

Priory Lodge 6913 - Summer 2025 Newsletter



15th November 2025
Holiday Inn, Filton



Partners Night Saturday 15th November 2025
Holiday Inn, Filton, BS16 1QX
£48 pp.
Please email WM Jon Watts: wattsjd75@gmail.com



Website QR Code



Priory Lodge - Partners Night

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Holiday Inn Filton

Filton Rd, Winterbourne, Bristol BS16 1QX

Price: £48.00 per person – Drinks from 6:30 pm – Black Tie

Menu

Starter

- a) Leek & Potato Soup (v) (gf)
- b) Chicken & cognac pate, plum & apple chutney, olive oil
- c) Roast cherry tomato & mozzarella salad, sun blush tomato (v) (gf)

Main

- a) Roast chicken breast, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes and pan gravy
- b) Thyme roasted loin of pork, baked apples & cider gravy (gf)
- c) Cod loin, lemon & herb crust, gratin potato tarragon hollandaise
- d) Butternut & lentil wellington tomato & basil sauce (v)

Dessert

- a) Warm apple crumble tart vanilla ice cream
- b) Creamed filled profiteroles warm chocolate sauce
- c) Sticky toffee pudding clotted cream ice cream (gf)

Please send menu choices to : **wattsjd75@gmail.com**

Cheque or Bank payments to Priory Lodge 6913 - Partners Evening

Account No: 68044568 Sort Code: 30-94-80

Please Note: If you are wishing to stay overnight, please let us know so we can provide you the booking link for the event.

Room Rates are as follows:

£90 – Bed and Breakfast for single occupancy

£130 – Bed and Breakfast for double occupancy





Regular visitors to Priory Lodge. W Bro Dick Smith PQM installed W Bro Mike Blackmore in to the Chair of Blue Lamp Lodge in Monmouthshire meeting in Chepstow. Their friendship goes back decades, they both worked together in Special Branch. A wonderful day in a theme lodge. W Bro Smith proudly visited nearly every lodge in Monmouthshire in his year in the chair and W Bro Blackmore aims visit every temple. They both make around 50% of our lodge meetings at Priory Lodge every year. They are members of Hambrook Lodge as well in Gloucestershire.



RW PGM Ray Guthrie enjoyed an evening supporting Queens College Taunton Lodge this summer on one of the hottest days of the year for their 75th Birthday with a seven course meal. The lodge raised £900 for good causes. Visiting other lodges is very important to enjoy Freemasonry even more. Please ask if you would like to attend lodges and and you are not sure how. It also helps the lodges that you visit and it's what Freemasonry is all about. In Taunton you say hello to brethren who live in Devon, Dorset and even Cornwall. One member of Queens College Taunton Lodge lives in the middle of Dartmoor. A truly wonderful lodge to visit.

Visiting other lodges is what makes Freemasonry the best membership around.



The PGL Somerset Provincial Team supported VW Bro and DPGM Michael John Greedy for a provincial visit to Lodge Uno Corde on Saturday 7th June for a 3rd degree ceremony. It was a super day at one of our follow Keynsham lodges. With Priory Lodge finishing for the summer in May, it's good to note that Lodge Uno Corde meet in June and so do Vale of Brislington Lodge which was very well supported by Priory Lodge this summer.



Bro David Rigby is now a MM. Initiated on 9th February 2024 after his family found us on social media and this was quickly signposted to Lodge Membership Officer, W Bro Paul Marshall, who worked with Bro Rigby during several months to introduce him to Priory Lodge.

Bro Rigby was passed to the degree of a fellowcraft on the 10th May 2024 and is now a Master Mason from 10th May 2025.

During his journey Bro Rigby has been through an operation and he attended his third degree while still recovering. It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by everyone.

WBro Paul Marshall wrote “congratulations to Bro Dave Rigby on being raised to the 3rd degree. Now a Master Mason”.

W Bro Richard Dredge wrote “Congratulations to all for last night’s wonderful ceremony, the whole evening went so well. WM Jon Watts, you were outstanding”.

Priory Lodge dates for Lodge of Instruction

AUTUMN 2025

3RD SEPT 7PM TO 9PM
8TH OCT COM/REHEARSAL 7-9
10TH SEPT 6PM TO 8PM
17TH SEPT 6PM TO 8PM
24TH SEPT 7PM TO 9PM
1ST OCT 7PM TO 9PM
16TH OCT 7PM TO 9PM THURSDAY
23RD OCT 7PM TO 9PM THURSDAY
29TH OCT 7PM TO 9PM
5TH NOV 7PM TO 9PM
20TH NOV 7PM TO 9PM THURSDAY
26TH NOV 7PM TO 9PM
3RD DEC 7PM TO 9PM
10TH DEC COM/REHEARSAL 7-9



Remembering Bro Dave Watts of Priory Lodge

It's with great sadness that Bro Dave Watts passed to the Grand Lodge above in late May following his illness which we read out at lodge and hoped for a full recovery. Dave joined Priory Lodge with his family from Cornucopia Lodge and he straight away took a leading role as the lodge Charity Steward. Our thoughts are with his family during these difficult times.

Skittles Night returns on the 22nd August

RW Bro Ray Guthrie has kindly arranged for the annual skittles evening at High Littleton community centre. Priory Lodge also played against Lodge of Virtue and Industry this month where £500 was raised for good causes.



Regular donations ready for the new Somerset Freemasons Festival

Brethren on behalf of our new Lodge Charity Steward, IPM WBro George Pittaway who has taken over from Assistant Provincial Grand Master Tony Guthrie, please complete the regular donation form to donate a small amount to charity every month and ready for the Somerset Freemasons Festival.

Please ask WBro George Pittaway for a form to help

www.somersetfreemasons.org/charity/



Priory Lodge website for latest news and events:
keynshamfreemasons.co.uk

Roles are changing at Installion in December

W Bro Richard Dredge will be stepping down as Lodge Secretary after a decade in the role. W Bro Jon Watts will be the new Secretary.

W Bro Lee Brimble will be stepping down as Lodge DC to go back through the Chairs. W Bro Paul Marshall will advance to DC.

W Bro Richard Irwin will step down at Lodge Dining Steward. Bro Steve Metcalf, the hall chef and Priory Lodge's newest member will become the new Dining Steward. Richard will help Steve settle in to the role throughout 2026.

Brethren please remember to note the following for our October meeting.

Dining arragements - Please try to book guests in a week before our meetings and please always try to pay by BACS. Please contact W Bro Richard Irwin.

Alomoner - Please contact Bro Steve Jones with any news relating to health and wellbeing. The lodge is here to support you where we can.

Director of Ceremonies - Please contact W Bro Lee Brimble with anything which you would like to learn and deliver during our lodge meetings. There are lots of parts which we need people to learn for the five year plan.

Secretary - Please write to W Bro Richard Dredge with any news which you feel should be shared with the lodge or changes in your circumstances.

Treasurer - Please contact W Bro Andy Purchase with any financial concerns that you may have.

Charity Steward - Please contact W Bro George Pittaway to ask about charity and regular giving.

Candidates - Please contact W Bro Paul Marshall who can help with new candidates and joining members.

Lodge roles - Please ask W Bro Paul Marshall about the five year plan.

Please talk with W Bro Richard Dredge if you would like to attend the AGM at the Webbington Hotel and book a meal.

Please try to support RW PGM Ray Guthrie by attending the annual church service at Wells Cathedral.

There will be a skittles evening on August 22nd. and a Ladies and Partners Night on November 15th. Please speak with WM WBro Jon Watts.

Website and Newsletter. Please contact Richard Irwin the Lodge Information Officer with pictures and content.



Firemen unite in Freemasonry every year
W Bro Paul Drake meets W Bro Barrie Doull every year at Priory Lodge.



Priory Lodge is popular in May from
Gloucestershire Freemasons who break in April.



The Somerset Adair Club in London

WBro APMG Tony Guthrie and Bro Declan Brannigan from Priory Lodge and regular Lodge supporter Ray Conneeley attended with the Adair Club where both Declan and Shayan Aziz are members. The Adair Club is amazing for light blues to get the most out of Somerset Freemasonry. Visit www.youngmasons.co.uk

“On Saturday 31st May fifteen Somerset Brethren took a trip to Grand Lodge to attend the Light Blues Communication. The new Chair of the Adair Club, Tom Beasley, and his new Secretary, Chris Cooke attended along with a number of other Light Blues. There were also some Provincial Grand Officers in attendance to keep an eye on proceedings, including Tony Guthrie, Ray Conneely, Matt Williams and Past Chair Mike Norton.

Over 1600 Freemasons from across the Constitution were at Freemasons’ Hall, to be part of a truly landmark event.

Most of the group had not been to the Grand Temple before and were amazed at the architecture and the atmosphere.

Lodge Sine Nomine No.10000 hosted the emergency meeting and opened proceedings and then the Lodge was called off for the Grand Director of Ceremonies to announce the entrance of the Pro Grand Master and the active Grand Officers of the year to attend, including our very own Past Provincial Grand Master, Stuart Hadler, who is an active Grand Steward. We were lucky enough to have seats behind the Grand Stewards.

The main part of proceedings were three insightful presentations by Light Blues clubs (The Somerset Adair club had submitted a presentation but unfortunately, we were not selected), and a video about joining Royal Arch, which I am sure will be released soon. After the meeting we had a light lunch at Freemasons Hall where the rulers mingled around the rooms and were all very accessible. I spoke at length to the Assistant Grand Master Steven Varley.

A number of Brethren few stayed to watch the live recording of Craftcast, The Freemasons Podcast, which is produced by our very own Shay Aziz. We then made our weary way back to Somerset. All of us having enjoyed a fabulous day.

We hope to see this event repeated very soon, after all, the future of Freemasonry depends on the Light Blues”.

Submitted by
Mike Norton