



## Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

April 14th 2021

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### The passing of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

The sad passing of the Duke of Edinburgh last weekend has been followed by a national outpouring of grief and many tributes to him and his great work in the many spheres in which he operated during his long and very full life.

Dr David Staples, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England was interviewed by the BBC about the Duke's connection with Freemasonry. [Watch the interview here.](#)

Read the Somerset Freemasons [tribute to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.](#)

### Congratulations to those brethren appointed or promoted in Provincial Grand Lodge tomorrow.

Thursday the 15th of April should have been the occasion of the Annual meeting of The Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, normally held at the Webbington Hotel, Axbridge, Somerset.

For the second year running this meeting has been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic and the lockdown restrictions. The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday 15th October 2021, fingers crossed that the situation will improve sufficiently by then to allow the meeting to be held.

The eighty two brethren due to be promoted at the cancelled meeting will assume their new ranks from tomorrow, congratulations to you all.

Most of the brethren appointed to active office last year have been reappointed, not having had the opportunity to work with the Provincial Team during the last twelve months. There are a few notable exceptions. W.Bros Clive Lambert and Neil Hurcum stand down as Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens and are replaced by Keith Baker (PrGSW) and Andy Wade (PrGJW). Retiring are, Roger Allen - Provincial Secretary, Ian Walker - Provincial Almoner and David Maddern Provincial Charity Steward. They are replaced by Mike Greedy, Adrian Robson and Graham Puddy respectively. David Maddern moves to a new post as Provincial Director of Care. Neil Hurcum is the new Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary and Richard Kilburn joins the team as Provincial Grand Organist following the retirement of W.Bro Jack Leeming from that position.

Thanks to all those standing down for their years of dedicated service and congratulations to all those newly appointed and reappointed brethren.





## This weeks Solomon nugget

This week Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents '[The Changing Image of Freemasonry](#)'. Change is in Freemasonry's DNA it is not to be feared but embraced to be relevant to current society.

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](#)

## Somerset Freemasons donate £6m to Charity

Assistant Provincial Charity Steward, Charlie Barker has calculated that Somerset Freemasons have given a massive £6million to charity and good causes in the last fifteen years. [Read the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart.](#)

## Party in the Park - 3rd July 7-11pm

Last week we announced that the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro Peter Lowndes will attend the Party in the Park, the 2020 festival finale event due to be held in the Grounds of Taunton School on Saturday 3rd July 2021. Event Organisers, W.Brothers David Flack and Keith Baker have been contacting Lodge secretaries to obtain confirmation of their members attendance.

If you had previously booked to attend the event originally planned for November last at the Ashton Gate Stadium, the Province is still holding your deposit. The organisers would like to know if those brethren will be attending the party on 3rd of July or would they like a refund. Please contact the event organisers to let them know.

If you hadn't previously booked in you are welcome to join the party by contacting the organisers. Tickets for the Party are £35 each.



[Contact party Organisers](#)



## Calling all Master Masons !!

The Learning & Development Team will be holding a Zoom meeting tomorrow.

“The Holy Royal Arch and its relation to the Craft”

Thursday 15th April @ 7.30pm. It will be a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. Login details available from [Ray Beckingham](#). Or you can ask your lodge Holy Royal Arch Representative.

Don't be shy join in and find out how to take the next step in completing your journey from Initiation to Exaltation.

## New look for Weston Masonic Hall

Many Masonic Halls in the Province have used the enforced shutdown to make alterations and improvements to their facilities. Have a look at how Weston super Mare Masonic Hall has transformed the bar and rehearsal room area.

Let's hope we can get back in September to taste the beer and enjoy the space!

[Take a look at the new bar area](#)



## Somerset Freemasonry



## 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!

[Visit the site](#)

## Provincial News letter previous issues

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