



Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

February 17th 2021

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This weeks Solomon nugget

This week Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents '[Operative Mason at Large Part 2](#)'. Taken from UGLE's Solomon web site and following on from last weeks presentation, Richard examines the duties and names used for various categories of operative stonemasons and the use of masons' marks'.

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](#)

[Listen here](#)



A reflection on the 2nd Degree

In these trying times our Provincial Orator, W.Bro The Reverend Jeremy Hellier, gives us a thoughtful insight into the meaning of the second degree and particularly the message of hope for the return to a more ordered life.

[Listen here](#)

Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter.

W.Bro Tony Harvey PAGDC, the 2012 Prestonian Lecturer gave an excellent Zoom presentation last Wednesday 10th February. Over 180 Brethren were able to log in. As some of you will know we had a few technical issues which we have now resolved.



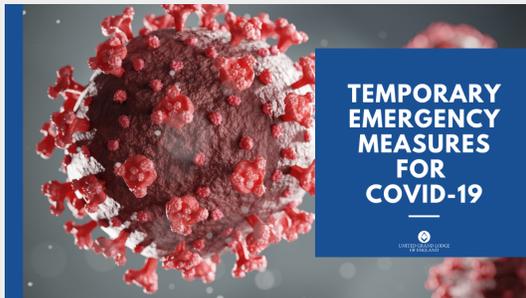
You can register your interest in attending the next lecture on Wednesday 17th March 2021 entitled :- The "[Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter](#)" via the [Provincial web site](#). Once registered you will be sent log on details for the meeting. IMPORTANT - If you are attending that meeting it is essential that you log on with your zoom details before 6.45pm when logging in will cease. You will be able to log on from 6.15pm.

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, and informative.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Roger Allen, Provincial Grand Secretary

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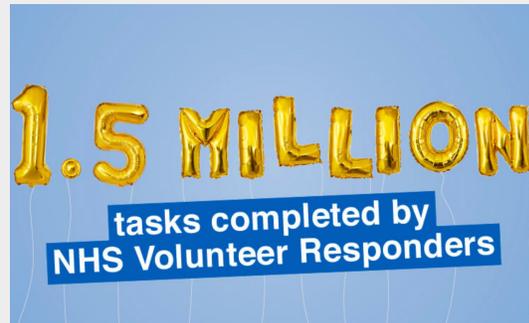
UGLE Temporary Measures

You may have seen in Monday's edition of First Rising that United Grand Lodge have issued New Temporary Emergency Measures for COVID-19 effective from 15th February.

These consider the problems that Lodges have faced in being unable to meet and elect a new Master. In some cases a Master may now be looking at his third consecutive year in office. The new temporary measures offer Lodges an alternative solution.

Please [click here](#) to access the New Temporary Emergency Measures for COVID-19.

Please [click here](#) to view the guide to the New Emergency Measures.



NHS Volunteer Responders

Dear Brethren,
I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well through these challenging times.

Many Masonic halls up and down the country are being used as vaccination centres and I would like to hear of any Masonic Hall in Somerset being used for any Covid related activity. Please take time to read more about how our great organisation is helping the NHS in their time of need [here](#).

If you are thinking of giving your time to volunteer please visit the [NHS VR website](#)

Let me know how you get on, or if you are already helping the NHS in any capacity and not just in Covid related work.

I really look forward to hearing from you soon. [David Maddern](#),

Almoner - Mobility scooter available.

Since we delivered the two mobility vehicles mentioned in this news letter a few weeks ago, another one in excellent working order with a roof has become available which, in our climate, is certainly a plus factor! For more information please contact me or W.Bro Steve Defries.

Likewise if anyone has any large items of equipment such as a scooter or stairlift that they no longer need, please let [me](#) or [W.Bro Steve Defries](#) know. We will make sure it finds a good home.

[Ian Walker](#), Provincial Grand Almoner.



Good news! One of our almoners, Bill Roberts of Whitchurch Lodge 6942 has been in the Bristol Royal Infirmary battling with Covid and was on oxygen for two weeks is now home. The symptoms appeared two days after his Covid vaccination which he thinks he contracted in a supermarket about a week earlier. He was told that even though he had only been vaccinated two days before the symptoms appeared, the vaccination probably saved his life. He is now home but still a bit breathless at times.

Help children without access to on line learning by recycling your old lap top.

We have previously supported the charity "Unlocking Potential", and I would like to see if we can further help this cause by donating any unwanted laptops which we may have in the home. These laptops will be used in nine Somerset schools to help disadvantaged pupils with their home education now and after they go back to school, the scheme will make a huge difference, not only to their education but to let them know that they are being cared for.

Gary Boon, Master of Perpetual Friendship Lodge has already collected 10 laptops from brethren in and around Bridgwater, that were wiped completely clean of previous data and software, and then uploaded with the software the children need in order to carry out their school work. These have been presented to Haygrove School.

Laptops need to be in working order and complete with power supply. I would further like to ask some of our IT specialists in the Province to help make sure the laptops are wiped clean and put back to factory resets.

If you can help with any unused laptops and help ensure they are wiped clean, I would very much like to hear from you, between us we can make a difference to young people's lives.

[David Maddern](#), Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Somewhere To Go Project for Homeless People.

Somewhere To Go is a Charity helping the homeless here in Weston. Their motto is "A Hand Up, not a Hand



Out". They provide a warm, safe refuge 365 days of the year for homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged people. This includes hot food, showers, clean clothing and expert advice in several relevant areas. With donations from Weston Lodges, Sir Isaac Newton Lodge in Nailsea, a contribution from the Somerset Masonic Fund and Match Funding from the Masonic Charitable Foundation we have been able to help their project with a donation of £8,600! Thanks to everyone for their generous contributions, [Keith Baker, Birnbeck Lodge.](#)

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Footnote from the Provincial Grand Secretary

Brethren,

I trust by now that you have received details of the Provincial Appointments and Promotions for 2021 - 2022. If not you will find them on [pglsom.org website](http://pglsom.org).

For my part I shall be retiring on April 15th 2021, after serving the Secretariat for 5 years, 3¼ years as the Provincial Grand Secretary.

I have enjoyed every minute, albeit very time consuming. More from me at a later date.

[Roger Allen, Provincial Grand Secretary](#)

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