

Priory Lodge 6913 - Autumn 2025 Newsletter



As another Somerset Masonic Year draws to a close, APMG W Bro Tony Guthrie has been working hard for the province with the message at the Masonic Challenge Visits (MCVs) that it's extremely important that lodges start to reach out in to the community for recruitment. In 2026 we will all be working with Building Together.

Left picture is with members of the provincial team at Lodge of St George in Taunton. And the picture above at Somerset Military Lodge which met in Weston-super-Mare Masonic Hall. They had a fraternal meeting by members of Gloucestershire Military Lodge.

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For Building Together the core values of the organisation have also been updated and now read: INTEGRITY, FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT and SERVICE.

Building Together is UGLE's new narrative – a fundamental and useful blueprint for the text and language needed to communicate the benefits and core values of Freemasonry to new and existing members.

The tagline for the narrative reads: Enabling personal growth, building friendships, and supporting communities, through timeless tradition.

Freemasonry offers the opportunity to engage with like-minded people from different backgrounds whom you wouldn't usually meet. Freemasons actively engage in charitable events and activities. They dedicate time, resources and skills to support communities by being part of something that makes a difference to the world. It provides an opportunity to explore your potential through improved self-knowledge and confidence on an enduring foundation of ethical and moral values. Those values, upheld by its members, offer a framework for making better choices in life and living a more fulfilling and purposeful existence.

Bro Declan Branagan is now a MM. Initiated on 12th April 2024 and with his family present, who are dedicated Freemasons and who were so very proud and they have all quickly become nice friends of Priory Lodge as well; it's wonderful to see them and they've delivered brilliant visitors speeches.

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

During his journey, Bro Branagan has joined The Adair Club which is the best route for all light blues and he has visited lots of lodges and Grand Lodge as well and Declan has helped with the Provincial AGM by stewarding at the Webbington Hotel. www.adairclub.com



Skittles Night winners for 2025.

Richard Irwin won the trophy.



Nora Fricker who runs the High Littleton Recreation Centre Bar with her husband Ainley won at Killer. *£200 was raised for the Children's Hospice South West Charity.*



A wonderful evening in a far smaller room.

Unfortunately the planned Priory Lodge family night was cancelled due to lack of numbers but rather than lose the £500 deposit, W Bro's Brimble and Marshall approached the Holiday Inn at Hambrook and it was agreed to use the £500 towards a far smaller room and invite Priory Lodge members and loved ones and friends to attend. The room they were given was wonderful and the food was perfect and the service was impeccable according to everyone who attended. W Bro Brimble who is a good at singing those 'turkey and tinsel' 60s to 80s hits provided the entertainment and the party continued until 2am in the lounge afterwards.

The Holiday Inn is certainly a realistic venue for smaller lodges now that this room has been discovered.



Priory Lodge dates for Lodge of Instruction

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

20TH NOV 7PM TO 9PM THURSDAY
26TH NOV 7PM TO 9PM
3RD DEC 7PM TO 9PM
10TH DEC COM/REHEARSAL 7-9

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BRO PAUL MARSHALL.



Regular donations for the new Somerset Freemasons 2031 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:
www.keynshamfreemasons.co.uk



The annual Provincial Carol Service at Wells Cathedral in December.

2024 Service “Before the evening started Mulled Wine and Mince Pies were served to the guests, all of whom commented on how nice it was”

Everyone is welcome every year and last year members of Priory Lodge ate dinner afterwards in the beautiful City of Wells in the heart of Somerset.



The Somerset Freemasons AGM at The Webbington Hotel, set on the side of Crook Peak is every April and it's a wonderful day out. Set in the beautiful Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the views from this location are all-inspiring, as brethren enjoy good times with brethren from across the province and meeting brethren from all across the region. Look out for the date.

Brethren please remember to note the following for our 2026 meetings.

Dining arrangements - Please try to book guests in a week before our meetings and please always try to pay by BACS. Please contact Bro Steve Metcalf - details as per summons.

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 ADC W Bro Richard Irwin 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. Lodge DC W Bro Paul Marshall will then arrange for you to deliver those parts.

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

Treasurer - Please contact W Bro Andy Purchase with any financial related matters.

Charity Steward - Please contact W Bro George Pittaway to ask about charity and regular giving so that you are ready for the 2031 Somerset Freemasons Festival.

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

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

Please email W Bro Richard Dredge if you would like to attend the AGM at the Webbing-ton Hotel and to book a meal in April.

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

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



Burns Night returns in January, please book early. There are 96 seats available.



The Royal Arch is the final part of the four stage journey from Initiation to Exaltation that is known as 'Pure Antient Masonry'. Every Master Mason of at least four weeks standing is eligible to join.

www.somersetfreemasons.org/royal-arch



Visiting other lodges is what makes Freemasonry one of the best nights out compared to any organisation. You make even more new friends and a network spanning across Somerset and neighbouring provinces. Ask ADC W Bro Irwin if you would like to join other brethren and visit Monmouthshire, Gloucestershire and Taunton and we can arrange it in 2026 or W Bro Irwin will help you to visit lodges across England, Wales and Scotland by putting you in touch with lodge secretaries to book you in at their next merry meeting.



W Bro Garry Watts will soon be our new Worshipful Master



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