



## Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

July 14th 2021

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### NHS Workers Day in Somerset

Photographs from around the Province of events that took place on Monday 5th July in support of [NHS Workers Day](#).

Over £700 raised during NHS Day event at the [Clevedon Hub](#).

Connaught Lodge meeting in Midsomer Norton give £5000 to charity on NHS Day. [Read More](#).

### Fundraiser for the NHS Workers Day

I would like to thank the brethren of Somerset for their generous donations to the appeal in recognition of the NHS Frontline Workers' Day on 5th July. I have been bowled over by the generosity of the brethren.

So far over £2000 has been raised and funds are still arriving, we will announce the total raised at the presentation. A draw will also be made to decide the winner of our special NHS Teddy.

Roger Penny - TLC Organiser, PGL Somerset.



### The Universities Scheme Travelling Loving Cup

The aim of the DKW-Cup is to encourage inter-visiting between Universities Scheme Lodges, the scheme now has an impressive 90 participating Lodges. To promote the scheme Lodges are joining in a relay covering a distance of 2021 miles. It was hoped to make this a DKW challenge like no other and all monies raised will go to support the Duke of Edinburgh Memorial Fund through the DKW relief chest.

[Read more about the relay](#)

### From Solomon - Why we wear gloves

In this week's presentation taken from UGLE's Solomon web site, Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish answers

the question, ["Why do we wear gloves"](#)

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](#).



## Poppy Appeal Organisers

Following on from last year's very successful appeal to support Dunkirk House, the Royal British Legion Home in Somerset, the Province has been asked to help RBL find suitable Poppy Appeal Organisers. Help is required particularly in Taunton but also several other areas in the Province. If you think you may be able to help or are already involved in the Poppy Appeal please contact Martin Slocombe. For more information including role description and contact details please click on the button.

[RBL Details](#)

## Nyanza Lodge, The Ilminster Experience

Every year Ilminster puts up over 100 flags to coincide with the Ilminster Experience, which took place on June 26th. As part of this Nyanza sponsored 2 flags and we also threw open the doors of the Lodge to the public.

We had a very successful event with over 60 people viewing the Lodge, many questions were asked and answered. Most visitors did not realise how much was raised for charity, both nationally and locally. The ladies who visited showed great interest as well as their partners, several people said they would like to know more about Freemasonry.

We hope to hold more events in the future.

Mike Stephenson, Nyanza Lodge 1197  
Communications officer



### The Benefits of a Provincial Web Page



## Promote your Lodge!

This one minute video explains the benefit to your Lodge of having a dedicated Lodge page on the Provincial web site and how to start the process.

[Watch the video](#)

## Lodge News

- [Columbanus Lodge back on the road and in the air](#) with a member raising £2,500 for Children's Hospice. W.Bro Kent Baxter, gave up his motorcycle for a parachute to raise over £2,500 for Julia's House Children's Hospice in Wiltshire.
- Widows Sons Wyvern Chapter [ride report](#).
- Somerset Farmers Lodge's David Preece Children's [Air Ambulance Fundrazor](#)
- [Clevedon Hub menus for July](#)
- [Taunton School Lodge Donation](#) to school adventure appeal.
- Stephen rows for Frome charity [Active and in Touch](#).
- Widows Sons from all over the county gather to support a [young man suffering terminal brain cancer](#).



### Somerset First Principals Chapter donate £3,000 to local Hospices

Somerset First Principals Chapter No 3746 met at Clevedon Masonic Hall on Thursday 24th June. The meeting, observing social distancing and covid regulations was attended by twenty eight Companions. The main business was to elect Principals for the year commencing September 2021 and to approve a donation from the Chapter's charity account to three local hospices. [Report of the meeting](#).



### Cadogan Court - video presentation

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute have produced a three minute video promoting our local RMBI home, Cadogan Court in Exeter. The home offers residential, nursing and dementia care.

Earlier this year W.Bro John Lendon of Exmoor Lodge moved to Cadogan Court after finding living on his own was becoming increasingly difficult. In part of this video he relates his own very positive experience.

Watch the RMBI video

## Diary Dates - Provincial events

With the sincere hope that Freemasonry will see a return to normal business from September here are some dates for your diary.

### Provincial Meetings

**Provincial Grand Lodge** - Annual Meeting, 11.00am on Thursday 14 October 2021. The meeting should conclude at 1.00pm followed by Lunch at 2.00pm. The event should be concluded by 3.30pm.

**Provincial Grand Chapter** - Annual Convocation, 3.00pm on Friday 22nd October with dinner immediately afterwards, probably ending by 6.00pm.

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons** - Annual Meeting 11.30am on Saturday 4th September with lunch at 1.15pm, the event should be completed by 3.00pm (Ladies are welcome to attend the lunch with their husband/partner.)

**Provincial Priory (of Knights Templar)** - Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory at 11.00am on Monday 13th September, followed by lunch at 1.30pm.

*Venue for all four meetings - Webbington Hotel, Loxton, Axbridge, Somerset. BS26 2HU*

### Provincial Weekends

**Royal Arch Chapter Weekend** - 4th/5th February 2022 at The Durrant House Hotel, Heywood Road, Bideford, North Devon EX39 3QB - [Details and booking form.](#)

**Provincial Mark Weekend** - 15th/16th October 2021 at the Cumberland Hotel, Eastcliff, Bournemouth BH13AF - [Details and booking form.](#)

## Solomon Live - Freemasons and Charity

This webinar will be held on Tuesday 20th July at 19.30. It will feature the Deputy Grand Master, Jonathan Spence and the CEO of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, Les Hutchinson. They will be discussing the impact we have made in our communities and how the journey makes Brethren more charitable in nature.

Register to join this webinar



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## Pathway updated

The Members' Pathway - Attracting Members, Growing Lodges.

Over the past six months UGLE has been working on the new Members' Pathway. The revised and simplified Pathway will be available to Lodges in the Autumn, you can see how it will look and work by clicking the button below.

The Members' Pathway



### All our yesterdays - April 16th 1986

Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth Kinnersley, (holding right hand side of cheque) presents a cheque for £18,519 to St Margarets Hospice, Taunton. The note on the back of the photo says in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant. Third from left is Tom Hughes, then the Provincial DC, who went on to become Deputy PGM. To the right of Tom is Roger Clark, then the Provincial Secretary who also went on to become Deputy PGM. To the right and behind Ken Kinnersley is a very young looking David Jenkins, PGM from 2001 to 2010. Do you recognise any of the others? Incidentally £18,519 in 1986 is equivalent in purchasing power to about £55,665 today.

### Provincial News letter previous issues

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