

Priory Lodge 6913

December 25 to March 26 Newsletter



WBro Anthony R Guthrie PGSD, APGM Craft and DPrGM Mark, to be installed as the 17th Provincial Grand Master of Mark on May 7th.

Following the announcement that our Provincial Grand Master for Mark, RW Bro Phil Voisey will retire in May, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons have been pleased to announce that our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W Bro Tony Guthrie, will be installed as his successor on May 7th at The Webbington Hotel, Axbridge.

W Bro Tony is a very active Freemason within the Province in Somerset and as well as being the current Deputy Provincial Grand Master has also served for almost 4 years as one of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters in the Craft, a position he will retire from at the Craft AGM on April 2nd this year before taking up his new Appointment as our PGM in the Mark.

Tony was Initiated into **Priory Lodge 6913** on the 12th February 1999 and Raised on the 14th May in the same year. He was Advanced into the Carnarvon MMM Lodge in June 2004 and was the Founding Senior Warden of St Andrews MMM Lodge in 2012, becoming it's Master the following year then Serving as Carnarvon's Master in 2015 and 2016.

Tony was appointed to Provincial Rank in 2013 as Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, a post he held for two years, then serving for three years as the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies before being Appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 2019. His first Grand Lodge appointment was in 2018 to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and he was promoted to the Rank of Past Senior Grand Deacon last year.

Tony's list of Lodge Memberships are too numerous to mention but he is a Grand Officer in Craft and Royal Arch, a Holder of Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank and a Past Provincial Officer in Knights Templar. He manages to visit many of his Lodges on a regular basis, while still running his own electrical business. As our Provincial Grand Master said in his retirement letter, Tony will bring new energy to the Mark Degree, and I am sure we will all see the benefits of this. He will be installed as our 17th Provincial Grand Master at the Mark Annual Meeting on the 7th of May at the Webbington Hotel, Axbridge and I am sure that there will be a goodly number of Mark Master Masons from Somerset and the surrounding Provinces to support him in what should be a thoroughly enjoyable day so please mark it in your diaries!!

To visit the dedicated Somerset Mark website the address is www.somersetmarkmason.co.uk

Congratulations Tony and in time I'm sure lots more of us in Priory Lodge will look to join Mark when the time is right.

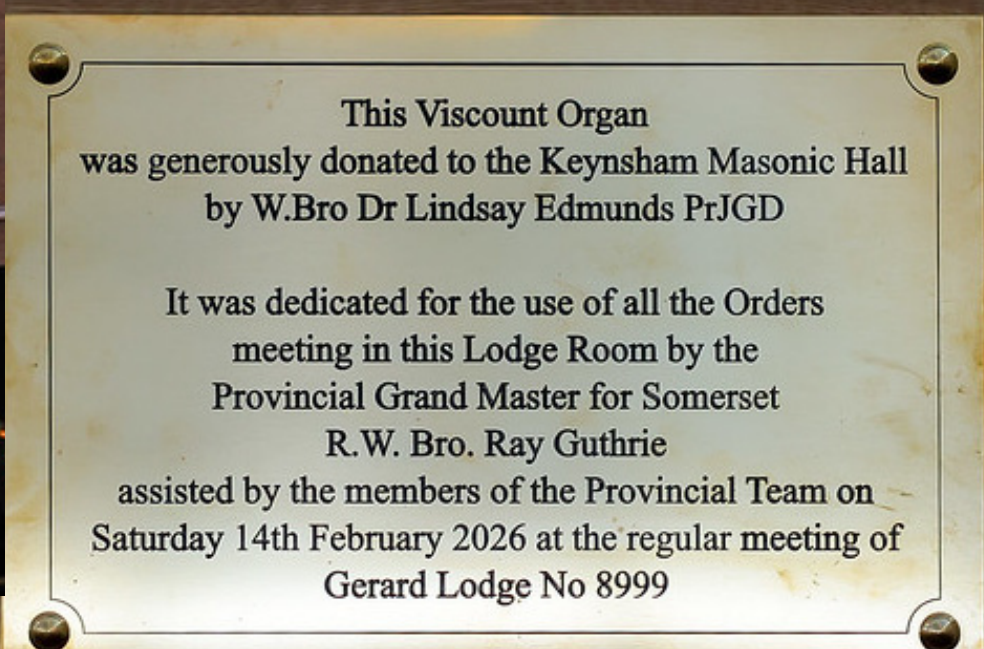
RW Bro Ray Guthrie brought his Provincial Team to Keynsham Masonic Hall for the Dedication of our new organ.

The Provincial team were in action on Valentines Day with a trip to Keynsham Masonic Hall and in particular to Gérard Lodge 8999 on the occasion of an Organ dedication.

The Provincial Senior Grand Deacon W Bro Lindsay Edmunds had kindly donated his Organ to be used by all the Masonic Orders that meet at KMH. The existing organ which W Bro Steve Coles PGSW and KMH Hall has said will have cost £5000 to repair has been taken away and the room behind the JW's chair where the pipes are in a poor condition will become a new storage room for orders that meet at KMH.

The Provincial team was led by the PGM Ray Guthrie. After the lodge was opened, the team paraded in under the watchful eye of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies W Bro Garry Sharp. The PGM was proffered the gavel by the WM of Gerard Lodge, which on this occasion he gratefully accepted. The PGM thanked the lodge for hosting the team and then welcomed W. Bro Carl Jackson Past Grand Organist who came from London the previous night to attend the ceremony, along with the PGM of Herefordshire RW Bro Michael Holland and a plethora of other heads of Orders from Somerset including R W Bro Phil Voisey PGM of the Mark Degree, the Inspector General of Rose Croix David Mason, Paul Davis the Provincial Prior of the Knights Templar, Derrick Griffin Deputy Supreme Leader of the OSM. Along with the choir from St Cecilia Lodge.

The PGM placed the Provincial Wardens and Pursuivant in post and asked Carl Jackson to take the Organist Chair. The ceremony included a fantastic Oration by Provincial Grand Chaplin Bob Moore linking music to one of the Liberal Arts and Sciences to Freemasonry. The Organ keys were presented to Carl who then played three superb pieces of music. Surprisingly it was Carl's first Organ dedication. The Province of Somerset were very grateful to him for making are meeting so special.





Regular donations for the new Somerset Freemasons 2031 Festival



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Brethren on behalf of our Lodge Charity Steward, 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 towards the Somerset Freemasons 2031 Festival.

Please ask WBro George Pittaway for a form to help

www.somersetfreemasons.org/charity/

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.

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Annual Skittles Night returns on the 19th June at High Littleton.

Priory Lodge dates for Lodge of Instruction

APRIL TO DECEMBER 2026
1ST APRIL - LOI 7PM TO 8.30PM.
8TH APRIL - COMMITTEE/REHEARSAL 7PM TO 9.30PM.
22ND APRIL - LOI 8.30PM - 10PM.
6TH MAY COMMITTEE/REHEARSAL 7PM TO 9.30PM
9TH SEPTEMBER - LOI 7PM TO 8.30PM
23RD SEPTEMBER - LOI 7PM TO 8.30PM
7TH OCTOBER - COMMITTEE/REHEARSAL 7PM TO 9.30PM
25TH NOVEMBER - LOI 7PM TO 8.30PM
2ND DECEMBER - LOI 7PM TO 8.30PM
9TH DECEMBER - COMMITTEE/REHEARSAL 7PM TO 9.30PM.



KMH Open Day on the 28th March generated over £500 for Keynsham Operation Community Hamper by holding a bring and buy sale at the same time.

Hall Chair W Bro Steve Coles had the honour of showing around Mr. Neil Dowdney, Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset.

A very pleasant day and really well supported by Priory Lodge.



WM Garry Watts was installed into the chair of King Solomon by his brother W Bro Jon Watts and W Bro Steve Coles, the PGSW for the Province of Somerset represented the PGM RW Bro Ray Guthrie.





Priory Lodge has supported Keynsham Dial a Ride for almost a decade. They need all of the help that they can get to assist disadvantaged people with mobility and transportation.

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 Jon Watts if you would like to attend the AGM at the Webbington Hotel and to book a meal in April 2027.

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.



Annual Burns Night was once again a great success.



Priory Lodge thanks regular visitor W Bro Dick Smith for kindly delivering a presentation about The Masonic Goat. A brilliant, fun and informative history throughout the centuries.

