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October is such a beautiful month....



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn't it?" This quote from Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, certainly rings true for me, not least because of course October is the month in which the Province comes together for the most important Masonic meeting of the year - Provincial Grand Lodge.

This year the meeting will be tinged with sadness as we say a heartfelt goodbye to David Davies who steps down as my deputy after a period of four years in office. I am sure Brethren will join me in thanking David for his service to Wiltshire, first as Provincial Secretary and latterly as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

David's successor is Simon Leighfield (Gooch Lodge No.1295), and it will be a real thrill to invest him as my Deputy. What makes Simon's appointment so very special is that he will be following in the steps of his father VW Bro Maurice Leighfield who was invested as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1991 - thirty years ago. I am also delighted to be appointing Phil Still (Stonehenge Lodge No.6114) to the office of Assistant Provincial Grand Master. In appointing Simon, and Phil I know that the immediate future of the Province is in safe hands, and that events planned for the coming years will be managed spectacularly well.

It will be a pleasure to welcome and congratulate the Brethren receiving a Provincial promotion, and to recognise those Brethren who will be receiving their first Provincial Grand Rank appointment. I know just how important attaining Provincial Grand Rank is for every Brother, and I trust the value associated with the honour will be recognised by the attendance at Trowbridge of those being invested.

Sadly, there is one change which we have had to make due entirely to the uncertainty of numbers attending, and the seating capacity of the hall. This year we are not able to welcome the Masonic widows, or partners of those Brethren receiving a promotion, or first appointment. However, we will review the situation, and subject to the venue for Provincial Grand Lodge we may be able to do things differently in 2022.

Last month I suggested that the Province is nothing if not innovative, and this year's Provincial Grand Lodge meeting will demonstrate just how we 'think outside of the box'. I believe Wiltshire will be unique in offering free blood pressure checks; while Bro Mark Newman will be offering you the opportunity to buy a bottle of Gin specially distilled for the Province and branded 'Middle Chamber'. I hope you'll join me in buying a bottle, if not for yourself, what about for a friend at Christmas? The profit from the sale of the gin will be donated to charity.

I will be pleased to announce at Provincial Grand Lodge my intention to sign the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of all Wiltshire Freemasons. Our Province has strong and enduring ties to the military. Many of our members are serving or former members of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army, or the Royal Air Force, and it is an incredible privilege to have an ongoing relationship with our Armed Forces.



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You really won't want to miss it....

Thursday 7th October is the date, 2.15pm is the time, and The Civic, Trowbridge is the venue for the first post Covid-19 meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. There is a genuine air of excitement throughout the Province at the prospect of Brethren meeting old friends, congratulating Lodge members who will be receiving a Provincial promotion or first appointment, and being able to experience the unique atmosphere of the most important meeting in the Wiltshire Masonic calendar.

The Communication Team under the guidance of Ian Lever has produced a new foyer display using the four values by which Freemasons are known, namely INTEGRITY, RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP and CHARITY.

In addition the video presentation team has created a superb video especially for Provincial Grand Lodge. With its central theme being 'We're glad to be back' it will feature some well known faces and places - see if you can spot yourself in the clips being shown.

**PROVINCIAL
GRAND
LODGE**

THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER

2.30pm

**The Civic
Trowbridge**

www.wiltshirefreemasons.org.uk

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LIMITED SPACE AT THE CIVIC, TROWBRIDGE,
MASONIC WIDOWS, AND PARTNERS OF BRETHREN RECEIVING PROVINCIAL
HONOURS WILL NOT BE PRESENT ON THIS OCCASION.**

THIS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR 2022.



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Clarendon Lodge No. 5908.....



During the past year the Brethren of Clarendon Lodge No. 5908 have held a summer BBQ, and a clay pigeon shoot. The two events raised £705 for the refurbishment of the staff rest room at the Cardiac Ward of Bath's Royal United Hospital .

Many Wiltshire Freemasons and their families are treated at the RUH and despite it being outside of the Province (it's in Somerset) many Lodges in the central division are keen supporters of the hospital.

Picture (L) shows Master of the Lodge David Rose presenting the cheque to a beaming Kate, a member of the RUH nursing team.

Vale of Avon No.8432 support Springboard....

Mark Fuller was full of praise for the staff at Springboard in Chippenham when he presented a cheque for £500 to the charity. Mark said - "We are very pleased to support Springboard as they do such fantastic work for children and their families."



The charity recently opened its new play area and Assistant Provincial Grand Master Simon Leighfield joined invited guests as Springboard Patron Lady Lansdowne cut the ribbon to declare the play area well and truly open.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation made a grant of £15,000 to assist Springboard operate a specialist preschool for children aged 2-5 offering care and education for children with additional needs.

Springboard Staff are specifically trained to deal with any specialist medical needs children under their care might have.

Springboard also run a stay and play 'Rabbits' session for children (aged 2 and under) their carers and siblings.



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What is the Armed Forces Covenant?

The Armed Forces Covenant is more than just a mere promise, it is a pledge that as Freemasons, and as citizens we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives.

The covenant focuses on helping members of the armed forces community have the same access to government and commercial services and products as any other citizen.

This support is provided in a number of areas including: education and family well-being; having a home; starting a new career; access to healthcare; financial assistance, and discounted services.

The covenant supports serving personnel, service leavers, veterans, and their families. And is fulfilled by the different groups that have committed to making a difference.

These include: Central government, overseen by the Ministerial Covenant and Veterans Board. Single services (Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force). Businesses of all sizes, Local government, Charities, Communities, and Cadet forces and their adult volunteers.

If you are a member of the armed forces, a veteran, or a family member, the Armed Forces Covenant offers a wide variety of support to ensure you are being treated fairly.

The Provincial Grand Master Philip Bullock will sign the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of all Wiltshire Freemasons. The Covenant will also be signed by a senior officer on behalf of the Armed Forces.

We are sure all Freemasons will support this initiative which is being rolled out across every Province in the country, and which will be led by HRH The Duke of Kent KG, GCMG, GCVO

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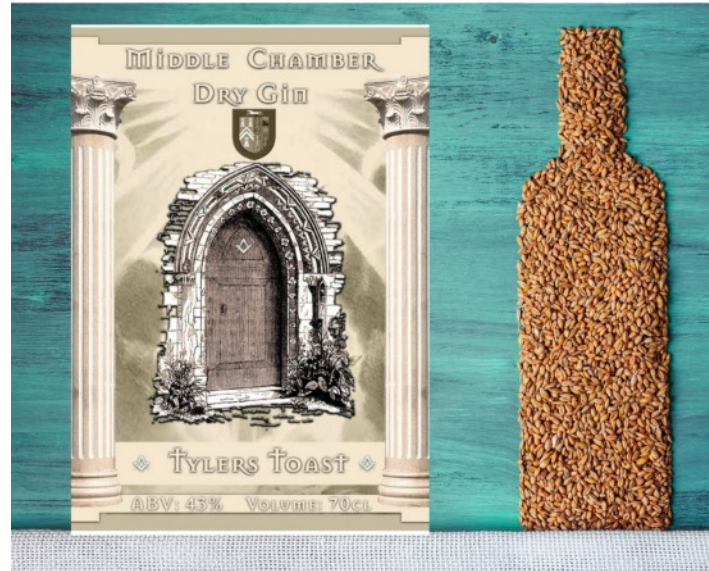
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Try something a little different....

Middle Chamber Dry Gin really is different. Produced by a local distillery Middle Chamber Dry Gin is made exclusively for the Province of Wiltshire.

Profit from the sale of Middle Chamber Gin will be donated to charity, and is another example of how fundraising can be fun.

Mark Newman will be at Provincial Grand Lodge in Trowbridge where he will be delighted to introduce you to the 'Tylers's Toast' the first of what we hope will be a series of different flavour Gins.



Ten Pin Bowling...

Mike Boddy was joined by Andreas Kalegerou, Chris wall, and Abram Saxon at Swindon Tenpin for an evening of competitive bowling. With a £15 voucher up for grabs, the competition was fast and furious - no quarter asked, and none given. After a close fought series of matches Mike emerged as the victor with a total of 250 points, closely followed by Abram who had 246 points.



So when should a dispensation be read?

The return to Masonic business is not without its problems for the Lodge secretary. Many have been busy requesting a Provincial Grand Master's dispensation which allows the Lodge to undertake work in full conformity to the rules set out in the Book of Constitutions. But when should a dispensation be read?

"As a general rule, a dispensation should be read immediately **before** the proceeding which it authorises. The exception being when the dispensation authorises the meeting itself – which **MUST** be read immediately **after** the Lodge has been opened and **BEFORE** any business is transacted."



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INSTALLATION AND OTHER MEETINGS

Thu	Oct	7	Provincial Grand Lodge	Province	Trowbridge
Wed	Oct	13	Stonehenge Lodge	6114	Salisbury
Tues	Oct	19	White Horse Lodge	2227	Westbury
Mon	Oct	25	Lodge of Good Fellowship	8388	Marlborough
Wed	Oct	27	Radnor Lodge	4451	Salisbury
Fri	Oct	29	Lodge of Agriculture	9090	Corsham

Meet the Prestonian Lecturer....

It's not often you get the opportunity to hear a Prestonian Lecturer for a second time. The traditional hosts for the Prestonian Lecturer Methuen Lodge No.8692, has joined forces with Vastern Lodge No.8977 and invited Dr John Wade, the Prestonian Lecturer of 2009 to visit Wiltshire on Sunday 5th December at 7.00pm. This event will take place using ZOOM and the link is available from pcowiltshire@gmail.com

Dr Wade will not be reprising his 2009 lecture (it was titled 'Go and do thou likewise') but will tell us what it means to be a Prestonian Lecturer.

The evening promises to be informative and entertaining. Dr Wade will also engage with members in a question and answer session. If you have a question you want to ask Dr Wade simply send it to pcowiltshire@gmail.com



Methuen Lodge No.8692
Vastern Lodge No.8977



Invite you to meet

Dr. John Wade PAGDC
Prestonian Lecturer 2009

Being a Prestonian Lecturer



SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER
7.00pm

Contact - pcowiltshire@gmail.com

CALLING ACTIVE PROVINCIAL OFFICERS AND
BRETHREN BEING PROMOTED OR APPOINTED

Thursday 7th October
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
TROWBRIDGE



WE NEED YOUR PHOTO
FOR THE 2022 EDITION OF
THE WILTSHIRE REFERENCE BOOK.

Bro Adrian Wooster will be taking
photographs from 10.00am


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