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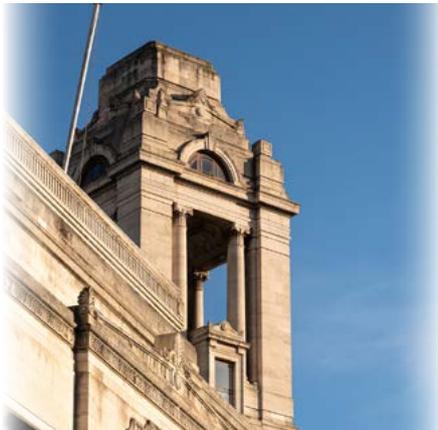


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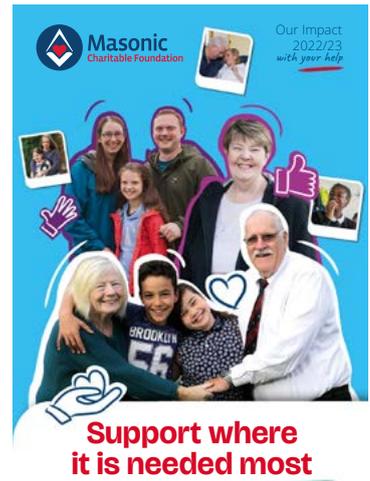
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This month's 'Easter' Wordsearch plus answers to last month's Wordsearch.

## Together with the usual 'Out and About' and 'Upcoming Events'



Bringing you news from the Masonic Province of Herefordshire

# Would I know the answer?

## Did I know the answer?

By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

**This month I asked: Why is the Volume of the Sacred Law opened on Chronicles 2 Chap.6?**

A real question from one of our members; I am so pleased. But it did set me a real problem. I started by asking a large number of Masons, what is the practice in their own Lodges. The answers varied from 'not a clue', with some suggestions of what might be appropriate, through to 'we just open the book to a convenient place which is flat to hold the tools'.

So, I sought further, and looked at a number of Ritual books. Believe me, not even Emulation or the Book of Constitution mentions the point at which the book should be open. Some Lodges have markers to open the book at a predetermined point. I had assumed that all Lodges opened their VSL at the same point, but now understand that this is not the case, and as there are three degrees in Freemasonry, each degree has a separate series of verses pertinent to that degree.

I have discovered that some Lodges open the VSL for the First Degree at Chronicles 2 v.6 which mentions the settling of King Solomon on the throne of Israel. Of course, King Solomon was the son of King David and he had seen how his father had ruled Israel. Other Lodges open at Psalm 133 which talks of fellowship and like minded people.

For the Second Degree the book can be opened at Chronicles 2 Chap. 6 to show the building of the Temple, the pillars and other attributes. Other Lodges may open it at Ruth Chap. 1. "Where you lodge I will lodge, your people are my people." This depicts caring for the elderly. Boaz was such a person who showed caring in every way. Other Lodges choose Amos with the wall and the plumb line, to keep things true and guide and watch over others.

The Third Degree can be opened at Kings Chap. 1, which shows David now an old man preparing to hand over to Solomon; a succession. Other Lodges may use Ecclesiastes chap. 12 v.1-7 which briefly restates that the First Degree covers youth, the Second Degree middle age and the Third Degree old age.

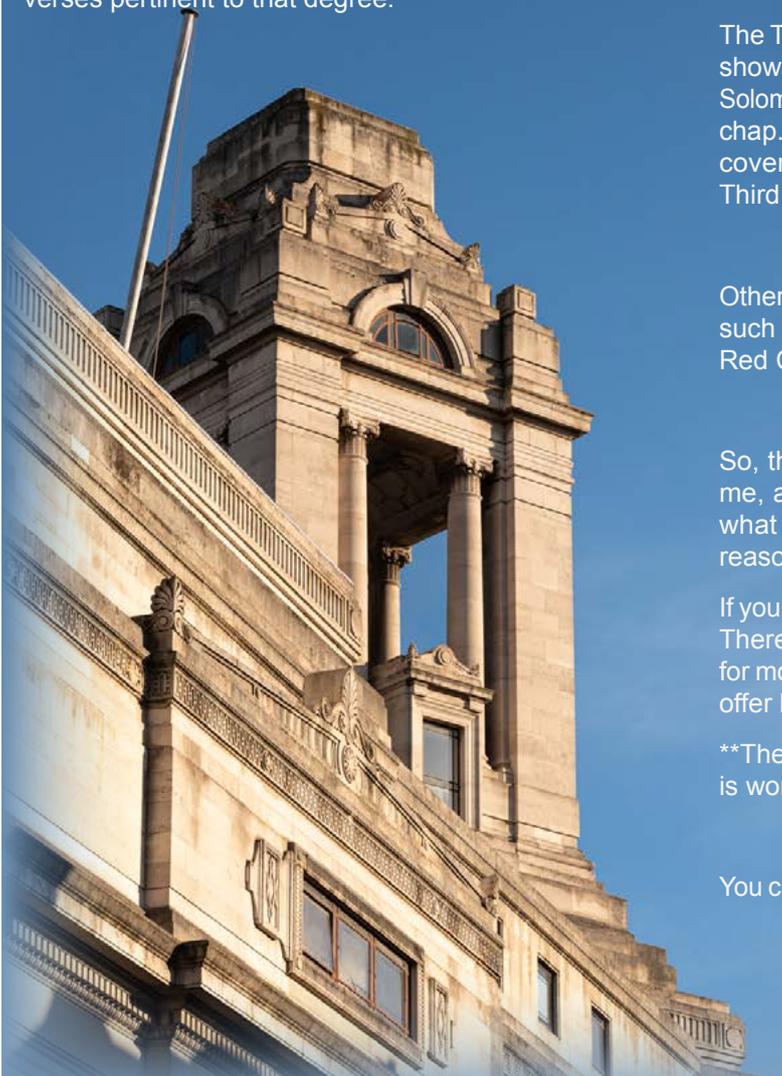
Other Degrees and Orders also use particular references such as Genesis in the Holy Royal Arch and John in the Red Cross of Constantine. All worth following through.

So, thank you Brother, for your question. It has caused me, and I hope you, to think more about our ritual and what we do and why. It seems that there are as many reasons and explanations for all of our work.

If you have not visited the 'Solomon' site lately, you should. There are now Videos, Podcasts and Webinars available for more in depth explanations. Facebook and Twitter also offer links for more information.

\*\*There is also a new link to Royal Arch Chapter, which is worth a look.\*\*

You can find more information later in this edition with links.



# Out and About

A round-up of events in and around Herefordshire Province



## Visit to Rosemary Lodge

On 20<sup>th</sup> February, several Brethren from Herefordshire went to Rosemary Lodge No 2851, which meets in Great Queen Street, to support W Bro Carl Dakin, a Past Master of Royal Edward Lodge No 892, being installed into the chair of the Lodge.

It was a most enjoyable evening and in fact the work in the Lodge not only included the Installation ceremony, but also an Initiation of a new member, so an extremely busy evening.

The festive board after was well attended and enjoyed by all. All the Herefordshire visitors wish Carl all the very best for his year as Worshipful Master of Rosemary Lodge.



**Pictured Left**  
The Herefordshire Brethren with Carl at his Installation meeting.



**Pictured Left**  
The Tower entrance of Freemasons Hall in Great Queen Street

## An Eastnor Lodge Double

Eastnor Lodge met on 21<sup>st</sup> February and completed a double passing on behalf of Cantilupe Lodge.

This was the first time in recent history that the Lodge had conducted such a double ceremony, with space in the Lodge room limited, it had taken some choreography practices to ensure that the Bro Kevin Sisson and Bro William Stevens were made to feel comfortable and able to enjoy the ceremony.

During the ceremony the Master and Wardens stood in front of their pedestals and were joined by a Past Master, to ensure that everything was communicated with ease. Both Deacons were involved to ensure the movements were executed well.

The new Fellowcrafts enjoyed the ceremony and will now continue their progression and Eastnor members now have some new skills to offer for future candidates, demonstrating adaptability whilst maintaining dignity and tradition!

All enjoyed a well-deserved festive board afterwards.



**Pictured Right**  
The well-deserved Festive Board.

## Dean Leigh Masters Lodge

The Dean Leigh Masters' Lodge, No 3687, was consecrated in 1913 by the Grand Secretary VW Bro Sir Edward Letchworth FSA and Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Brother, the Very Reverend James Wentworth Leigh. He was Dean of Hereford from 1894 to 1919. The Consecration took place in the Hereford Town Hall, and afterwards the banquet was held at The Green Dragon Hotel.

The Lodge was set up as a Masters' Lodge in order to give those who had completed a year in the Chair of their own Lodge, the opportunity to continue the relationship they had established with many other Masters during that year.

It has traditionally met just three times each year and has an ethos of providing interesting talks and lectures covering a vast array of subjects, mostly Masonic, but occasionally on non-Masonic matters.

There is an open invitation to Past Masters from any Lodge to join. The subscription is modest, and there is a reduction for members who continue to hold membership in their Mother Lodge.



**Pictured Right**  
The Loyal Hay team at Sympathy Chapter with the three Principals.

**Pictured Left**  
W Bro David Joyce in mid presentation.

At the February 2024 meeting a talk on "The Operatives" was given by W Bro David Joyce PJGD. He explained his association with the Worshipful Company of Free Masons stretching back 20 years.

The Society was established in 1913 following the efforts of Clement Edwin Stretton, who in 1870 was indentured to an engineering firm in Leicester. For part of his training, he was required to work in a local quarry to understand the stone mason's work. But to learn that trade, he had to be admitted to the local Stonemason's Guild. However, with much of the manual work becoming mechanised and with the advent of trade unions, once qualified he recognised the progressive decline of that Guild and so he carefully recorded the processes through which he been taught.

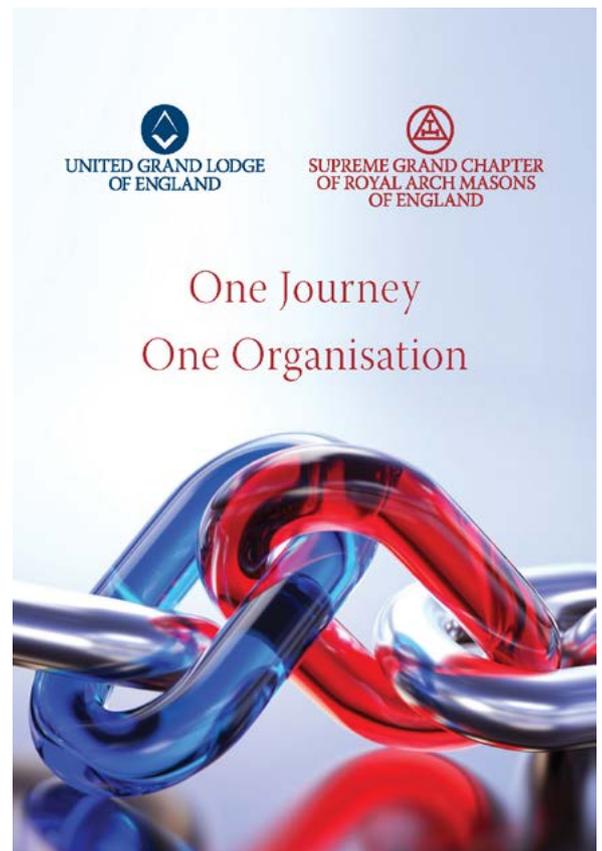
Thus, the Society's ritual, based on his experiences, takes candidates through four degrees at local level, placing them on a journey through the methods of creating finished stones for a building, setting them and erecting them. Further degrees, carried out at regional level, involve more of the supervision and the administration of the work.

His talk was warmly received by the Brethren and his efforts were received with acclamation.

## Sympathy Chapter Exaltation



Ten members of Loyal Hay Lodge attended the Chapter of Sympathy No 855 in Wotton Under Edge to watch the Exaltation of a member of Loyal Hay Craft Lodge and enjoyed an excellent ceremony and Festive Board.



# Visitors Gallery

**Visiting is such an important part of Freemasonry.**

*Here are some pictures from members who have visited far and wide this month.*

Why not submit your pictures to [pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk](mailto:pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk) and we will publish a gallery each month.

Who will go the furthest?



Scott McHattie from Dean Waterfield and Steve Wade of Loyal Hay Lodge travelled to Cheltenham for a Second Degree at Foundation Lodge No 82.

**Further details of all  
Caeruleum Club Events  
at**

<https://caeruleum.club/club-events/>

The Caeruleum Club would love for you and your family to join us for....



**£35  
DEPOSIT  
£10**

**CLAY SHOOTING** FOLLOWED BY **FRY UP IN HEREFORD**

LOCATION: LOWE FARM, HEREFORD, HR2 8DG  
WHAT3WORDS: SHIPWRECK.WOMANLY.RATING

March 16, 2024 | H S Activities | 11:00 am

Register at [www.Caeruleum.Club/Clay2023](http://www.Caeruleum.Club/Clay2023)

# Membership Update

*An update for March 2024 from the Provincial Grand Membership Officer, W Bro Stuart Jones.*



Brethren

Overall we are still having a very positive start to 2024.

As a Province we have seen an increase of eighteen new members versus last year, a growth of 3.6%, well above our Membership growth target. With sixteen initiated this year to date!

In February we welcomed seven new initiates, Bro's Goodwin, Bates, MacAusland, Murphy, Broomhead, McGee and Rooney. A warm welcome to you all and we look forward to your continued progress. We also welcomed two new joining Brethren in W Bro's Morgan and Hillard.

In addition, three Brethren progressed to their Second Degree and one completed his Third Degree.

Well done to all those involved in helping these Brethren progress into masonry and through their three degrees,

Moving through the degrees is important to keep our Brethren engaged and helping them feel a part of our fraternity. They can take part in our ceremonies once they feel comfortable and also visit more widely to other Lodges in the Province and further afield.

We are seeing more Lodges carrying out double ceremonies, which allows this advancement to take place, and with careful and thoughtful planning, nothing is lost in those ceremonies ensuring tradition and sincerity is maintained. We now have eighteen Brethren awaiting their Second Degree and sixteen awaiting Thirds. It is therefore important that all Lodges learn from each other on how to do double ceremonies and keep up the momentum we have seen. In addition, we also have twenty candidates awaiting Initiation.

The position for us as a Province is positive. If your Lodge needs help to ensure progression of candidates, please do ask for help from the Provincial Membership team who will be happy to provide help and guidance.

Thank you to all who contributed to our online posts during February 2024.

Send in your pictures of meetings or events to [pc@herefordshiremasons.org.uk](mailto:pc@herefordshiremasons.org.uk) and we will publish in The Craftsmen and on our Social Media feeds.



ROSS-ON-WYE  
GOLF CLUB

EST. 1903

# CHARITY GOLF DAY

at

ROSS-ON-WYE GOLF CLUB

HR9 7UT



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

In Support Of

**MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION**

and

**St Michaels Hospice, Hereford**

- Light Refreshments on Arrival from 11.00 am
- Shotgun Start at 1.00 pm
- Two Course Buffet Meal Post Golf
- Auction to raise funds for the MND Association
- Raffle
- Team and Individual Prizes
- Nearest the Pin and Beat the Pro Competitions
  
- Cost - £300 per Team of Four Players

**In Memory of Simon Smith who died in September 2022 of  
Motor Neurone Disease**

**BOOK YOUR TEAM'S PLACE NOW!**

Please complete entrance form which can be found in the events section of the Provincial Members Portal. Link below

Further details for any event go to the  
Provincial Members' Website

<https://hwmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/events/>



# Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society

Dear Golf Brethren,

A quick reminder that our AGM will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at Kyrle Street, 1900hrs.

We would like to see as many members as possible in attendance as it might be the opportunity to discuss our thoughts on running a similar open in respect of our forthcoming festival and to look at increasing new members to the section.

*Dave Gwynne*



Provisional Dates for 2024		
Date	Venue	Details
8 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM	Kyrle Street 19:00hrs
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Nottingham Province Open Rufford Park Golf Club	We have recently had an invitation to join Nottingham Province in an open, in support of their 2029 Festival Appeal. This is to be held at Rufford Park Golf Club on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024. The cost is £50 per player and includes coffee and bacon cob, 18 holes of golf and a hot buffet, plus normal on course challenges. There is a maximum number of 60 places, and is open to both Masonic and Non-Masonic golfers, which would allow us to make up teams of potential member's friends or family. We have one team interest so anyone else who is interested please let me know
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Match against Gloucestershire Wormsley Golf Club	Home match at Wormsley Golf Club on Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July. Tee off at 1300hrs. The cost of golf and a two course meal is £40.
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Ten Provinces Match Tewkesbury Park	Four Ball event, which we are currently the holder of the trophy and I'm sure we will try and retain.
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Tri-angular Match against Worcester and Shropshire Burghill Valley Golf Club	Tee off time of 1200hrs. At Burghill Valley Golf Club. The cost of coffee bacon roll, golf and a two course meal is £48.



# Provincial Widows Lunch 2024

The Provincial Luncheon for Widows will be held at the Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 12.30pm for 1.00pm.**

Ideally all widows should be invited to attend, irrespective of whether your Lodge holds its own function, as it is an opportunity for the widows across the Province to re-kindle friendships.

The cost will be £20 per head, inclusive of a wine and sherry reception. The cost for each widow attending is £10, which the Lodge may wish to pay on behalf of the widow, with the Province subsidising the balance of £10.

Please send a list of those Brethren/partners and widows who are attending with payment to the Provincial Grand Almoner. Details for payment have been sent to every Lodge Almoner and Secretary.

MENU	
<b>Starter</b>	Vegetable Soup or Melon
<b>Main Course</b>	Roast Chicken (carved) or Salmon (Vegetarian option available)
<b>Sweet</b>	Lemon Meringue or Cheese & Biscuits (all alternatives must be pre-ordered)
Tea and Coffee	

When submitting your Lodge return, please indicate any other dietary requirements. Also, anything that specially marks the day for any of our guests, such as a birthday.

**Closing date for bookings is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

**Dress smart casual - jackets and tie.**



## PROVINCIAL EVENTS LIST – March 2024

Date	Lodge / Chapter	Event/Venue
<b>2024</b>		
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	St Peter's	Winter Social – Falcon Hotel Bromyard
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Dean Waterfield Masquerade Ball	Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	GRAND LODGE Annual Investiture	FMH
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER	FMH
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Provincial Grand Lodge	Masonic Hall Kyrle Street Hereford
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	St Peter's	Comedy Evening – Falcon Hotel Bromyard
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Provincial Cathedral Service	Hereford Cathedral
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Provincial Grand Chapter G&H	Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Palladian	Ladies Festival (Venue to be confirmed)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Supreme Grand Chapter	FMH
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH

FMH – Freemasons' Hall, London  
LMC – Leominster Masonic Centre

# Membership Matters

These are the ceremonies in the Province for the rest of the month. Details of how to book in for dining and copies of the summonses are on the Provincial Members website [here](#).

Lodge	Date	Location	Meeting Business
Vitruvian	04/03/2024	Ross on Wye	Second Degree - Passing
Coningsby	05/03/2024	Hereford	Third Degree - Raising
Palladian	07/03/2024	Hereford	First Degree - Double Initiation
Delphis	09/03/2024	Hereford	First Degree - Initiation
Arrow	11/03/2024	Kington	Second Degree - Passing
Royal Edward	14/03/2024	Leominster	First Degree - Initiation
Loyal Hay	18/03/2024	Hay on Wye	See Website
Ariconium	19/03/2024	Ross on Wye	See Website
Eastnor	20/03/2024	Ledbury	Second Degree - Passing
Cantilupe	21/03/2024	Hereford	See Website
St Peter's	27/03/2024	Bromyard	Installation
Dean Waterfield	28/03/2024	Hereford	Third Degree - Raising
Vaga	30/03/2024	Hereford	See Website
Dean Leigh Masters	20/05/2024	Hereford	Installation
Manchester St Davids	08/06/2024		See Website
<b>Chapter Meetings within Herefordshire</b>			
Loyal Hay	04/03/2024	Hay on Wye	Installation
St Peter's	12/03/2024	Bromyard	Exaltation
Arrow	20/03/2024	Kington	Installation
Palladian	25/03/2024	Hereford	See Website
Cantilupe	09/04/2024	Hereford	Installation
Vitruvian	19/04/2024	Ross on Wye	See Website
Royal Edward	28/05/2024	Leominster	See Website

There is a matrix of all Craft and Chapter meeting dates across the Province on the Members Portal [here](#) (Login Required).

<https://hwmma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/member-login/member-login/provincial/summonses/>

Further details for any event go to the Provincial Members' Website

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## Kirkwall Scroll Presentation

"An excellent and interesting presentation"

Rt W Bro Michael Timothy Holland -  
Provincial Grand Master - Herefordshire

"One of the best lectures  
Portsmouth Lodge has  
ever had"

W Bro Roger Barnard - Secretary

For further information and  
booking availability please contact

Geoff Wilding on [ks.talk23@gmail.com](mailto:ks.talk23@gmail.com)



# New and Useful Features

## Welcome to Solomon

*Fostering curiosity* - Developing Understanding  
Your Journey of Masonic Learning and Development

Solomon is a virtual learning environment designed to support a broader programme of learning and development within Lodges and Chapters. To have access to all the modules you must register for an account.



Solomon has undergone an extensive redesign over the past few months which have resulted in the following updates:

- 1. SolomonGPT** has been launched. Based on the technology of **ChatGPT** this allows you to ask questions based on Solomon material relevant to that module. While it is early days yet, this offers another way of interacting with Solomon.
- 2. Mentor's Corner** has now been updated with "Snippets", shorter versions of Nuggets and "Within hail", material for use with Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts if they are requested to leave the Temple temporarily.
- 3.** The "Welcome" modules are proving very popular with candidates. These are Welcome Apprentice, Welcome Fellowcraft, Welcome Master Mason and Welcome Companion. These modules are gamified to make the learning more fun and provides an explanation of our ceremonies to new members.
- 4. Lodge Matters** also has some interactive content that covers how the Lodge functions and the role of the Officers.
- 5. The Second Degree, The Third Degree and Masonic History** all have new and updated material.
- 6.** The user interface has been redesigned. Every module has a video that explains its purpose. Also, each section has a short video that summarises the content. Each file now has a standardised summary without having to open the PDF. This is extremely useful when using the Search facility. The Tags function has also been revised and is now available in all modules.

Here is the link:

<https://solomon.ugle.org.uk/login/index.php>

Let us know what you think?

One example is called **Mentor's Corner.**

There is an introduction video which provides an overview of what is available.

**Mentor's Corner** is now a one-stop shop, which contains everything a mentor, or presenter, might need to deliver in a Lodge, in a Chapter or LOI, or via the internet. There are over 70 presentations, demonstrations, and quizzes, all ready for use and downloaded at the touch of a click! To which we have just added:

**SolomonGPT:** the prototype for a suite of Chatbots, dedicated to each Degree and the Royal Arch. So if you have a question about the First and the Third Degrees, you just type it in the box provided, or pick one of the prepared questions, using your mobile, tablet or computer. It answers in seconds. The Second Degree and Royal Arch modules will follow soon.

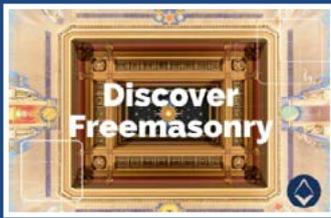
**Snippets:** It takes time and effort to find the right nugget for the right meeting and they can take ten minutes to deliver. So, we have selected over a hundred nuggets and short papers from the First Degree, Lodge Matters and History, together with some from 'Discover More' and the Royal Arch, and cut them down to the size, so they can be delivered in under five minutes and can be downloaded individually or en-masse. Search it-Select-it-Snip-it

**Within-hail:** A set of twenty-five papers and handouts to help whomsoever accompanies those of our members who must leave during a Passing, Raising, or a part of an Installation, by having a short, easy to deliver paper, together with a handout, so everyone can make an advancement in Masonic knowledge.

We have also fully upgraded Lodge Matters with new and improved nuggets and papers, and added some interactive elements, as part of our programme of innovation and improvement.

# Also the following Modules.

The following modules can be found with this link (Login Required) <https://solomon.ugle.org.uk>



**Discover Freemasonry**

5 topics



**Welcome Apprentice**

10 topics



**Getting Started with Solomon**

5 topics



**The First Degree**

12 topics



**Information For Users**

6 topics



**Welcome Fellowcraft**

11 topics



**Solomon Discovery**

2 topics



**The Second Degree**

9 topics



**Masonic History**

13 topics



**Welcome Master Mason**

15 topics



**Lodge Matters**

12 topics



**The Third Degree**

10 topics



**The Royal Arch**

16 topics



**Welcome Companion**

11 topics

# Did you know I am a Freemason?

## Talking openly about our Freemasonry



It can sometimes be hard to know how to start a conversation with someone you know, or a stranger you have met, about being a Freemason. People see articles in the popular press that paint a negative picture but the growing volume of social media, YouTube, and indeed the UGLE and our own Provincial Website, are slowly turning the tide to a more positive footing.

So how do you approach the subject in a conversation? The Member's Pathway has a couple of suggestions with two information sheets on "Being Proud to be a Mason".

In the handout on "[Being proud to be a Mason](#)" it suggests.

"If you are likely to be discussing Freemasonry with people who are not Freemasons, it is important to be in a positive frame of mind, proud of your membership, honest and clear about what Freemasonry means to you".

In "[Explaining to others what Freemasonry means to you](#)" it provides guidance for Lodge members on how to approach the conversation.

The Member's Pathway suggests the following as a good start but emphasises that you should put things into your own words to make it more compelling that "corporate speak".

It suggests you include in your explanation things unique to you, such as:

- Your motives for joining
- What you enjoy about Freemasonry
- Details of your own Lodge(s)
- Your family's involvement in Freemasonry

Maybe we all need an 'elevator pitch' – a short pitch which describes what Freemasonry is, what it means to you and a good reason to join.

So how about preparing an 'elevator pitch' in your mind which you can use to start the conversation. I think mine would go along the lines of.....

*"Did you know i'm a Freemason, I joined for the camaraderie and I find meetings a safe environment to talk openly to other members, especially now I work from home a lot. It's easy to feel isolated and cut off and I miss the banter from the office. I also like the work we do locally to help the community and feel I am able to give something back to society in general. Our rituals can seem a bit strange at first, but as you get to understand them, they really make you think."*

The message is beginning to get across via the charities we support and the work we do in the community but this would be greatly helped by letting us know all the good work you are already doing so we can let the public at large know via our website, social media channels and press releases. We are certainly starting to get traction but we need the material to be able to spread the word.

We can all be justly proud of what we do. At the Charity Evening last November the High Sheriff said:

*"The thing that people don't realise is quite how much Freemasonry does in our county".*

Many Brethren of a certain age may remember the old BT advert with Maureen Lipman saying "it's good to talk". Let's start the conversation and let people know what we do.

What would be your 'elevator pitch'?

Let me know and we will publish some of the best in a future edition.

W Bro Andrew Moore  
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# New Outreach Resources on the Members Portal

Resource for use at open days, village fêtes etc and how to book.

The Province has a set of 'Outreach Kit' available for Lodges to use during open days or village fêtes etc.

This is available to view and book via the Outreach Page on the Member's Portal. On this page you will find details of the current bookings and the checklist of available items you can borrow.

Bookings can be made by emailing the Provincial Communications Officer.

We are happy to provide advice and guidance on running your stand and how to get the best from the day.

## Outreach Kit available for use

- A Gazebo measuring 3m x 3m
- Two Pop up banners
- An 'A Frame' Poster
- Table
- Table Cloth
- 2 Clear A3 Poster frames with posters
- 3 Clipboards with forms for prospective candidates

We also have an A3 Poster that can be downloaded and printed for use on noticeboards in local clubs, libraries etc.

It would be great if you could send any pictures of the stand and your Lodge in action so we can feature it on the Provincial website, in the Craftsmen Newsletter and Social Media.

Please get the permission of anyone in the pictures for use in this way. Also on this page is a link to the UGLE toolkit for photography which would be good to read before taking any pictures.

Bookings can be made by emailing the Provincial Communications Officer, W Bro Andrew Moore [pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk](mailto:pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk)

Further details on The Member's Portal here (Login Required) <https://hmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/member-login/member-login/outreach/>

Provincial Outreach Calendar 2024

Denotes already booked out

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1 Jan	2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan	9 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan
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# Our impact 2022/23 In Herefordshire

## Support where it is needed most



### Local community

 **£23,525**  
in grants given to charities

 **8**  
grants awarded to charities

### A beneficiary from Herefordshire told us

“ Before the operation I couldn't walk any distance, if I knelt down I couldn't get up, it was very painful and I had to limit myself. Now, although I am in recovery, I am managing better and I am delighted. I am getting stronger and more independent, and I can enjoy the things a retired person should be able to do. ”

### Individuals and families

 **30**  
Freemasons and families members helped with grants

 **£111,724**  
in grants given to Freemasons and their families

 **£59,484**  
given to support health, care and wellbeing

 **£1,904**  
given to support the education of children and young people

 **£50,337**  
given to support with daily living costs

 **3**  
people accessed our mental health support

### And beyond

This year we supported more than **451** charities in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and internationally and helped more than **4,000** individuals and households in need.

### Read our full Impact Report!

Scan the QR code using your phone camera or visit [impact.mcf.org.uk/2023](https://impact.mcf.org.uk/2023)



Read the MCF Impact Report for 2023 to see the wide range of help provided during 2022/23

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## MCF Grants In Herefordshire

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 we have received the following grants as a Province.



**21**

Grants



**£84,202**

The value of grants awarded



These applications covered a wide range of uses.

Please see the link below to show what can be applied for:

<https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/>

Over the last five years for the period from

1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

in Herefordshire, we have received a total of

**172 Grants totalling £442,310.**



# Dean Waterfield Masquerade Ball

Saturday 16th March 2024

7 for 7.30pm

Masonic Hall

Kyrle Street



Dancing to the Silverlining Roadshow



**Tickets £35 each**

Be astounded by our  
magician and his  
magic tricks

Book early to avoid disappointment

*Closing date 8th March 2024*

**4 course meal**



Further details for any event go to the  
Provincial Members' Website

<https://hwmwma.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/events/>

**Carriages at Midnight**

Dress:- Masks, DJs or Smart  
Casual and Posh Frocks





Did you find the Valentines Day themed words?

## Valentines Day

J F C Y Z **G** M D I Z L O K B T H T H X K U M T Y I J W M U K I  
 I B O Q C B **N** A D E U T **W** H X J S K H G Z P V W W N S **R** E E G  
 K D P I D J M **I** U N K Y I **O** F M A H I **D I N N E R** **N** E B M I O  
 W G E V W Z Y U **L** R W K X H **B** B D N H X X E Z A E **D** E P Q C Y  
 J Y M G G E O N V **R** H W E C O U C Z U J I Z Y H D O G R B B K  
 Z F R D M A X W W **G** A E I F Z H S Q R S X N B Z Q D Z K E Y L  
 V S S J L X O B D V J **D** U H **E** N J P L Q **S R E W O L F** T H O M  
 N Y Q U N O U U D R U A O **N** F A C S U **N** Y I I Q X K P Q I B  
 P K Z J F W B I H S E Y I I I O Q U A E **E** C S P O R F B X Z A  
 N N U **L** R L S F F A T H T O T J T R B K Z A O F I K H S W T Z  
 N T X **O** N T X T R R L A K E N K R A H C O O K E Z B I A A N W  
 Y I **S** G E M G N L V U Q E J E M R **S** E P D A M G R X B **S** X K N  
 L **E** G J B O R X N Y Z N E G L A P **W** D R Y P Z B F B B T **S** M D  
**S P E S I R P R U S** Z X E K A Z D E V R T M M M L M F N C E F  
**P A R T Y** V F Y I B U D L T V Y M E P C M T Z X O R O O P K **S**  
 J I **D I P U C** S M S F N Z W U R Z T A W T M F C Z A U F Y L N  
 F E V G P U I **W** S C R Q Q X H U F H N N D X U H S Q R E C L W  
 L Z P P N Z M **E** O R D X O W C A M E V M L V R N G G T S T O L  
 M R I A X I C S C R V F H B S Q M A B R F W X V S X E H G H E  
 P B F N O R W R A Y R I H O C V V R K R V W W N B N E O U V S  
 E Y X T E L C C P Y S A M B I A A T N H U N E E D D N N V O C  
 H R G T Y S D G O P I V U S B R U E R H I A H P X F J L Q L R  
 U **E C N A M O R** R Q A N M A K Y T T D X R G R X J T A T T B X  
 B D J E I S E C U W O N M M K L K A D G X L K Y I M W D S J B  
 M Z K P T L A I K A Z X T M D A U L V S C U I H Q C R O P L R  
 C W Z X E E O W J R M N N B D R G O H V E M W H D A Y W K I E  
 J A T G R W B V Z L X S E T A O V C Q Z V Z R M C K N C Q P B  
 J I L X L Q T G E S C A O F T Q B O N Z F V I I N Q I C R N H  
 V R S B A O Z Y W N **G I F T** M F R H E T A D H Z T Z R Q J W P  
 R Y E M H G H W T D X R I D A H B C G A S T Q Q G Z R Z V X V  
 H V T **N E S E R P** U S I S B T P E U I A B D N A Z Z Q R D L A

Surprise	Romance	Valentine	Party	Gift	Sweetheart	
Chocolate	Kisses	Red	Dozen	Flowers	Roses	Secret
Darling	Present	Dinner	Love	Treat	Card	Date
	Fourteen	Bow	Arrow	February	Cupid	



Can you find the Easter themed words?

## Happy Easter

F S Z H N S K S T B P N U U M T K S F W H G Y D  
S X A O L G I X C F D M T B Z Y U M J U P L F F  
Y G G V X C Q S X O I Z P E F H D D E S T W W T  
N B Q Q I O E F L X O O X C K P Z Y C C P A L R  
J K J Q F O O P N A F H T F N S Y O H K V Q D I  
L E G N A V U L P R S Y Y C E N A L O P Z S A T  
J F P T C V L R K I I R M G N C A B C T P V F W  
V J T R Z E S E N I F O G U C R K S O S T K F L  
N O O U E J S S O R C L B Z S M R C L F H L O B  
W K A B L T K N O F G G V H D R I Y A D J T D O  
T Y V Z E I S V M M K K X U Z T R U T W B Y I N  
L G T A Y A P A S L O L A N E S R Z E R M L L N  
C A J T L G F S E N N N K T R E J A S B A Y S E  
O S T J X Y O X F Q U R D I G N A N D F L Q X T  
M G Q Y W D F O A H E B S A C X Y M O X Q L R O  
A A G N I R P S D G S E S M Y V T J J X M B P B  
B Q R R P W B X A F N H Q S D F S J Q W M M O A  
C G S C R C T X H X R R T R O O L T S O O C L S  
Y O H L H V E B F G N I H A Q R T O S S H Q H P  
U W I Z P Y T R F R I M D Z Z W C Q W I M O H E  
H H X N Y F Y N A K V J H A T K D T C E W V R U  
Z T H V G S B I Z F U Y O A Y X W K O E R H T W  
K W V L V B N H K D O Q C T S A S R R H M S R T  
L N J P X W Y G N B X V K A K F N S K C X E B V

Showers	Chicks	March	Flowers	Bonnet	Hunt	Lamb
Tulips	Daffodils	Spring	Basket	Saviour	Nest	Cross
Monday	Goodfriday	Bunny	Risen	Hotcrossbuns	Chocolate	
	Egg	Glory	Angel	Easter		