and past masters of Lodges.

The committee and officers are ideal roles for past masters or members awaiting to take an active office in their Lodge.



Why do we need this new club, isn't the LOI Enough?



The LOI Should be about Masonic Education, Instruction in the symbolism and meaning of our masonic rituals. Protocols and best practice.

Lodge of Rehearsals are exactly that, rehearsals of our ceremonies for active officers of the Lodge.

The NYMC will assist in building Networks and Friendships through Social Activities of Like minded men.



Why New and Young and not everyone?



New and Young brings fresh ideas and encourages participation.

Established members have wide friendship groups they can be members of many Lodges or side orders and are steeped in the traditions and formalities of bygone years.



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For new members, building new friendships and networks can happen slowly, families can feel isolated and left behind by our masonic activities or individuals can feel isolated in Lodges with few new or younger members.



Do other Provinces Have these Clubs or is it Just Northants and Hunts?



Yes they Do:

- London / Metropolitan have the Connaught Club for under 35's
- Leicester Have a Light Blues Club
- Hertfordshire Fleet House Light Blues Club
- Bedfordshire New and Young Masons Club

And many more across the country.



- Activities mostly take part away from the Masonic Premises.
- Activities are not necessarily masonic in nature.
- 50% or more of activities include wife's, partners and friends interested in joining.
- 25% or more of activities include Families.



Is there a Cost?



Yes

£5.00 per annum paid to the N&H NYMC

No Raffles, No Collections, No Charity Events

You may wish to partake in Social Support Activity such as Three Pillars Support or /and a community litter pick, but no fundraising is expected.



Proposed Structure for Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club



The Role of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club (The Provincial hub)

To support & encourage, manage & co ordinate activity of the membership of a number of local light blue clubs across the province loosely based on the Provincial Group Structure



New and Young Masons Club (The Hub)

Individual Light Blues Clubs based in 3, 4, 5 Areas and eventually every Area of the Province.



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Corby Light Blues ----- Northampton Light Blues

Peterborough Light Blues ----- Stamford Light Blues

Huntingdon Light Blues ----- Wellingborough Light Blues

Kettering Light Blues ----- South West Light Blues



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Thrapston Light Blues ----- Rushden Light Blues

St Ives Light Blues

Or any other number, maybe even just three

East, West & South or Wisdom, Strength and Beauty



Why do we need a Provincial NYMC.



To be responsible to:

Co ordinate activities and events

Support the Local Clubs

Organise Provincial Wide LB events.

Ensure behaviour and activities still maintain Masonic

Principals

Give the Clubs a Provincial Relevance and Support

Develop skills and relationships at Provincial Level



Implementation Team

WBro Mark Constant APGM Designate

WBro Duncan Childs Provincial Mentor

WBro Steve Burton Liaison Group Officer

WBro Rab Reid Secretary

Bro Dan Cooke 1st event coordinator

This team will be disbanded as at the First AGM on March 17th



Proposed Structure of the Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club (NYMC)

Honorary Members (Non Voting)

Patron R WBro Max Bayes – Provincial Grand Master

President WBro Mark Constant – Assistant Provincial Grand

Master Designate

Vice President – WBro Duncan Childs – Provincial Mentor

Committee: (Full Voting Members, elected by the Membership at each AGM)



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Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Membership Officer:

Events Co- Ordinator:

Communications Officer:



The Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons Club will also be responsible for:

Organising 4 Annual Events: (3 + AGM)

Examples

- Annual Gala Ball, Annual Visit to UGLE, Museum Tour and Dinner in London
 - Visit to a particular Provincial Event, Banner Dedication, Centenary, Special Meeting (For example the Old Kimboltonains' London Meeting in February or T&R Burns Night)
- Annual Family BBQ and Fun Day
- Weekend Trip to Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland and Lodge visit
 NO EVENTS SHOULD BE FUNDSRAISING COSTS KEPT TO A
 MINIMUM HONORIES ETC PAY FOR THEMSELVES.



- The initial AGM 17th March at Corby
- The AGM will move venue each year.
- The NYMC IS NOT BASED ANYWHERE IT SHOULD BE A VIRTUAL CLUB WITHIN THE PROVINCE

Making best use of Social Media and modern communication



Local & Individual Light Blues Clubs



How is a light blues club different from NYMC?

- It will hold regular Local Events
- It can hold smaller more focussed events
- It allows for Inter Light Blue Visiting & Competitions
- It is able to concentrate on local Issues
- It is local, so more accessible, reduced travelling, time and cost



Proposed Structure

Chairman

Vice Chairman – Local Events Organiser and Membership

Secretary – Communication and Records, Liaison with Members and NYMC

Provincial Liaison Officer – Local Group Officer



Can we serve on both NYMC and Local LB Club?

Not usually, ideally NYMC committee is made up of members who have served a while on a local Club and submit their names to the NYMC Secretary at the AGM

Initially in this first year however to get things started this will be possible



How long are the terms of office

It is expected that each year a vice chairman will be elected, he will then become chairman for the following year

The Secretary will be elected bi-annually

The Provincial Liaison Officer is an advisory role, but will always be a local group officer.



When do I have to leave either club

The AGM's will take place during March yearly, you will not be allowed to take office if you are to receive your first Provincial appointment at the subsequent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May.



Is there a cost for the local light blue club?

NO

MEMBERSHIP OF THE NYMC IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED THIS GIVES YOU AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP TO THE LIGHT BLUES CLUBS.

EVENTS SHOULD NOT BE FUNDSRAISING – COSTS KEPT TO A MINIMUM HONORIES ETC PAY FOR THEMSELVES.



THE LIGHT BLUES CLUB Community Benefit Events

Examples of Community Activities you may wish to do:

- 3 Pillars spend a night on the Van
- Litter picking and Community tidy Up
- Visit to Devonshire Court Elderly Peoples Home



THE LIGHT BLUES CLUB Events in other provinces

Examples of social events you might hold:

- Clay pigeon shooting
- Visits to other lodges & provinces, including Grand Lodge
- Visit Lodges in other countries
- 3 degrees, 1 meeting
- Curry nights, comedy nights
- Family BBQ
- Golf days,
- Football, Rugby, Hockey teams & tournaments
- Quiz nights
- Ten pin bowling
- * Other than visits to Lodges, non masons can attend events.



Light Blue Club - DUBLIN TRIP 2019
LEINSTER LODGE, No.141

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th January 2019
Brethren Only

Join our private Facebook group for the latest news and booking information or eMail contactus@lightblueclub.co.uk

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What Next?
Fill the form in now or email

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Local Light Blues Clubs

There will be a pre AGM meeting for those taking office between now and the AGM, to review the constitution prior to it's adoption at the AGM and discuss finer details.

There will be an inter Light Blues 5 a side tournament & lunch immediately following the AGM to which families and friends will be welcome.

Please fill in the form today if you can or contact Rab ASAP





THE Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire New and Young Masons And Local Light Blue Clubs

Any Questions?



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THE LIGHT BLUES

Over to you