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Welcome to the first edition of the Compass email Magazine

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to sign up, and especially if you had to persevere with a flaky sign up page, an issue which I'm pleased to report now been fully resolved.

This is a short edition of the magazine, designed in part to test the process, but also to inspire and maintain interest in this publication. Future editions are expected to contain more of your events, news, & articles etc., and so please do submit articles to the communications team (compass@pglsom.org) or the ACO team, who can be contacted personally or via the central email address aco@pglsom.org)

Please do feel free to forward this edition, and please do encourage as many other to sign up at the Provincial Website: <https://www.pglsom.org/subscribe-to-newsletter/>



Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset

E.Comp. B K Woodside Grand Superintendent

A Somerset Introduction to the Holy Royal Arch

Calling all Master Masons

Somerset Royal Arch ZOOM is coming to you soon !
W.Bros Ray Beckingham and Neil Hurcum will be holding a Zoom
"Introduction to the Holy Royal Arch"

for the following centres

FROME , BATH & KEYNSHAM ~ JULY 14th @ 7pm
NAILSEA , CLEVEDON & YATTON ~ JULY 21st @ 7pm

Agenda: Short introduction, Q&As , maybe even a surprise "Guest" !

Your Lodge Secretary or your lodge Holy Royal Arch Representative can provide you with details of how to join the meeting



General guidance for the resumption of Masonic meetings

Brethren, I'm sure that most of you are aware that UGLE recently published guidance for the resumption of Masonic meetings. Something so important cannot be left to chance, and so please follow this link to read the UGLE document...

<https://www.pglsom.org/2020/07/08/general-guidance-for-the-resumption-of-masonic-meetings/>

For information on how the Province of Somerset is helping to beat Covid-19, please see here: <https://www.pglsom.org/somerset-freemasons-helping-beat-covid-19/>

A message from the PGM



Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset

Friday 10th July 2020

To all Lodge Secretaries of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset

Good afternoon Brother Secretary,

You have all received the information from UGLE that Masonry may proceed as from 18th July.

As your PGM I must advise you that safety must be the priority.

The safety of the Masonic Halls is the responsibility of the Trustees/Directors, and they are legally liable if they do not follow strict procedures. I will be very disappointed if any Brother puts undue pressure on Trustees to open before they are comfortable taking on that responsibility.

The activity when a group meets is also the legal responsibility of the organisers, and careful attention to personal distancing, the wearing of PPE, and handling of items is their responsibility even to the extent of use of the toilets.

Together with the lack of a Festive Board, I cannot understand any Brother wanting to Initiate or Install a new Master under these circumstances. What should be a memorable event which stays in the memory for a lifetime runs the risk of becoming a farce. Sunglasses!!

I have no plans to ask anyone to represent myself, or the Province until the end of 2020. I hope that any Lodge, or Provincial business meetings, which are unavoidable in the near future, will be carried out with a strict observance of the rules, and the minimum of attendance.

Brethren, you may be comfortable with putting yourself at risk, but I have no doubt each, and every one of you will be devastated if others become infected because of your behaviour, no matter how well intentioned that might be.

You will no doubt have a wide range of questions resulting from the possibility of resumption of Masonic activity. The Province will endeavour to provide advice, and guidance in the following ways. Enquiries in relation to our Masonic meeting places should be directed to our Superintendent of Works - W.Bro Chris Cluff. Those relating to administration under the Book of Constitutions to our Provincial Grand Secretary W.Bro Roger Allen, and those regarding Province, to include ceremonial matters to VW.Bro Ben Batley, DPGM.

I am personally looking forward to Christmas when I trust, and hope there will be light in the darkness.

Yours sincerely, and fraternally

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APGMs to attend virtual meetings

Finally under the banner of Covid-19, did you know that APGMs are now offering to attend your virtual meetings. For full details, please see [the article on the website](#)

North West



Estune Family & Friends Social Distancing BBQ.

Sunday 9th Aug 14:00-18:00 £5 a head on the day.

Nailsea & Backwell Rugby club have set up a really good system to enable good social distancing inside & out.

The club have offered to open it for us if we get numbers. This is an opportunity for us to get together & have a catch up staying within the guide lines. If you are interested I will need a lead name & numbers & any vegetarians emailed to me by 22nd July

markraby67@yahoo.com

I need to decide if we have enough by the 22nd so please let me know I will email back once confirmed.

South East



Does your lodge or temple have Blue Plaque?

Quick, take a peek as you never know!

This one is in Ilminster and was awarded to Nyanaz Lodge, no.1197 for meeting in the present building for over 100 years.

If your lodge or temple has one, indeed if you do know of any other masonic building that does, Bro Mike Stephenson, Lodge Communications officer of Nyanazs would be delighted to hear from you - mike@epixels.co.uk

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