



Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

February 24th 2021

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This weeks Solomon presentation

Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents '[The Working Tools' Part 1](#)' - with part 2 following next week. Taken from UGLE's Solomon web site, Richard explains the operative mason's working tools and the early start of the integration of tools into Speculative Freemasonry. There are a collection of Solomon videos that Richard has produced during the COVID pandemic on the [Provincial Website/Preceptors Corner](#). Start or renew your own Masonic researches by exploring the [Solomon web site](#)



Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter.

W.Bro Tony Harvey PAGDC, the 2012 Prestonian Lecturer gave an excellent Zoom presentation on Wednesday 10th February, on the historic links between Craft, Chapter and Mark. If you missed it a recording is available on the Provincial [web site](#).

You can register your interest for part two of Tony's presentation, "Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter" on Wednesday 17th March 2021 via the [Provincial web site](#). Once registered you will be sent log on details for the meeting.

IMPORTANT - If you are attending that meeting it is essential that you log on with your zoom details before 6.45pm when logging in will cease. You will be able to log on from 6.15pm.

This talk will be of interest to all Freemasons but I would particularly encourage Master Masons to attend, I'm sure you will find Tony's presentation fascinating, and informative.

Since 2012 Tony has raised over £100,000 for Masonic and Scouting charities. If you attended the first lecture and would like to doante [you can do so here](#).

Roger Allen, Provincial Grand Secretary

[Register Here](#)

And - Thanks From W.Bro Tony

Dear Brethren,
Donations from those of you who attended my Zoom lecture on the 10th February now total £380 plus £90 gift aid. I am very grateful to you Brethren and Companions for making these donations and thank you all most sincerely.
I look forward to the next event on 17th March! (see above)
Yours S&F Tony Harvey.



Provincial Almoner - Mobility Equipment

We've mentioned before in our newsletter the excellent work done by Provincial Almoner, Ian Walker and the Assistant PGA, Steve Defiries in re-cycling large items of mobility equipment by directing them to new users. The photo shows W.Bro Roger Croome and Alfie on board his newly acquired mobility scooter supplied via the Almoner's team.

Roger was for many years the Almoner of Royal Cumberland Lodge, he received his scooter in early February and commented to Ian. *"The weather has been so cold*

recently but today in the spring sunshine I took Alfie for a walk for the first time in over a year. The buggy is really great, thank you so much for arranging it for me. I look forward to the warmer weather and more outings."

If you have or know of a mobility scooter that needs a new home, please contact [Ian Walker, Provincial Grand Almoner](#).

Regular charitable giving to your own Lodge Relief Chest

Following on from the success of the 2020 Festival, we all now have the opportunity to develop the legacy. In particular a commitment to regular tax efficient giving by signing up to a regular payment promise through the Relief Chest Scheme.

Efforts can now be refocussed to your Lodge charitable aims by making that regular commitment to it's Relief Chest. This will provide your Lodge with the necessary funds to support local causes within your community in the future.

Regular giving commitment to your Lodge can be set up on line - at [The Masonic Charitable Foundation](#) - without the need to complete any paperwork or have physical contact which makes the process particularly useful at this current time. If you would rather set up a regular payment via a paper form this is also available.

The impact of making a regular commitment and the associated 25% gift aid uplift available from HMRC should not be under estimated. I encourage everyone to consider making such a commitment to their Lodge in line with their individual financial circumstances.

Please do speak with your Lodge Charity Steward or myself, Graham Puddy, if you would like any further guidance – together we can make a difference!

[Graham Puddy](#), Provincial Grand Charity Steward Designate

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