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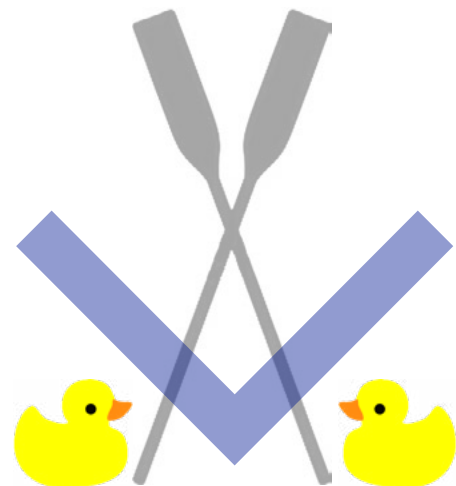
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Did I know the answer?

By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

This month I was asked: Why is the Tyler balloted for in some Lodges?

The Tyler is the name of the office of outer guard of a Masonic Lodge. He is appointed to guard the door from the outside against ineligible Masons or malicious or curious people, to check the eligibility of latecomers and to ensure that the candidates for ceremonies in the Lodge are properly prepared.

But why do some Lodges need to elect the Tyler, while in others he can be appointed by the Worshipful Master?

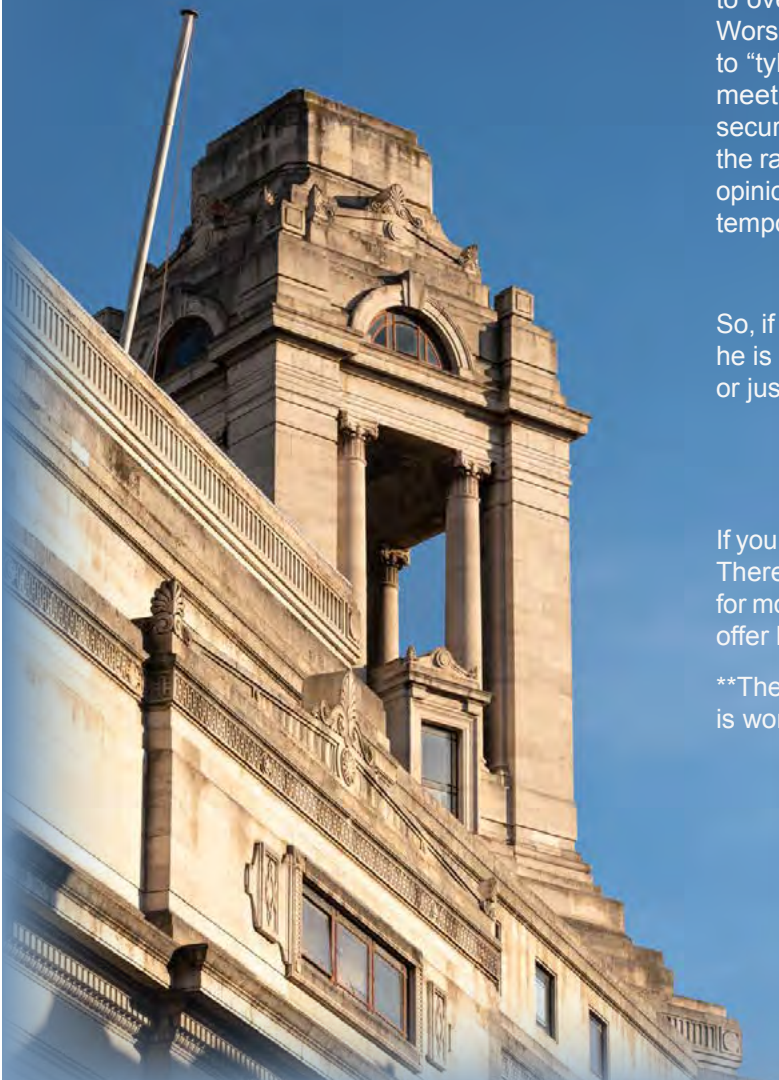
Originally, when meetings were held in taverns or other public meeting places, the Tyler, often a highly experienced Past Master, would be paid for the purpose of preparing the room for meetings, supplying regalia and equipment, perhaps serving in the bar as a steward, acting or permanent, and sometimes resident and caretaker of the furniture and premises. Reward would be accommodation, some meals perhaps, and even payment. Such agreements would require the Lodge members to ratify the contracts and thus a ballot was necessary. This still holds true for a number of Lodges although the terms of contract may have changed. Tradition has meant that some Lodges continue with the practice and include it on the Summons.

The Tyler is required to be outside the Lodge door for large portions of the meeting, although usually in a position to overhear the proceedings. On certain occasions the Worshipful Master has the authority to permit the Tyler to "tyle from within" during non ritualistic portions of the meeting but he must ensure that the outer doors are secured, sitting inside the door with his sword drawn. On the rare occasions when he enters the Lodge to give his opinion on matters, another member of the Lodge will take temporary responsibility for guarding the door.

So, if the Tyler is balloted for in your Lodge, it may be that he is rewarded in some way for taking the office or just a matter of custom and practice/tradition.

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.



Out and About

A round-up of events in and around Herefordshire Province



Community Engagement

The Guild of Guides Visit the Hereford Masonic Hall

Following a request from their co-ordinator Laura Sommerville, the Hereford Guild of Guides group visited the Masonic Hall in Hereford for a tour and explanation of its history.

The Guides were greeted by RW Bro Michael Holland the Provincial Grand Master, VW Bro Graham King and W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor.

The group were shown around and the changes and development of the building was given, on why it was originally built at slipper baths for the residents of Hereford, which in turn developed into public swimming baths, and finally how the Masonic Hall Company (Hereford) Ltd purchased the building in 1929. During the second world war the Department of Education seconded the building and it was only returned to the Freemasons in 1947.

There then followed a redesign, which is how it stands today, along with minor changes in uses of some smaller rooms.



Pictured Right
Loyal Hay
Lodge Ladies
Festival.

The highlight of the tour was for the group to visit the swimming pool below the Lodge and function room, still with the original floor and side tiles in place.

Tea, coffee and biscuits were served and all expressed their gratitude for the tour, and hopefully the Guides will pass on a more positive understanding of Freemasonry.

Loyal Hay Ladies Festival



Loyal Hay held its Ladies night at the Black Mountain Lodge at Glasbury, on Friday the 10th May. The location proved a big success for those attending and the meals were of a very good quality. It was also a special evening for Stuart and Jenny Powell who were celebrating a wedding anniversary.

The meal was followed by musical entertainment provided by Smoke Stack, who many will know from a number of Masonic events. With their eclectic renditions of some of our fondest memories they got us all up singing and dancing.

Finally a big thank you to all those from other Lodges who attended and made it a really good evening.

Pictured Left
The Guild of
Guides at Kyrle
Street for the
presentation
and tour.

Pictured Right
The band in full
swing at Loyal
Hay Ladies
Festival.



Third Degree at Vitruvian

An excellent Third Degree was conducted by the Master, Wardens and Deacons of Vitruvian Lodge on behalf of Cantilupe Lodge for Bro Ian Hedges.

Vitruvian Lodge were fortunate enough to also conduct his Second Degree for Cantilupe earlier in the year.

We hope that Ian will visit Ross on Wye in the future and he enjoys a long and enjoyable Masonic career.



Pictured Left
Bro Ian Hedges with the WM of Vitruvian Lodge, Peter Dunn (centre), W Bro Stuart Jones the Visiting Officer and Provincial Grand Membership Officer.

Grand Opening

The Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Michael Holland and W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor were invited to the official opening of the South Marches Scouts new HQ on Sunday 19th May. HMCA had donated £1300, which was match funded by the MCF, to purchase a battery to back up their solar panels. Ian Talboys and Colin Bates were also present in their scouting capacity.



The Craftsmen Newsletter

Fifty Year Certificate

Fifty year celebration certificates were recently presented to W Bro Bryan Giddings PAGDC, at his home in Kington by W Bro. David Joyce on behalf of RW Bro Michael Holland, Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire, and by W Bro David Hedley, on behalf of RW Bro Roger Pemberton, Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire. They were joined on that occasion by W Bro Rodney Bowdler, whose father, the late W Bro Tom Bowdler was one of Bryan's sponsors in 1974.

Both presentations listed the very full Masonic CV of the achievements by this distinguished Brother, whose energies have been devoted to so many aspects of Freemasonry, bringing leadership and direction to all his various offices and responsibilities.

The Arrow Lodge has particular reasons to be grateful to Bryan for his part in the creation of the new Masonic Hall in Kington, using his skills acquired in the Powys County Council's Surveyor's Department, to bring a professional touch to the improvement of the building after it was purchased in 1994.



Pictured Right
W Bro Bryan Giddings receives his Fifty Year Certificates.

St Peter's Third Degree

A great Third Degree Ceremony at St Peter's Lodge in May for Bro Paul Langford. Pictured below after the ceremony with L to R W Bro Malcolm Davies the Visiting Officer, W Bro Joe Dignam (WM), W Bro Hillard (JW), Bro Weaver (SW) and W Bro Dave Hedley.

Pictured Left
The new South Marches Scout Hut

Pictured Right
Bro Paul Langford who received his Third Degree at the May meeting of St Peter's Lodge



At the Vitruvian Lodge meeting in May, W Bro Ron Baker presented W Bro Barry Longstaff with a hand painted Royal Arch Tracing Board.



Pictured Left
W Bro Barry Longstaff (Left) and W Bro Ron Baker (Right).

The board was commissioned by Ex Companion Barry A Longstaff in 2023. He had an interest in Tracing Boards across the world, creating a social group which attracted over 1500 members to date and over 600 pictures of Tracing Boards from across the globe.

His interest was drawn by W Bro Revd. Neville Barker's item on Old Royal Arch Tracing boards in his book "What do you know about the Royal Arch?"

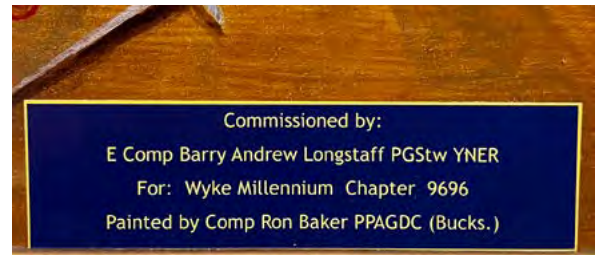
In 2023, Barry contacted Cyrus Chapter No 21 in London to arrange a viewing of their Chapter board, believed to have been dated c1811. The Chapter no longer had possession of the TB and said they believed it was at the Museum in Great Queen Street, London.



Pictured Right
The Tracing Board and above the dedication plate at the bottom of the Tracing Board.

Pictured Left
Antient's Apron from the Museum of Freemasonry.

A visit was made to the museum, and they had no trace of it in their records. Martin Cherry, the Librarian, took Companion Longstaff to view an apron in the museum that once belonged to an Antient's Freemason:



Based on this apron, Ex Comp Longstaff commissioned Comp Ron Baker PPAGDC (Bucks.) to paint a Tracing Board for the Wyke Millennium Chapter 9696.





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Caeruleum Club

Past, Present and Future Club Events

A new social and community focused group for all Masons, led by the "Light Blue" Brethren, to use the learnings and values of Freemasons to better our local communities and Freemasonry as a whole.



WORK

In the community



We will be providing support for the Sue Parry Sports Festival on 29th June and Venus Midnight walk on 12th July.

R.E.S.T

Represent, Educate, Support and Travel

In September we intend holding a Provincial Light Blues Lodge of Instruction at Kyrle Street where the First Degree ceremony will be demonstrated and will include a commentary explaining the points of interest.

It is intended that each Lodge will be represented by nominating one of their Light Blues to fill an active office.

Further details to follow.

Mike Hopkins - Learning and Development Officer

PLAY

Social Events

Further details of our events can be found on our website here.

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





FOUR PROVINCE MASONIC CHARITY REGATTA 2024



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Sunday 21st July 2024
Worcester Rowing Club WR1 3EJ

Headline Race

Deputy Grand Master, RW Bro Sir David Wootton and crew v PGM's crew

This is a fun (if competitive) day and it is rowed in "Fat Boats" which are used to train people new to the sport and are more forgiving than the usual "fine fours" used at normal club regattas. It is a short course – about 250 metres. Entries for Coxed 4s sprints competition for the Rex Delicate Cup are invited at £50 / crew.

Contact Shane Allard via email [here](#) for rowing entries and more information as it becomes available.

There are still places to fill and training is available

The training is going well. Here are some images and comments from the last training session at Hereford Rowing Club. *"Great session today from Club members preparing for the Four Province Regatta coming up in July! Many laughs had both on the water and in the bar at Hereford Rowing Club afterwards".*
Jayme Bacon - Caeruleum Club Secretary



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](#).

PROVINCIAL EVENTS LIST – June 2024

Date	Lodge / Chapter	Event/Venue
2024		
Mon 3 rd June	Provincial Grand Lodge	Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford
Sat 8 th June	St Peter's Lodge	Comedy Evening – Falcon Hotel, Bromyard
Sat 8 th June	Eastnor Lodge Outreach Event	Ledbury
Sun 9 th June	Provincial Cathedral Service	Hereford Cathedral
Wed 12 th June	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
Sun 23 rd June	Delphis Lodge Outreach Event	Cleghonger
Sun 23 rd June	Palladian Roast Dinner	Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford
Sat 29 th June	Caeruleum Club Sue Parry Festival	Hereford
Sun 30 th June	Dean Waterfield Lodge	Beef and Baps - Hampton Bishop Village Hall
Frid 12 th July	Caeruleum Club Venus Walk	Hereford
Sun 21 st July	Four Province Regatta	Worcester Rowing Club
Mon 26 th August	Eastnor Lodge Outreach Event	Ledbury
Wed 11 th September	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
Sat 14 th September	Arrow Lodge – Kington Show	Kington
Sat 14 th September	Ross Masonic Hall Open Day	Ross Masonic Hall
Sat 28 th September	Provincial Grand Chapter Gloucestershire and Herefordshire	Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester
Sat 5 th October	Palladian Lodge	Ladies Festival (Venue to be confirmed)
Wed 13 th November	Supreme Grand Chapter	FMH
Sat 16 th November	PSA Testing Day	Kyrle Street, Hereford
Sat 23 rd November	Charity and Service Presentation	Kyrle Street, Hereford
Wed 11 th December	UGLE Quarterly Communications	FMH
2025		
Sat 31 st May 2025	UGLE Light Blues Event	FMH – See Page 21 – more details to follow

FMH – Freemasons' Hall, London

LMC – Leominster Masonic Centre



Communicating Freemasonry in the 21st Century

Discover UGLE's new communication strategies to attract and engage members

With Bro Shaun Butler,
Director of Membership and Communications
at UGLE

Tuesday 11th June
at 19.30 UK Time





Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society

Provisional Dates for 2024		
Date	Venue	Details
4 th July	Match against Gloucestershire Wormsley Golf Club	Home match at Wormsley Golf Club on Thursday 4 th July. Tee off at 1300hrs. The cost of golf and a two course meal is £40.
23 rd July	Ten Provinces Match Tewkesbury Park	Four Ball event. We are currently the holder of the trophy and I'm sure we will try and retain.
6 th August	Tri-angular Match against Worcester and Shropshire Burghill Valley Golf Club	Burghill Valley Golf Club. Tee off time of 1200hrs. The cost of coffee, bacon roll, golf and a two course meal is £48.

Brethren,

The Herefordshire Masonic Golf Society members played their first match of the season at Llanfoist, which saw the Monmouthshire Golf Club take on Gwent Masonic golf members on Thursday 16th May.

Herefordshire was well represented and the match was played in a spirit expected amongst the Brethren. I am pleased to say we managed the scrape a win, one of the first away from home, which we hope will continue for this season. It comes with a trophy, which we retain from the previous year so a big thank you to all that played.

They are a good crowd from Gwent and it is always enjoyable to play them. The weather stayed fair and we managed to stay dry, which was more than I could say for those following us whom we watched during the meal being soaked. As always the meal was very good and the course played well, although there was some ground water still present on a few holes, which was expected due to the recent unsettled weather all-round.

We have no games during June but a busy July and August ahead. The dates have been circulated but will be followed up with notifications via email.

We still have a number of Ping golf shirts with our Masonic badge for sale. If interested please contact me with your size.

We will also be running a silent auction for a 4 ball with funds going to HMCA. The prize is a 4 ball at the prestigious Machynys Peninsula Golf Club in Llanelli. The value is over £150 which will expire at the end of December 2024. Further details will be sent around shortly via the Lodge Secretaries but if you can't wait then contact [Dave Gwynne](#) for more details.

So, those not ready, I say dust off the clubs and come and join us and support the Province.

S&F

WBro Dave Gwynne
Society Secretary





Cathedral Service

9th June 2024

The Provincial Church Service will be held in Hereford Cathedral on Sunday 9th June 2024 at 3.30pm, to which all Brethren, their families and friends are invited and urged to attend.

Families will occupy seats on the left of the Nave and should be seated by 3.00pm.

Brethren should assemble and robe adjacent to the Lady Chapel (behind the High Altar) at 3.00pm in the positions allocated and be ready to process at 3.10pm.

Why not take the time to walk around the Cathedral Masonic Trail and see first hand the links with Freemasonry throughout the ages?

A printable copy of the trail by W Bro Egerton Parker PJDG and W Bro John Perris PProvSGW can be downloaded from the 'What's New' Section of the Provincial Website [here](#).

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

We hope that this short journey has proved enjoyable and interesting and that all the terms in blue have been explained. The stone mason or stonemason who has been placed in the trail should be pleased to include your discovery!

W Bro. Egerton Parker PJDG
and
W Bro. John Perris PProvSGW

1. The Lady Chapel to the South of the West Front of the Cathedral was built by the 13th Earl of Hereford, Richard de Clare, in 1130. It is a fine example of Norman architecture and contains the tomb of the Earl. The chapel is a Grade I listed building and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

2. Travelling east from the Lady Chapel you will see the Choir and the High Altar. The Choir is a fine example of Norman architecture and contains the tomb of the Earl. The High Altar is a Grade I listed building and is a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

3. A few steps from the North West corner of the Cathedral is the site of the original site of the Cathedral. The site was occupied by a Roman temple dedicated to the goddess Minerva. The temple was destroyed in the 7th century and the site was used as a burial ground for the poor.

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5. In 1825 the Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire, W Bro. Egerton Parker PJDG, was elected to the office of Provincial Grand Master. He was the first Provincial Grand Master to be elected to the office and he served in the office until 1830. He was a prominent Freemason and a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hereford.

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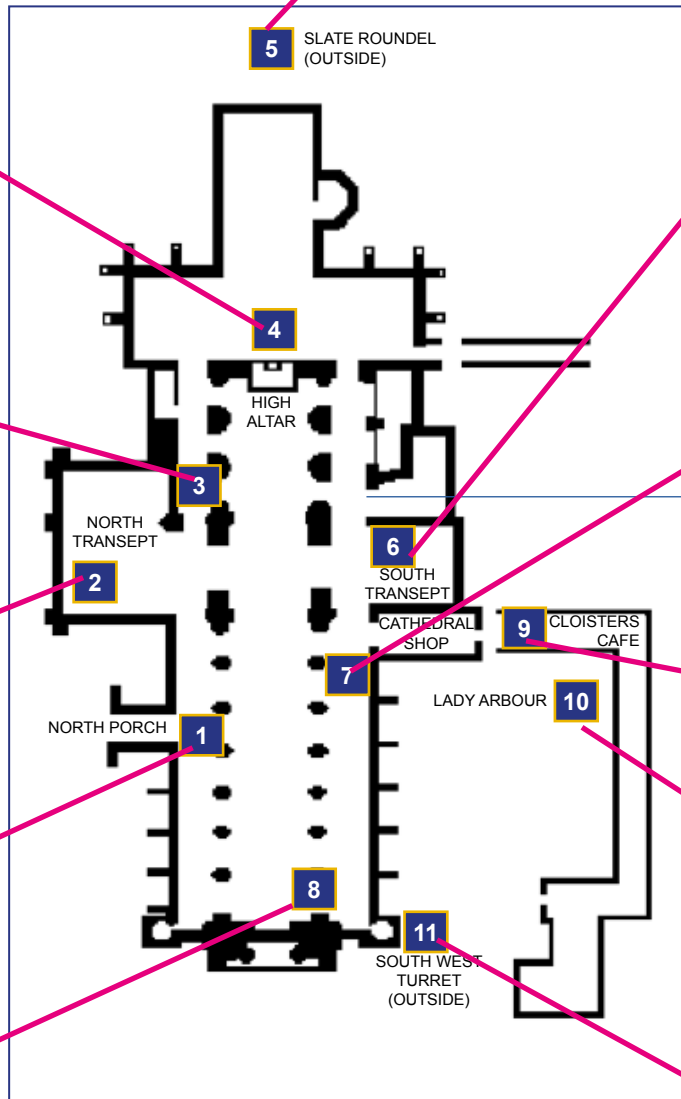
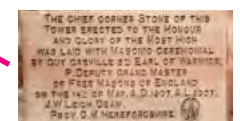
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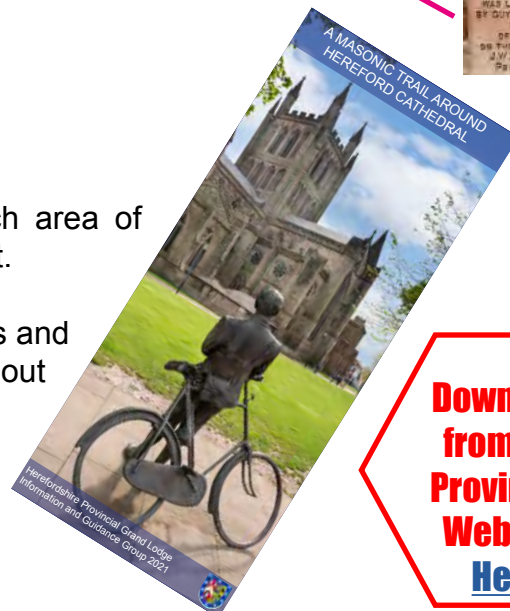
5 SLATE ROUND
(OUTSIDE)



Full details of the trail and a description of each area of interest are explained in the Cathedral Trail Leaflet.

These include Masonic symbolism, Masons' marks and references to prominent local Masons throughout history.

The trail can be downloaded from the 'What's New' Section of the Provincial Website [here](#).



Visitors Gallery

Visiting is such an important part of Freemasonry.

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

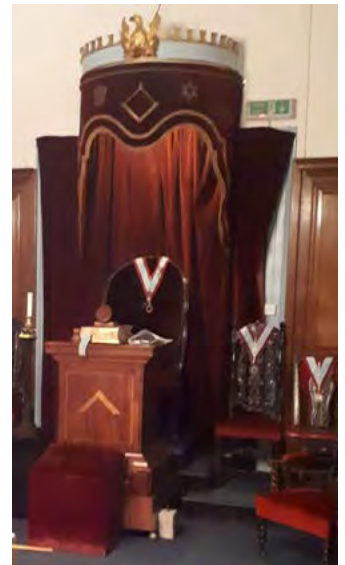
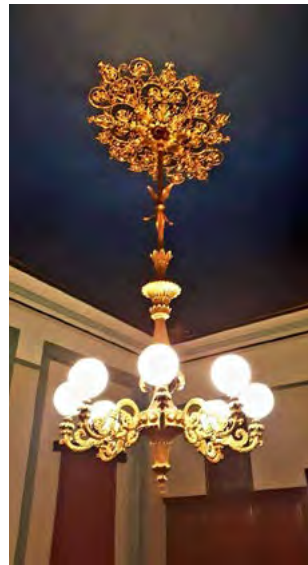
Why not submit your pictures to pco@herefordshiremasons.org.uk and we will publish a gallery each month.

A visit by W Bro Geoff Wilding, Royal Edward Lodge No 892, and his brother to Phoenix Lodge in Portsmouth with a long and interesting history.

W Bro Geoff Wilding recently visited Phoenix Mark Lodge with his brother Andy. Phoenix Lodge meets in Portsmouth and is believed to be the oldest Mark Lodge with records showing that Sir Thomas Dunkerley, the then Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire, performed the Mark Degree there in June 1786. Sir Thomas Dunkerley was a prolific Freemason and was also Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire between 1790 and 1795.

While Phoenix Mark Lodge is thought to be the oldest Mark Lodge, the building itself has a fascinating history.

In 1825, the Lords' Commission of the Admiralty purchased number 110 High Street, Old Portsmouth, as the headquarters of the Royal Marine Artillery and had constructed in the back gardens of 110 and 109, a building to house the Royal Marine Artillery Officer's Mess. However, when the Royal Marine Artillery were transferred to the New barracks at Eastney, the buildings were disposed of by the Admiralty and became the property of a Mr Francis Sharpe, a prosperous landowner and proprietor of the salt works on the Eastern side of Portsea Island. Phoenix Craft Lodge acquired the tenancy of the former mess rooms in 1841 for an annual rent of £25.



As is often the case, the initial refurbishment budget was limited and the original furnishings somewhat sparse, but in the late 1800s, a Major Ferris Charge Robb, late of the Honourable East India Company, proved a worthy benefactor, providing among other things, the very impressive ormolu chandelier that now hangs in the centre of the Lodge room. It is believed to have been purchased at an auction of fitments of the former Government House which was situated next to number 110 The High Street.

Since then there have been many alterations and refurbishments to the building, but it has been in its current form since the 1930s, albeit that it has had a couple of coats of paint in the meantime. On display in the building are also a number of other historical items including a silk apron and plaque commemorating the initiation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle on 26th January 1887.



Conan Doyle was initiated in Phoenix Lodge No. 257 in Portsmouth in 1887 and resigned from the Lodge in 1889. He re-joined the same Lodge in 1902 and remained a member until 1911.

Arthur Conan Doyle was a Scottish writer born on 22nd May 1859 and would go on to become famous as the creator of the detective Sherlock Holmes.

He studied at the University of Edinburgh's Medical School where he achieved the Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery qualifications. Whilst he was a medical student, Conan Doyle was profoundly captivated by the skill of his professor, Dr Joseph Bell, in observing the minutest detail regarding a patient's condition. This approach of diagnostic deduction inspired Conan Doyle's literary creation, Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes made his first appearance in 'A Study of Scarlet', and its success encouraged Conan Doyle to write more stories involving the detective. Successively, Conan Doyle focused his work on non-fiction, including military writings, such as *The Great Boer War* (1900) and *The British Campaign in France and Flanders*, 6 vol. (1916–20).

There is another link with Freemasonry as some of the filming for Guy Ritchie's 2009 *Sherlock Holmes* film starring Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law took place at the United Grand Lodge of England's headquarters, Freemasons' Hall in London. Although starring Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law, arguably the real star of the film was the Grand Temple Doors. The giant bronze doors acted as the backdrop for a secret meeting for Holmes' enemy Lord Blackwood.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle a member of Phoenix Lodge No 257

Picture Below - The doors into the Grand Temple have been used for a number of film sets.

You can see images of the film set of *Sherlock Holmes* and a number of other films on the UGLE website here:

<https://www.ugle.org.uk/discover-freemasonry/blog/hollywood-movies-filmed-freemasons-hall-london>



Addressing the Membership Challenge In Herefordshire

Updating the Assistant Grand Master on progress so far and future plans.



RW Bro Steven Varley the Assistant Grand Master

The Provincial Team meet with RW Bro Steven Varley, the Assistant Grand Master, to discuss progress towards the Seven Year Strategy within Herefordshire and to share best practice from within and outside the Province.

"It was a pleasure to introduce our Provincial Leadership Team to the Assistant Grand Master, RW Bro Steven Varley, for them to present how we are committed to delivering the Seven Year Strategy for Freemasonry in Herefordshire."

It was an ideal opportunity to showcase the great work being carried out across the Province in implementing elements of the Strategy and addressing the Membership Challenge.

"It was a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere were we shared a mutually beneficial exchange of views, good practices and successful initiatives for the good of Freemasonry as a whole and for the Craft and Royal Arch in our Province."



"I am very proud, and express my thanks and appreciation to all in attendance, for their valuable contributions and for representing our Province in such an impressive and committed manner."

RW Bro Michael Holland Provincial Grand Master



Membership Update

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



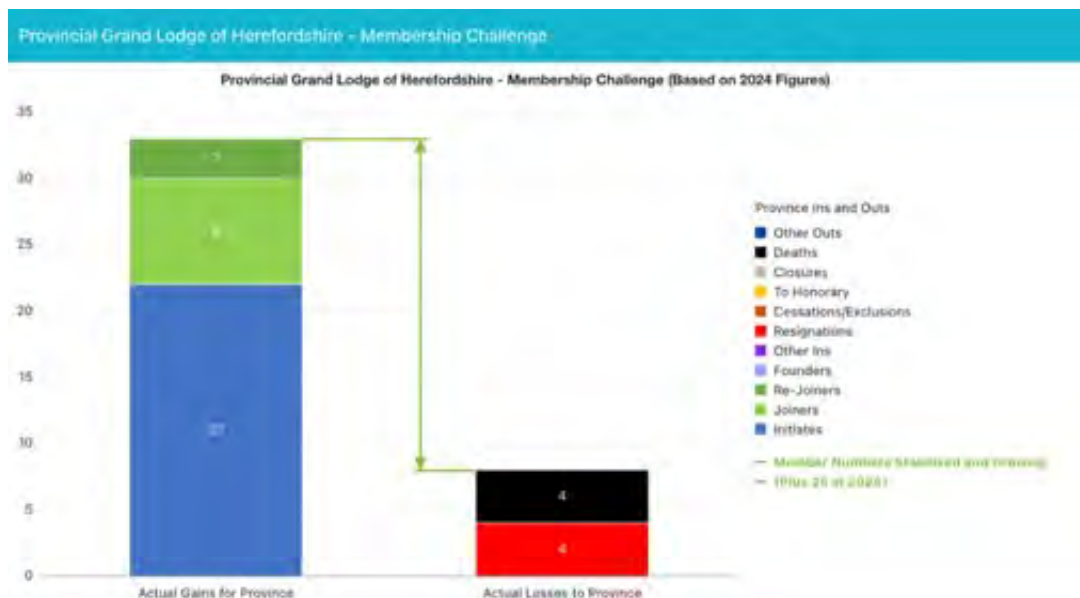
“We continue to make great strides in ensuring we have a thriving membership across the Province. All Lodges have played their part, whether bringing in new initiates, advancing existing Entered Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts through to Master Masons and ensuring new members feel part of the Lodge by encouraging them to take on work when they feel confident to do so.”

“We have improved our ability to listen to our members and ensuring we are adapting to the needs of all, whilst retaining our traditions. All of this means we are growing and retaining membership at better rates than previous years and more importantly, our members are enjoying their Freemasonry. This is very apparent as you visit Lodges across the Province and see the camaraderie and friendship being enjoyed by all.”

“My thanks to you all for playing your part in this core pillar and I ask for your continued effort in maintaining the trends we now see.”

Key Metrics Year To Date (To end of April 2024)			
5% Growth	41 Initiations since September 2023	22 Initiates in 2024	11 Joiners
Total Membership gain YTD 25 = +5.0%		Total Membership: 517	

- Lodges are progressing new candidates well with 41 initiations since September 2023
- Most Lodges are starting to use double ceremonies if needed
- We have not lost any initiates within 3 years of joining since 2022
- Our new members come from within Lodges and the Provincial website (an average of 2 per month from website)
- We have a further 8 candidates in the pipeline and 5 joiners



Community Engagement

An update on HMCA Grants from W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor the Provincial Grand Charity Steward



At the last meeting of the Herefordshire Masonic Charity Association (HMCA) the following grants were approved.

Organisation	Grant Awarded
The Hereford and Worcestershire Dyslexia Association	£1000
The HMCA will support the PSA testing day by £15 per person. The maximum who can be tested on the day is 100 so total £1500	£1500 budget
The Stretton Sugwas School (Subject to receiving more details on the project)	£500
Hereford Sea Cadets	£1500

The next HMCA meeting will be on Friday 1st November 2024 at Kyrle Street, Hereford.

Herefordshire Lodges have made a considerable difference to local charities via their own Lodge donations and volunteering in the local community. Thank you to all the Lodge Charity Stewards for your continued enthusiasm and commitment in supporting our local communities with both charitable donations and volunteer hours.



Never be without an apron!

The Masonic Season is nearly over, but the good news is that the BBQ season has begun!

Never be without an apron during the closed season and whilst BBQing.

£12 per apron, all profits go to the HMCA

Email Tim Bridgland Taylor [here](#) to order yours and make payment.





Our impact 2022/23 In Herefordshire

Support where it
is needed most



MCF Grants In Herefordshire

From 1st April 2024 to 31st May 2024 we have received the following grants as a Province.



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Grants



£5,737

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

31st May 2019 to 31st May 2024

in Herefordshire, we have received
a total of

179 Grants totalling £458,688



A Year In Retrospect

- ✓ Thriving Membership
- ✓ Coherent Organisation
- ✓ Engaged Community





**Palladian 120
ROAST DINNER**
Sunday 23rd of June
12:30pm
Masonic Hall Kyrle Street
Prawn Cocktail or Fan of Melon
Roast Beef Dinner with Yorkshire Puddings
Raspberry Pavlova or Cheese and Biscuits
(vegetarian option available)

£15
Per Person

ST PETERS PRESENTS



Over 18's Only

SATURDAY THE 8TH OF JUNE 7:30, 8:00 START

THE FALCON HOTEL, BROMYARD

Featuring

Jack Campbell - English Comedian of the Year.

Aaron Simmonds - Finalist - BBC New Comedian of the year

Jake Baker - Shortlisted: BBC New Comedy Award 2015, 2017, 2018

Headlined by Mike Cox

Bar food and raffle in the intermission Tickets £25

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

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

KEEP THE DATE

LIGHT BLUES EVENT

UGLE are excited to announce our intention to hold a special meeting at Freemasons' Hall for Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons – so that they are able to experience the splendour and timeless tradition of a meeting in the Grand Temple.

We have provisionally chosen Saturday 31st May 2025 as the date for this special event and we are considering some light food options to follow the meeting. We are keen for less experienced Brethren to come along and there will be opportunities for them to tour the building, meet senior Freemasons and experience this unique event.

We will be suggesting that Active Grand Officers, as well as Metropolitan/Provincial/District Grand Masters and Grand Superintendents attend, if able.

We will get a delegation from Herefordshire.

More details will follow in due course.

Dean Waterfield Social Committee

**&
WM Nigel Barrington**

Invite you to join them for their Famous

Beef & Baps

**Sunday 30th June
at 13:00hrs (1pm)**

Hampton Bishop Village Hall

HR1 4JY

Quiz, Raffle and Bar.

**Tickets £15 each - Youths 13-16 £7 each
Children Welcome, 12 & under Free**

Last Month's Wordsearch Solution T@3



Did you find the Hereford May Fair themed words?

HEREFORD MAY FAIR

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

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| Archery | CandyFloss | RollAPenny | BigWheel | BoxingBooth | | |
| GhostTrain | HookADuck | MirrorMaze | Dodgems | Twist | Octopus | |
| Teacups | BallonRace | RoundUp | Rotor | Waltzer | Madhouse | |
| SwingBoat | DevilsWheel | HelterSkelter | PirateShip | FerrisWheel | | |
| RollerCoaster | Carousel | Rent | Fair | May | Hereford | Bishop |
| Ethelbert | | | | | | |



Ever hopeful, can you find the 'Sunshine and Summer' words?

Maybe that should read has anyone found the sunshine summer yet!

Sunshine and Summer

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

- Sun Weather Wasps Warmth Traffic Sombrero Shorts
- Sand Salad Roses Promenade Pollen Play Picnic
- June July Hay Fever Garden Flowers Fishing Daisy Chain
- Caravan Beach Barbeque Bandstand



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