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## Did I know the answer?

By W Bro Dennis W. Roberts, PAGDC

### This month I ask: Good men and true?

Memories of the pandemic seem so far away now, but the effect it had on society and attitudes to personal involvement in any social activities remain. Freemasonry was no exception of course, and although we did try to maintain contact and activity through Zoom and other social media, it caused many to think about how involved they wished to become in social activities.

Freemasonry appears to have suffered less than other areas of society, and the commitment of its members remained generally strong. The search for new members however has taken a little longer, and we are only now beginning to see an increase in membership.

New members have to be 'found'. It is therefore up to all of us to encourage and ask our friends and acquaintances if they are interested. The worry is, however, that we should not be setting out just to increase numbers. But we do need members who will participate, learn and be committed. We need to look to the future when inviting men to join. Ask the question; who will progress to be the future Master, DC or Secretary? How involved and committed will the new member be?

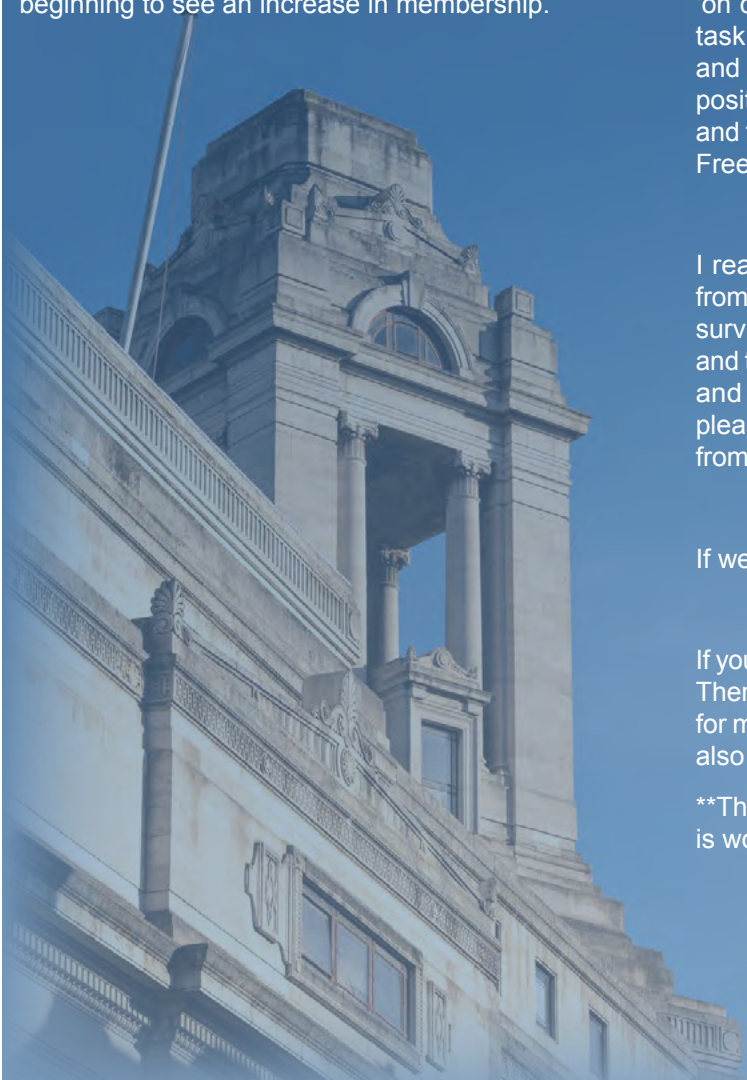
With so many people working away from home, not able to commit to regular meetings, and then need to be 'on call' even after ending their day, it may be a difficult task to convince them that we have something special and rewarding to offer. But try we must. We need to be positive and enthusiastic in our choice of new members and to express the benefits of friendship and support that Freemasonry brings to each individual and their families.

I realise that very few will read this article, evidenced from my last survey, but if our Lodges are to continue and survive, some real effort is required by us all. Good men and true are out there and we must seek them out, nurture and encourage them, and show them the happiness, pleasure and increased confidence that we have gained from our membership.

If we do not? .....

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 (X) 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



## Deputy Provincial Grand Master



The March Eastnor Lodge meeting saw the Provincial Team and a number of guests, including the RW Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, in attendance. The RW Provincial Grand Master Michael Holland thanked VW Bro Graham King for his many years service to the Craft and Royal Arch Provinces; in fact he had been in a chained office since 2008 when he became Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

The Provincial Grand Master then inspected the Patent before the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate entered the room and was invested. Following this W Bro Andrew Moore was invested as Provincial Grand Junior Warden and the chair was handed back to W Bro Andy Kennedy to continue with a Second Degree Ceremony as Worshipful Master of Eastnor Lodge.

A brilliant ceremony rounded off by a festive board attended by around seventy brethren.



The many talents of W Bro Andy Kennedy as Worshipful Master and chain bearer for the Investiture Ceremony.



# The Province in the news

A round-up of Social Media posts during the last couple of months.



**St Michael's Hospice, Hereford**  
@StMichaelsHosp

Sometimes, 'Thank You' just doesn't seem enough. ❤️

Herefordshire Freemasons have donated over £30,000 to St Michael's! Read the full story: [st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/freemasons-30k...](http://st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/freemasons-30k...)



**PGM for Herefordshire, MEGS, Glos & Her...** @DGLBMa... · Mar 11

Great meeting of Arrow Lodge 2240 last night in to welcome another new initiate into @PGLHerefords and introduce him to members of the @hfdslightblues who were well represented.



**PGM for Herefordshire, MEGS, Glos & Herefords**  
@DGLBMason

Lots of h'wyl at the traditional St David's Day convocation of Loyal Hay Chapter 2382 last night with an excellent demonstration of the Savage Ritual ceremony. Delighted to welcome MEGS in and over @MonRoyalArch as my guest and the partaking of the leek! 🍷



# Royal Arch Chapter



**PGM for Herefordshire, MEGS, Glos & Herefords**  
@DGLBMason

Delighted to welcome PGM for @GlosPGLodge and his Exec last night, including @WBroMarkSmith DepPGM & DepGSupt designate of @gandhroyalarch to Palladian Chapter 120. Thanks to all who travelled long distances from the South of the Province to attend.



**PGM for Herefordshire, MEGS, Glos & Herefords**  
@DGLBMason

A super evening indeed, with 3 new Principals installed in their respectchairs for the first time, a @GrandChapter Certificate expertly presented by the PDepGSupt and the support of @CharlesPerkins and the @gandhroyalarch team - Thanks for the warm welcome and well done to all.



**Keith Checkley** @keith\_checkley · Mar 13

@keith\_checkley Another super evening spent at Prince of Wales RA Chapter 951. An almost perfect inst. ceremony with MEGS E Comp M T Holland in attendance & 2PGP E Comp. C S Perkins & other Pr Officers. A gr8 ceremony, a gr8 fb & companionship found nowhere else.



**PGM for Herefordshire, MEGS, Glos & Herefords**  
@DGLBMason

Excellent presentation and discussion today led by @CharlesPerkins 2PGP of @gandhroyalarch with the RA Representatives in @GlosPGLodge and supported by @WBroMarkSmith and APGM, Mark Stevenston Smith. - Thanks to all who for your valued contributions.



# Community Engagement

## A Thank You From Royal National College For The Blind



Dear Tim & members of Herefordshire Masonic Charities Association,

On behalf of all staff and students at The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC), I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous grant, which enabled us to upgrade our existing embossing machine to a more advanced model. As Braille and its teaching are integral to RNC, both staff and students have greatly benefited from this purchase.

### Key Aims

The key objectives of acquiring the new embosser were:

- To increase the capability of printing higher volumes of Braille documents more efficiently.
- To ensure the new model was fully accessible for visually impaired (VI) staff and students.
- To ensure software compatibility, including translation services for French, Spanish, and German.

Following extensive research, we selected a model that effectively addressed these concerns. Additionally, to mitigate noise during the embossing process, we installed the machine in a purpose-built cabinet that allows clear visibility while significantly reducing noise levels. Once the new Braille embosser was purchased and installed, key staff received training, which was subsequently rolled out to other staff and students.

### Beneficiaries

RNC currently has 100 students, all of whom potentially benefit from using the embosser or the Braille materials it produces. The increased efficiency of the new embosser has resulted in significant time savings for users.

Additionally, students and VI staff can independently operate the new embosser, as the control panel instructions are in Braille. Apart from academic purposes, the embosser is used for:

- Student timetables and meeting minutes.
- Language support in French, German, and Spanish, which are taught up to A-level. A volunteer in the French department utilises the embosser for conversation sessions.
- Art projects, such as a recent study on Banksy.
- Choir materials, including vocabulary and lyrics for the College's Wellbeing Choir.

### Impact

The embosser is housed in a dedicated small room within the main teaching corridor. Previously, the noise from the old embosser was disruptive, but the new model is significantly faster and quieter, making it more conducive to the learning environment.

There has also been a notable increase in the number of students wishing to learn Braille. Currently, 75% of students are either studying Braille or on a waiting list. By continuously improving technology and ensuring accessibility, we encourage student interest in Braille and help them gain familiarity with equipment they may encounter in the workplace - particularly those on our Business Studies courses.

The upgraded embosser has already had a transformative impact on our students and staff, providing enhanced accessibility, efficiency, and inclusivity. We are deeply grateful for your support, which has played a vital role in fostering a more inclusive and enriching learning environment at RNC.

Warm regards,  
Fiona Bain - Senior Fundraising Officer



# Another Successful Charity Presentation Evening



The second Herefordshire Freemasons Charity Presentation was held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, celebrating the fantastic work of local charities across Herefordshire.

Herefordshire Freemasons have donated over £125,000 to more than 60 local charities and provided over 4,300 hours of community service since November 2023.

A fantastic night! Thank you to all those that came to celebrate community service across Herefordshire.

The total in donations was made up of donations before the night as well as donations made by Lodges at the event.

Further large donations were made to celebrate the newly formed Herefordshire Masonic Charitable Trust (HMCT) which combines the assets and activities of the HMCA and HMHT and allows for a broader set of objectives to support charitable causes in our local communities whilst still covering the existing objectives. These donations were made to the following charities.

- Yeleni Therapy and Support
- Herefordshire Prostate and Support Group
- The Royal National College for the Blind
- The Hub CIC
- Herefordshire Veterans Support Centre
- We Are Farming Minds
- The Not Forgotten





Above - Vitruvian Lodge made donations on the night to Herefordshire and Worcestershire First Responders



Above - Eastnor Lodge made donations on the night to:

- Be More Frank
- Ledbury Visually Impaired Club
- We Are Farming Minds
- Ledbury Community Day
- Ledbury Children's Centre
- Friends of Ashperton Primary Academy



Above - Royal Edward Lodge made donations on the night to:

- Echo Choices for Life
- Megan Baker Trust
- Dementia Matters Here
- Kyre RDA
- Marches Family Network



Above - Cantilupe Lodge made donations on the night to Hereford Dyslexia Association, Hereford Workshop



Above - Coningsby and Manchester St David's Lodges made donations on the night to George's Fund via HCF



Above - Delphis Lodge made donations on the night to

- West Mercia Search and Rescue
- Andy's Man Club



In addition to the Lodge donations, the newly formed Herefordshire Masonic Charitable Trust (HMCT) made donations to the following charities.

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## We received a number of thank you letters and feedback from the night.



## Also feedback on the Social Media posts from the night



### The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC)

We are incredibly thankful for your support. These vital funds will directly contribute to the general support of our students. Thank you for recognizing and celebrating the work of local charities across Herefordshire and, if anyone is looking for rewarding volunteering opportunities, look no further than RNC: <http://www.rnc.ac.uk/volunteer>



### West Mercia Search & Rescue

Thank you so much for your support



### Be More Frank

Thank you so very very much for the Be More Frank support, it makes so much difference to our childhood cancer families and I cannot express how much we appreciate it.

## @The Hub Feedback



Dear Tim

We were so thrilled to hear the news about the donation you are making to @The Hub, that is so kind!

It will make a huge difference to us, to the clients we are currently helping, and to our future clients. We are working with 250 individuals and families at the moment, with issues ranging from homelessness and risk of homelessness to benefit issues, debt issues and social isolation.

We plan to use some of the money to support our core costs, electricity, phone and broadband charges, and wages for support staff, and we will also put some money aside for the renovation of our back room, which is a work in progress!

We are planning a boxing training room, to enable one-to-one sessions with local teenagers who have been excluded from other youth provisions in town.

We have partnered with City of Hereford Boxing Academy who are working with us to train mentors, and will be allowing us to use their space for matches and sparring when our clients are ready.

With many thanks again for you very generous donation.

Annie and Milly  
@The Hub CIC



## Yeleni Feedback

Dear Tim,

What an amazing evening we had last Friday when my colleague Di Rogers and I attended your event. We are thrilled and delighted to have been one of the first recipients of the new Hereford Freemasons charity and we were totally overcome by the generous £5,000 donation, which was further compounded by the further, very unexpected £2,000 donation from the provincial grand lodge of Mark Master Mason's of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.

We will be delighted to let your members know how the monies has been spent in due course but I can assure you that it will be very much appreciated by the cancer patients and their carers.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of your fellow masons.

Very best wishes,

Nicky Heath - Charity Founder & C.E.O.

## HVSC Feedback



Dear Tim

I am writing to offer my sincere thanks for the very lovely letter I received this week from you, in which you have confirmed a donation of £3000 to the Herefordshire Veteran Support Centre. This donation is very much appreciated, and I would like to offer my thanks to all of the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Herefordshire.

We would like to use these funds to extend the Female Veteran and Spouses Brunch that we have launched recently. We have recently completed a pilot offering, and we were oversubscribed, so there is clearly a need for this project to continue.

Best Wishes  
Sam Lewis HSVC Chair



## Echo Feedback

Tim,

It was good to finally meet you after our many email communications. I want to thank you and your colleagues for a most enjoyable Friday evening; ECHO is most grateful for the donation, and it was most interesting to find out about the work of the Herefordshire Masons, the presentation was particularly entertaining. As mentioned previously, we are losing the site of our Eaton Barn community garden and thus are forced to identify a new location; if we do find a site, we would certainly appreciate some volunteer hours to help move sheds, poly-tunnels and the greenhouse, that you funded previously, to a new location.

Please thank your colleagues on behalf of ECHO and let them know that they would be welcome to visit any of our community activity projects in the future, just let me know if they would like to see where their funds are being used effectively to support disabled persons.

With regards

Nic Bullock  
Deputy Chief Officer (Social Enterprise)

# Herefordshire Freemasons Answering the Call from St Michael's Hospice.



## 2024 Event Support

During 2024, the Caeruleum Club provided an amazing level of support for events run by St Michael's Hospice. This included stewarding car parks and manning checkpoints for various events to ensure that the Hospice's fundraising ran smoothly, enabling the Hospice staff and volunteers to focus on the fundraising activities. In total they provided well over two hundred hours of community support at the various events.

## Supporting the Digital Fundraising Campaign

In parallel, at the Herefordshire Masonic Charitable Association (HMCA) meeting in May 2024, W Bro David Knowles instigated the 'Call to Arms' for a Province-wide initiative to raise money for the Hospice's forty-hour digital fundraising campaign on 28<sup>th</sup> October. The Hospice had managed to get match funding and were looking to raise £400,000 to help fund the training and development of their nurses. To accomplish this, they wanted to receive as many pledges as possible before the start of the forty-hour digital campaign on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## Call to 'Alms'

Following the May HMCA Meeting, W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor, the Provincial Charity Steward, circulated a request to all the Lodge Charity Stewards asking for help in the form of pledges that were to be run through the usual proposition and voting process in Lodge meetings.

Lodges in the Province did not disappoint. They answered the call, and together with donations from Chapters, the Mark Province, and support from the HMCA and MCF, a total of £30,250 was raised, which would in turn be match funded by St Michael's corporate sponsors towards their overall target of £400,000.

## Follow Up Visit.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the Provincial Grand Master RW Bro Michael Holland, together with W Bro Tim Bridgland-Taylor, visited St Michael's Hospice to see the difference the £30,250 donation was making. They met with Matt Fellows, Chief Executive and Company Secretary, Rachel Jones, Income Generation, Marketing and Comms Director and Tony Larkin, Fund Raiser. They were able to discuss the impact the service provided by the Caeruleum Club and the donation had made. After tea they were provided with a tour of the Hereford facility except for the wards and en-route the Provincial Grand Master pointed out the plaque in memory of RW Bro David Bowen.

The picture below shows 'L to R': Rachel Jones, Tim Bridgland-Taylor, Nurse Kelly, Matt Fellows and Michael Holland.



***Matt Fellows, Chief Executive and Company Secretary for St Michael's Hospice summed up his thoughts on the support received from Herefordshire Freemasons:***

"The support we receive from Herefordshire's Freemasons is much more valuable than the total of these funds. Their investment of time and effort at our events and activities in our community enable them to run smoothly and provide for the best possible experience for our wider community of supporters. Further, working so closely with another organisation which is an anchor within our community extends their reach and our own in demonstrating just how critical charities, benevolent organisations, and community actors are to each other and their wider communities."

"Thank you to all of Herefordshire's Freemasons however it is they support us; we can only continue to care for you and our community because of your efforts."

***The Head of Freemasonry in Herefordshire, Michael Holland commented:***

"We were delighted with the response from our members across Herefordshire, both in terms of their generous donations and the time they provided to assist at events. It does show that the core value of 'Service' runs deep across our membership, and we are delighted to be able to assist St Michael's Hospice in supporting our community."

# Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association



*The Inaugural Ride Out for Herefordshire's Taurus Chapter*



Even the weather behaved for the initial Ride Out of the Taurus Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association. The newly formed Chapter met with members of surrounding Chapters, including Worcestershire and Shropshire, to ride from Hereford to Shobdon Airfield where they enjoyed a hearty breakfast at the airfield café. Often used as a meeting place for bikers, Meg's Hotspur Café proved a fitting venue for the occasion.

Around thirty Brethren attended, enjoying the companionship of fellow members of the WSMBA and catching up with friends.

Anyone interested in joining should contact the Club President and Founder Jim Turpin, a member of Dean Waterfield Lodge. It is open to all Masons, and friends and family, as either a Widows Son or an Associate.

Details can be found on the Provincial members Website [here](#). (You need to be logged in to see the 'Social' page.)

The goal of the association is to introduce the pleasures of motorcycling to Brethren by raising Masonic awareness in the world of motorcycling. This is done by supporting the regular Masonic Lodges through regular attendance and assisting with or attending Lodge events.

The Widows Sons have raised over £140k year on year to support Masonic and local charities as well as helping to increase the numbers joining Masonry by creating a visual presence. They are required to always represent the fraternity in a positive light.

There are forty-five chapters, Taurus being the newest, covering every Masonic Province in England as well as overseas. With over one thousand members, numbers have increased year on year.

**CRAFTCAST**  
The Freemasons Podcast

The Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association is the only Masonic Bikers Association fully recognised by UGLE. You can listen to the UGLE Craftcast [Here](#).





The 'Ride Out' included members of Worcester, Meridan, Hallstone, Brycgstow, Oxonians and Shropshire Widows Sons, with just over forty members attending to support the inaugural Ride Out for Taurus.



Earlier in March, W Bro Billy Russell of Vitruvian and Delphis Lodges became a member and was 'Patched' and Ewan Craig became the first 'Greenhorn' to be patched.

Billy Russell in the centre of the left hand picture below holding his patch and Craig Ewan in the right hand picture.



# Widows' Lunch

## Another Highly Successful Gathering

Another highly successful Widows' lunch took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Kyrle Street, Hereford, with around sixty in attendance and the stewarding provided by St Peter's Lodge; thanks Brethren. Thanks also to Malcolm Davies, the Provincial Grand Almoner, for organising the highly enjoyable event.

Following the lunch, all those in attendance were entertained by Christopher Gee, a variety act who entertained with a number of impressions, anecdotes and songs.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Ellen Saunders, a guest of Vaga Lodge.



# Dean Waterfield Continue Community Support

Two Members of Dean Waterfield Lodge assisted the St Michael's Hospice annual Big Spring Walk Event held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The event offered walkers three different routes ranging from 5km to 17km.

Brothers Kris Umney and Zoilio Valenzuela volunteered to act as Marshals at one of the check points on the 17km route. A big thank you to the St Michael's Hospice team and all the walkers who took part.



## Herefordshire Provincial Golf Society AGM Roundup

The 2025 AGM was held at Kyrle Street on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for 2025:

**President:** R W Bro Michael Holland, (ProvGM)

**Vice-President:** VW Bro Graham King, (Deputy ProvGM)

**Captain:** W Bro David Griffiths

**Vice Captain:** Bro Cain Wellings

**Secretary:** W Bro Dave Gwynne

**Treasurer:** W Bro Alastair Ross.

The minutes of the meeting will be circulated to the members shortly.

The major event for the coming year will be the 10 Provinces or Battle Jug match, to which Herefordshire are the host and will be played at Ross Golf Club.

It was agreed that a small committee would be formed to support the administration of this and that sponsorship of holes can be agreed, raffle prizes and small events on the course could be arranged.

It is hoped that our members would also be at the event to support both our representative's and marshal the course on the day.

The outgoing Captain, Alastair Ross, thanked the members for their support during the past two years and was looking forward to supporting the incoming Captain, David Griffiths.

### Match against Gwent

30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

South Herefordshire Golf Club

Our First match will be against Gwent on 30<sup>th</sup> May at South Herefordshire Golf Club

### Match against Gloucestershire

16<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The Bells Golf Club

### 10 Provinces Battle Jug

30<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Ross on Wye Golf Club

2025 will be a particularly import year as the Province will be hosting the 10 Provinces Battle Jug event which is set for the 30<sup>th</sup> July and held at the Ross-on-Wye Golf Club. We are hoping to get sponsors for the holes on the course, the proceeds of which will go towards our Festival year 2026, so if you have anyone you think might support this please, bring it to the meeting.

### Annual Triangular Match

6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Telford Golf and Country Club

Tee off time 12:00hrs

### Provincial Open Tournament

Date and Venue to be confirmed

For any further information regarding the Herefordshire Golf Society please contact W Bro Dave Gwynne, whose contact details are on the Provincial Website [HERE](#).

# Investiture of the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master



March 2025 has been quite a month for VW Bro Graham King, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire and Past Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Not only did he hand over the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's Collar to W Bro J Stuart Jones, but he also celebrated forty years in the Royal Arch with a presentation at Filton Chapter of Fortitude No 6498, as can be seen in the picture below.

taking the MEZ's chair six times and WM's chair four times. Graham's progression through Provincial and Grand Ranks began in 1992 in the Craft as Past Provincial Grand Steward in Gloucestershire and in 1997 as Provincial Grand Sword Bearer in Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Royal Arch.

His first Grand Rank in the Craft was awarded in 2004 as Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and in 2003 in Royal Arch as Past Grand Standard Bearer.

We asked VW Bro Graham what the highlights have been over his long and illustrious career. He responded:

*"I have had a think about particular highlights over the years and there are so many it is hard to pick out one in particular."*

*"The Annual Investiture of 2014 when the Grand Master invested me as Grand Sword Bearer, the day I was invested as Grand Superintendent in and over the Royal Arch Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire back in 2008, a post I was lucky enough to hold for ten years. And of course being invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Herefordshire are three that stand out."*

*"In summary my thoughts are how thankful I am for the support and kindness of the Brethren and Companions of both Gloucestershire and Herefordshire."*

*"I trust that I honoured the commitments I made in every obligation that I have taken over 40+ years and served with humility, dedication and above all humanity."*

*"All I can hope is that history will judge me kindly, it's a shame I will be unable to write it."*

I think it is fair to say that history will remember Graham very kindly and he will certainly be a very tough act for Stuart to follow.



VW Bro Graham's Masonic CV extends over many pages and many different progressive orders. He is also currently Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire in the Royal Order of Scotland.

His list of current memberships is very extensive with eleven current Lodge memberships and twenty two Chapters. The list of active offices is equally impressive,





Investing J Stuart Jones as Deputy Provincial Grand Master had particular meaning being at the Eastnor Lodge meeting in March. Not only was this Stuart's Lodge but also where RW Bro Michael Holland was Invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master back in 2018.

The son of a Mason, Stuart is very well know across the Province as the Provincial Grand Membership officer and has been instrumental in running initiatives to ensure the Province continues to grow and meet its 2022 Strategy Targets. He is also a Visiting Officer for a number of Lodges and up until his investiture was Provincial Junior Grand Warden, a role that was passed on to W Bro Andrew Moore on the same evening.

Stuart was initiated in 1997 into St David's Lodge 2950 in the Province of West Lancashire, where he became Master in 2004 and 2009. He joined Eastnor Lodge in 2007 and was Exalted into St Peter's Royal Arch Chapter in the same year. After a period of working abroad he became Master of Eastnor Lodge from 2020 till 2023.

His first Provincial Rank was in West Lancashire in 2012 as Assistant Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and in 2022 as Past Provincial Grand Junior Deacon in Herefordshire.

He is currently Provincial Grand Treasurer in the Royal Arch Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire and will be receiving Grand Rank at the investiture in May 2025 as Past Grand Sword Bearer.

Outside of Masonry he is married to Wendy and has three grown children and two grown step children with five



grandchildren and aside from family life and Masonry, he enjoys spending time travelling and is actively involved in a number of charitable organisations.

We wish Stuart every success in his new role.

# MCF Grants In Herefordshire

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 we have received the following grants as a Province.



**25**  
Grants



**£54,136**  
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

31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025




in Herefordshire, we have received a total of

**159 Grants totalling £443,867**



## Social Events

Social events across Herefordshire can be found in the online. Provincial Website calendar [here](#).

Event	Details	Calendar Link
	<b>Herefordshire Light Infantry Museum OPERATION BLACKOUT</b>  Saturday 17th May 2025	<a href="#">DETAILS HERE</a>
	<b>Caeruleum Club First Aid Training</b>  19 <sup>th</sup> April. Ross on Wye	<a href="#">BOOKING FORM HERE</a>
	<b>MASONIC CHARITY REGATTA</b> Gloucester 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<a href="#">DETAILS HERE</a>



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Did you find the New Year 2025 themed words?

## New Year 2025

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- Father Time
- Music
- Toast
- Games
- Streamer
- Fireworks
- Kiss
- Hat
- Eve
- Family
- Resolution
- Party
- Noisemaker
- New Year
- Midnight
- January
- Happy
- Goals
- Countdown
- Confetti
- Clock
- Cheers
- Celebrate
- Calendar
- Balloons

## Can you find the Lepidoptera related words?

Lepidoptera - An order of winged insects including butterflies and moths. Representing 10% of the worlds living organisms the word is derived from the Greek words Lepis, Lepidos for scale and wing.

## Lepidoptera

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Lulworth Skipper    Swallowtail    Rivulet    Ringlet    Red Admiral  
Pupa    Peacock    Moth    Monarch    Knot Grass    Hermit    Grayling  
Ghost    Gatekeeper    Emperor    Dryad    Danaid    Comma  
Cleopatra    Caterpillar    Cardinal    Buff Tip    Brimstone    Atlas Blue  
Apollo