



Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge News update January 27th 2021

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Last week's email glitch

We must apologise to those brethren who didn't get a copy of last week's news letter, a problem with our email server resulted in over 500 members not getting their copy on time. Thanks to those brethren who emailed to alert us to the problem. Our thanks also go to Chris Hill and Andy Wade who between them spent hours resolving the issue and ensuring it shouldn't happen again.

Brethren it's your newsletter, let us know what you think

What do you think of our newsletter? We hope that it is keeping you informed about Masonry in our Province but are we missing something? Your suggestions as to how we can improve the service would be much appreciated. Contact us on newsletters@pglson.org We look forward to hearing from you.



This weeks Solomon nugget

This week Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish, presents 'The Rise and Fall of Operative Masons' taken from UGLE's Solomon web site. From William Schaw to the White House, a look at the history of Operative Stonemasons. Start or renew your own Masonic researches by exploring the [Solomon web site](#)

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Steven's Poppy Run Success

Bro Steven Wort, Senior Warden of Loyal Vacation Lodge at Wiveliscome with his wife Teresa celebrating raising £1730 for the Royal British Legion.

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The historic links between Craft, Royal Arch and Mark degrees.

W.Bro Tony Harvey PAGDC, the 2012 Prestonian Lecturer will give a Zoom presentation on Wednesday 10th February at 19.00. Over 200 Brethren have registered already for this unique opportunity to receive this most informative talk on the links between Craft, Royal Arch and Mark.

If you haven't already done so, you can register your interest in attending on the Provincial web site. Once registered you will be sent log on details for the meeting. If you have registered but haven't received log on details please check your email spam folder. To avoid emails going into your spam folder add our email to your address book. ie Contact name - Somerset Freemasons email address - newsletters@pglsom.org

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. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Roger Allen Provincial Grand Secretary - Somerset

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Congratulations of your Promotion!

Congratulations to all members of the Province who will receive a promotion in Provincial Rank on the 15th April 2021. Letters were posted to the brethren involved on Friday last. The Provincial Meeting, when brethren would have normally been invested by the PGM, has been delayed until Thursday 14th October but the new ranks will be effective from 15th April.

Brethren not already Provincial Officers who were in the Chair of their Lodge in 2016 will have to wait another year for their first appointment to Provincial Rank. This is due to the current active officers remaining in place for a second year when hopefully, they will have the opportunity to be involved in Provincial visits and Lodge Installations. An opportunity denied them this year due to Covid 19 restrictions.



Do you have mobility problems?

The Provincial Almoner is aware of an electric road scooter vehicle that has recently become available. If any member or widow has a need of one please contact Ian Walker, Provincial Almoner. There is no charge for the long term loan of the vehicle, it is available for collection from the Bridgwater area. almoner@pglsom.org

My Lodge wouldn't do it that way!



Portrait of Revd. James Anderson, published in Evangelical Magazine, 1827. Public Domain

'The following, rather macabre passage, is a footnote taken from a new Solomon paper "**Revd. James Anderson: The Scottish influence in English Masonry.**" Anderson produced the first book of Constitutions in 1723, he had significant influence over the early development of organised Freemasonry in England. You can find the paper in the Seek and Learn section of Solomon. (photo from UGLE Solomon)

Reported in The Daily Post of 2nd June 1739: *Last night was interr'd in Bullhill-Field the corpse of Dr. Anderson, a Dissenting Teacher, in a very remarkable deep Grave. His Pall was supported by five Dissenting Teachers, and the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers: It was follow'd by about a Dozen of Free-Masons, who encircled the Grave; and after Dr. Earle had harangued on the Uncertainty of Life, &c., without one Word of the Deceased, the Brethren, in a most solemn dismal Posture, lifted up their Hands, sign'd, and struck their aprons three Times in Honour to the Deceased.'*

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