



## Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

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### From the Provincial Grand Master

Dear Brethren of Somerset,

As we approach the time when we normally have our AGM and appoint our new provincial officers, I would like to thank all those who have worked incredibly hard for both their brethren and their communities during this extraordinary period. I was blessed by the fact that I inherited a dedicated and exceptional group of officers who have supported their new PGM with tolerance and without complaint.

The pandemic has pushed us into uncharted waters and they have coped wonderfully, keeping the province on a calm course without panic and rising to the new challenges. We are all looking forward to a return to the new normal and meeting the bow wave of work with which we will have to catch up.

As confidence returns so will attendance at lodge and I expect an increase in demand for the fellowship of which we have been starved. We have learnt much from Zoom but it cannot replace a warm handshake and a shared bottle.

Amongst those who are retiring this year I will especially like to thank Ian Walker our hard working almoner who together with his team has done much to support the wider Masonic family. Also Roger Allen the provincial secretary, who with those magic words "with respect Provincial Grand Master" has guided me through my initial two years.

Easter and Spring are a time to look forward with hope and enthusiasm whilst still remembering those we have lost.

Brethren the toast is the Province of Somerset.

David Medlock, Provincial Grand Master.

### This weeks Solomon nugget

This week Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents ['The United Grand Lodge of England - 1813'](#). Always Grand, Always United.... we shall see! A brief history of the formation of the Premier and Ancients' Grand Lodges and their unification in 1813 which led to the United Grand Lodge of England of today.

There are a collection of Solomon videos that Richard has produced during the COVID pandemic on the [Provincial Website/Preceptors Corner](#).



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## 2020 Festival Finale event - 3rd July

The original End of Festival event at Ashton Gate, planned for the end of last year, was cancelled due to the pandemic. A new event was subsequently booked at Taunton School for this summer.

After discussions with Grand Lodge and the MCF, the Provincial Grand Master has announced that event will go ahead on 3rd July. It will be held in the beautiful grounds of Taunton School in a large marquee. The event will include entertainment from the West Country legends The Wurzels, a buffet supper, licensed bars, followed by a Grand finale fireworks display. Festival Chairman David Mason will be contacting Lodge secretaries with full details in the next few days.

## Solomon Live - New!

Solomon Live is launching on 6th April with a series of lively, interesting and stimulating interviews and presentations featuring a variety of masonic special guests.

The live interviews will be hosted on the BrightTALK platform. Use the button below to register for the first of these webinars, "What is Freemasonry?" an interview with the Grand Secretary, Dr David Staples at 7.30 pm on 6th April.

[Register here](#)



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## Take a look at the New Provincial Web site

Incorporating a modern look and improved navigation, the new web site contains a wealth of information and resources for all Freemasons. Make it your go to place for what is happening in the Province and finding answers to some of those Masonic questions!

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