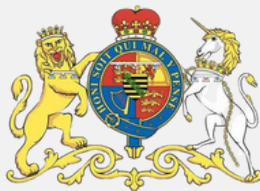


# northumberland LIGHT BLUES

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FREEMASONS  
— NORTHUMBERLAND —

# welcome & foreword



Terry Christie,  
NLB Chairman,  
Deputy Provincial Grand Mentor,  
Northumberland Province

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The Northumberland Light Blues are more than just a social network; they are a vital part of the Province's future. By encouraging brethren to get involved, supporting each other in Lodge and beyond, and offering that unique blend of tradition and fun, we are ensuring that the next generation of Freemasons has the confidence, the skills, and the friendships to carry the Craft forward for years to come.

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## **Re-establishing the “club”**

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Once called a “club,” we deliberately dropped the term to reflect that the Northumberland Light Blues are a Province-wide community open to all newer Freemasons.

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Since relaunch, we’ve grown into a vibrant, recognised part of Provincial life, marked by strong attendance, new leadership, and innovative initiatives.

## **Events & Activities**

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From conferences and socials to family days and charity walks, our events have brought together Light Blues, families, and prospective members in fun, welcoming, and meaningful ways.

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Our initiatives such as Worshipful Professor, Mr Curious, Just One Friend, and Seek the Symbol have educated, entertained, and inspired Light Blues across the Province.

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With new events, expanding ambassador roles, and continued digital growth, the future promises even more opportunities for Light Blues to connect, learn, and thrive.

## **Our Digital Presence**

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Our digital platforms - from the website and blog to Facebook, Instagram, and beyond - keep Light Blues connected, informed, and visible across the Province and wider Masonic community.

## **Met the Team**

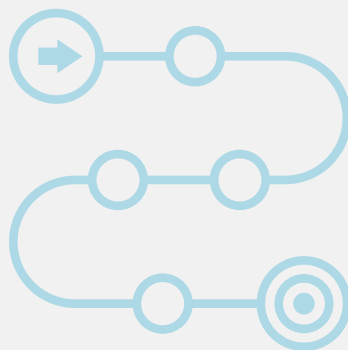
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Introducing the Executive Committee and our network of Ambassadors - the Light Blues who lead, support, and represent members across the Province.

# re-establishment

## the journey so far

Following a period of inactivity, the Northumberland Light Blues were re-established to provide a modern and supportive space for newer members. Guided by survey feedback, we focused on meaningful events, visiting opportunities, and improved communication. The mission was clear: to put energy, relevance, and visibility back into the Light Blue experience.



## aims, value & vision



- To give newer members a voice in the Province
- To provide opportunities for socialising and learning
- To help members grow in confidence and knowledge
- To encourage visiting and cross-lodge friendships
- To be seen as the first step in a lifelong Masonic journey
- To keep the fun and fellowship of Freemasonry alive
- To create a strong identity and sense of belonging



# highlights & achievements

## initial milestones

Successful Conference Relaunch  
Executive Committee Formation  
Establishment of Ambassadors and Reps  
Development of Digital Comms Channels & Campaigns

## provincial recognition



Kevin Stannard,  
Provincial Grand Master,  
Northumberland Province

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*The Light Blues have shown that Freemasonry is as vibrant and relevant today as ever. It's a space where younger members can feel at home, find their voice, and build friendships that last a lifetime.*

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*The energy of the Light Blues is infectious. Their approach is refreshing, modern and true to the spirit of Freemasonry – welcoming, supportive, and full of opportunity.*

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David Armstrong,  
Assistant Provincial Grand Master,  
Northumberland Province

# events & activities



**Conference** Our most recent Northumberland Light Blues Conference was the best attended yet, with over 70 brethren taking part. The event offered workshops, presentations, and a chance to share ideas. Sessions included practical discussions on mentoring, recruitment, and communication, alongside inspirational talks from Provincial leaders. Delegates left with new ideas, stronger networks, and a renewed sense of purpose. The turnout firmly established the Conference as a flagship event in the Northumberland Light Blues calendar.

**Socials** From lively pub crawls to a memorable shipyard visit, social events have become central to what we do. The pub crawl, held in response to our survey's most popular suggestion, was a huge success. Black tie dinners were the second most requested event, with plans already underway for a Medieval Banquet. These socials are deliberately varied, offering something for everyone.

All events are open to members, families, and prospective members to encourage Light Blues to bring "just one friend."



**Family Days** Our presence at the Glendale Show highlighted the inclusive and welcoming side of the Northumberland Light Blues. With family activities, information stands, and opportunities for conversations about Freemasonry, it also introduced prospective members to what we do. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, showing the value of being open and visible.



**Charity** A highlight was our sponsored walk from Alston to Haltwhistle, raising funds and awareness while strengthening bonds along the way. [Insert confirmed fundraising total here] It was a chance to challenge ourselves, support a good cause, and show that charity thrives outside the lodge room too. Alongside the walk, our Family Fun Day brought members, families, and friends together for an afternoon of activities, food, and entertainment. It reinforced our belief that fundraising can – and should – be enjoyable.

**Visits** Light Blues have supported one another by attending ceremonies, lectures, and meetings across the Province. These visits have strengthened inter-lodge bonds and given newer members confidence in their Masonic journey..

# projects & campaigns

## *Ask the* **WORSHIPFUL PROFESSOR**



**Worshipful Prof** A Q&A tool where newer Masons submit questions online, answered by experienced brethren. This initiative makes learning interactive, approachable, and directly relevant to the queries of newer members. By allowing questions to be asked anonymously and answered openly, it removes barriers and ensures that no query is too simple or too complex.

**Just one Friend** Encouraging every Light Blue to bring a friend along – to an event, social, or even just a conversation. This simple idea has already introduced prospective members to the Craft in an organic, welcoming way. By making introductions feel natural and low-pressure, it empowers members to share their enthusiasm for Freemasonry with those closest to them.

## **JUST ONE FRIEND**

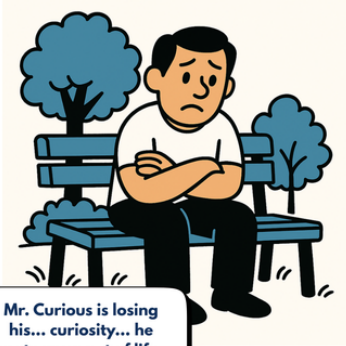


**Mr Curious** A fallout from the Just one Friend Campaign, we created a series of cartoons following the journey of a new Mason, designed to build curiosity and engagement with humour and relatability.

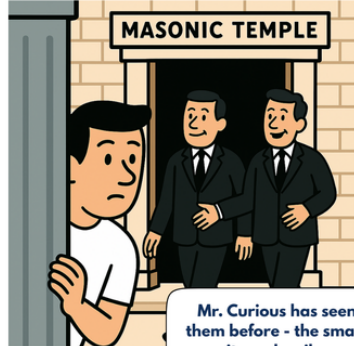
Check out the first three episodes...



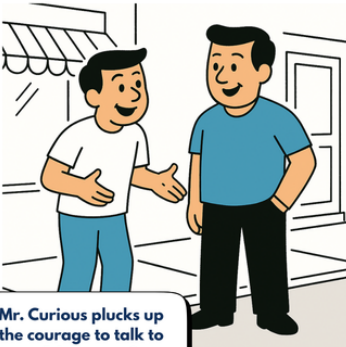
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Mr. Curious is losing his... curiosity... he wants more out of life...



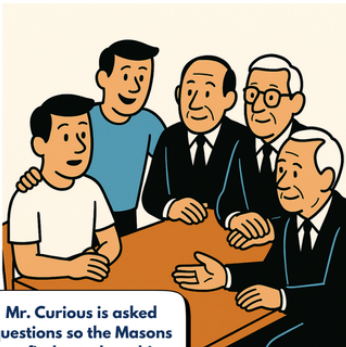
Mr. Curious has seen them before - the smart suits and smiles...



Mr. Curious plucks up the courage to talk to one of the men - Sam



Sam introduces Mr. Curious to Ian find out more about Masons



Mr. Curious is asked questions so the Masons can find out about him



Mr. Curious receives a call telling him he's been invited to join

# episode 2



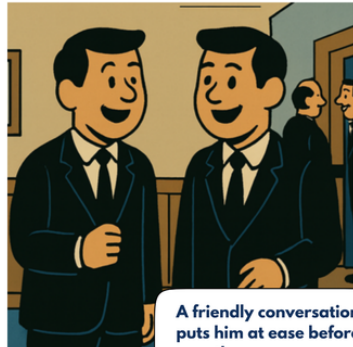
Mr. Curious approaches the Masonic Temple for the first time



Sam greets him warmly and offers a reassuring smile



He waits in the anteroom, anticipation written on his face



A friendly conversation puts him at ease before the ceremony

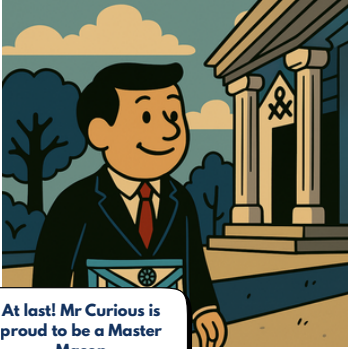


The Festive Board is filled with laughter, toasts, and good food



They stroll into the evening, talking about the night's events

# episode 3



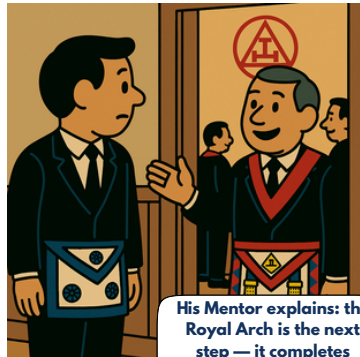
At last! Mr Curious is proud to be a Master Mason



But soon he wonders... is that really the end of the story?



Well done, Brother! But remember... your journey isn't quite complete



His Mentor explains: the Royal Arch is the next step — it completes what the Craft began



Mr Curious discovers the same friendship and fellowship... with a new depth of meaning



Now he truly feels the start of his Masonic journey is complete... and a new chapter begins



**Solomon** Promoting UGLE's learning platform and encouraging its use among members to deepen knowledge and understanding. This approach encourages members to take learning at their own pace while also celebrating achievements along the way, making Solomon an integral part of personal Masonic development. Promoting UGLE's learning platform and encouraging its use among members to deepen knowledge and understanding.

# looking ahead

**Cornerstone Visit** This visit is designed to encourage Light Blues to build friendships beyond their own province. It also serves as a way of showcasing the strength of the Light Blues when we visit together.



**Medieval Banquet** This black-tie event with a medieval ghostly twist will bring Light Blues, partners and friends together for an evening of feasting, entertainment, and fellowship in historic surroundings.

**December Social** Join the Light Blues, partners, and friends for a festive evening of flavour and fellowship as we gather to share a traditional Indian banquet, laughter, and good company before the year's end.





# our digital approach

## bringing Light Blues together online

**northumberlandlightblues.org** is our digital home — packed with event news, blog posts, and practical resources to guide newer Freemasons. Easy to use, regularly updated, and already attracting 5,500+ visits in just a few months.



### Social Media



Facebook – over 58,000 views and nearly 9,000 people reached; public page for awareness, private group for peer support.



Instagram – event photos and campaign graphics that bring our story to life.



X (Twitter) & LinkedIn – connecting us with the wider Masonic community and professional audiences.



TikTok (Coming Soon?) – exploring new ways to share Freemasonry in short, engaging clips.

**Why It Matters** Our digital presence keeps members connected, welcomes families and friends, and ensures Light Blues are seen and heard across the Province and beyond.

# meet the team



**Chairman** WBro Terry Christie, a highly experienced Freemason with Provincial honours, brings valuable knowledge and guidance as a respected “Dark Blue.” In 2025, his dedication was further recognised with promotion to Deputy Provincial Grand Mentor.



**Secretary** WBro Gareth Marijt brings strong leadership experience, having previously chaired an earlier incarnation of the Light Blues. As an experienced “light blue,” he offers continuity and deep insight into how the group can best support newer members.



**Treasurer** Bro Stephen Frost is a relatively new Freemason with a couple of years’ experience. Despite being new, he has been involved in other membership organisations and brings fresh energy and a practical approach to the role.

## our ambassadors

David Price (Lead), Bob Waddell, Carl Birkenshaw, Dan Harper, Darren Bolton,  
David Rylance, Gary Fleming, Guy Smith, Ian McArthur, Jeff Bullman, Jeff Ross,  
Jim Peddie, John Freeman, Luke Robson, Mark Cordell, Matthew Robson,  
Richard Freeman, Robin Webley, Scott Dickinson, Stuart Heather

# what's next...

## One Brotherhood. Three Principles. Five Ways.

We've already achieved so much together. Now it's time to take the next step - we'll shortly be launching a brand-new campaign that connects our **ancient Masonic principles** with the **modern science of wellbeing**.

### Why?

Freemasonry has always been about living well — guided by the Three Great Principles of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth**. Today, wellbeing research echoes those same values in the **Five Ways of Wellness: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Give**. It's the perfect match. And it's ours to live.



### What's Next

Over the coming months, we'll be rolling out **practical ways** for every Light Blue to live the Five Ways and achieve the Three Principles — in Lodge, in life, and together as brothers.

**Wellness isn't new. Masonry has always had the blueprint.**

Let's show the world that we're still the **#OriginalOriginalSocialNetwork**.

**£14.99**



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