



Somerset Provincial Grand Lodge Midweek Mason

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Have you told your family?

The Masonic Charitable Foundation has launched a new campaign 'Tell your family' – encouraging Freemasons to sit down with their loved ones and tell them about the MCF.

Why? Well, a lot of Freemasons don't tell their families about the charity and when the going gets tough, the MCF think it's important that families know that there is help available.

A good way to start may be to share this email with your loved ones and let them view the short MCF YouTube video by clicking the button below.

[Watch MCF Video](#)



New TLC Teddies for Children's Hospitals

We reported a couple of weeks ago on the activity of W.Bro Roger Penny in promoting the Teddies for loving care scheme across Somerset. TLC has launched a new cute teddy with a heart shaped nose, they're heading to a hospital near you!

The majority of TLC bears are sent to children's accident and emergency units to help calm distressed children or reward them for being brave. Receiving one of these colourful little bears can make a huge difference to a child's experience of visiting hospital. Last year Somerset Freemasons donated 12,500 teddies to local hospitals. If your Lodge would like to support the TLC scheme in Somerset please contact [Roger Penny](#). The scheme also has a national website.

[Visit TLC Website](#)

Operative Mason rowing for local charity

Covid restrictions have meant that W.Bro Stephen Barker hasn't been able to join a local Lodge in Frome



but it hasn't prevented him getting involved with the local Frome Masonic WhatsApp group and raising money for a local charity.

Stephen was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, having made the decision to change his lifestyle he lost three stone and is now in remission! He is rowing 500Km for Frome charity Active and In Touch, having learnt of their work via his local Lodge.

Stephen commented " The last year has been difficult for many, especially those who are alone. I want to raise money for a local charity who help the more vulnerable in the community". Read more on the [Provincial Web site](#).

[Active and In Touch web site](#)

This weeks Solomon presentation

Provincial Mentor, Richard Parrish presents ['The Working Tools'. Part 2](#) - following last weeks look at how the operative mason's working tools were integrated into Speculative Freemasonry, part two looks at the application of working tools in speculative Masonry.

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](#)



Cadogan Court - RMBI Home

The RMBI Care Co, part of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, runs 18 care homes in England and Wales, the nearest to Somerset being Cadogan Court in Exeter. This week W.Bro John Lendon, who is known to many of us, took up residence in Cadogan Court. John has lived on his own since his wife Marjorie passed away 14 years ago. He has had a tough past year health wise, spending some time in Musgrove hospital. With the insecurity that poor health can bring, he decided he could no longer live on his own, a move to a care home therefore was a sensible option and Cadogan Court a good choice.

Covid restrictions mean he has to isolate from other residents for the first fourteen days but he was effusive in his praise for Cadogan Court, the staff and the warm welcome he has received. John said "I'm also very grateful for the tremendous help I have received from the Assistant Provincial Almoner, W.Bro Steve Defries, he's done a wonderful job helping me with my move" We wish you well in your new home John!

[more about RMBI homes](#)

Masonic Centenarian!

Congratulations to W.Bro Harry Scotting who celebrated his 100th birthday on the 19th February. Harry was initiated into Nyanza Lodge in Illminster in 1969 going on to be Master of that Lodge in 1993. Always a keen golfer, Harry was member of the Somerset Masonic Golfing Society and became a founder member of Somerset Fairway Lodge in 1987. Although he hasn't been able to attend Fairway for some years, many older members of Fairway will remember Harry as quite a character on the golf course!

In 2005 the Lodge made him an honorary member as a thank you for his thirty years service to the Lodge.

Although not seen at Fairway Lodge these days, Lodge Almoner, W.Bro Steve Williams, does a great job of keeping in touch with Harry and all our older members. Thanks Steve and keep going Harry!



Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm "Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter."

W.Bro Tony Harvey PAGDC, the 2012 Prestonian Lecturer gave an excellent Zoom presentation on Wednesday 10th February, on the historic links between Craft, Chapter and Mark. If you missed it a recording is available on the Provincial [web site](#).

You can register your interest for part two of Tony's presentation, "Narrative and Symbolic links between Craft, Mark and Chapter" on Wednesday 17th March 2021 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.

Since 2012 Tony has raised over £100,000 for Masonic and Scouting charities. If you attended the first lecture and would like to donate [you can do so here](#).

Roger Allen, Provincial Grand Secretary

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