



JUNE 2025

One of the joys...



Of being the Provincial Grand Master, and Grand Superintendent is the privilege of rewarding endeavour, service and support with Provincial Craft or Chapter Grand Rank. I have previously stated that promotion or an appointment is not only a reward for services rendered at Provincial level; It also carries with it the expectation that you will continue your commitment to ensure the harmonious running and growth of your Lodge. Your masonic experience is invaluable to support, guide, and encourage our newer members whether they wish to progress through the various offices or not. The desire just to be a Provincial Grand Officer in the Craft or the Royal Arch is itself not enough. So, remember sitting back and resting on your laurels is not an option.

Brethren receiving a promotion or first appointment will be invested at Provincial Grand Lodge which will be held at Trowbridge on Thursday 2nd October. Chief among the appointments are the Senior and the Junior Grand Wardens, and I am pleased to have been able to announce that Bros Colin Ayton, and Steve Darlington have accepted my invitation to fill the offices.

The Provincial Grand Secretary has sent details of the appointments and promotions to your Lodge Secretary and you will find a copy on pages 13, 14 and 15. I am sure that the Brethren of your Lodge will be pleased to receive your support at Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the start of my article I mentioned that not only was I the head of Craft Freemasonry but I am also the Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch and it is that capacity that I support and promote the latest initiative from the UGLE aptly titled **Building Together**. This joint enterprise between UGLE and the SGC is a harmonised member support journey resource for use by Brethren and Companions. I am very aware that the concept of One Journey - One Organisation has struck a chord with many Wiltshire Freemasons and I am pleased to note the increase in Members joining the Royal Arch.

We all have an important role to play in promoting and improving the close relationship we all have with the various Masonic Orders in this Province. We are all, in one way or another, part of the larger Masonic Wiltshire family, and we must respect and support each other in whichever Order we choose to be a member. However, I would strongly encourage Master Masons to experience the Royal Arch and complete their journey in pure Antient Masonry before joining any other orders of Freemasonry however supportive I am, and will remain, of those other orders.

I am delighted to advise that bookings for the third annual Carols at Christmas service at Marlborough College have reached close on 300 - and it's only June. This event has proved to be very popular with so many of our Brethren and family members. Please do scan the QR code and let the team know you that you intend to attend. It may be six months away but I for one am looking forward to Oli Snell's superb mince pies.

Members of The Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation No.355 paid a visit to Romania at the end of May and by all accounts they thoroughly enjoyed themselves with a visit to Bran Castle in Transylvania followed by a Lodge meeting at Bucharest.

Finally, I extend my personal invitation to all Master Masons to join me at The Civic, Trowbridge on Thursday 2nd October for the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.



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Grand Lodge Appointments 2025...

The Provincial Grand Master John Reid is pleased to announce that at the recent Investiture meeting held in the Grand Temple of Freemasons Hall six Wiltshire Members received their first appointment to Grand Rank. Leading the team was Bro Steve Lee, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, who was honoured with the Grand Rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon.

Joining Steve to receive their collar and jewel from the Pro Grand Master were Rob Evans, and Barry Jordan-Davis both of whom were appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Alan Colman, Ian Lever, and Richard Wright who were appointed Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.

The Provincial Grand Master in congratulating each of the newly appointed Officers pointed out that the honour bestowed was not only in recognition of the work they have performed in the Province but also in anticipation of the duties they will be expected to perform in the future.



It came as no surprise to the recipients that following their appointments being announced the Provincial Grand Master, true to his word invited them to accept new roles within the Province.

At the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in October Bro Richard Wright will be appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro Ian Lever will be appointed Provincial Grand Charity Steward, and Bro Alan Colman will be appointed Provincial Grand Mentor which will also include the brief for Learning and Development.

A number of other important changes of personnel are announced in this month's edition of [In Touch>On Line](#) along with news of the appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank.



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Supporting the Wiltshire 2028 Festival...

Inspired by the rare flowers found on the vast chalk plateaus of Salisbury Plain and produced by a local distillery in Melksham, Three degrees Dry Gin comprises three flavours. Alongside a traditional Dry Gin there will be Orange Gin, and Pink Gin. Three Degrees Gin is only £40 a bottle and all profit will be given to the Wiltshire 2028 Festival. Contact Mark Newman to pre-order or simply click on tinyurl.com/ThreeDegGin



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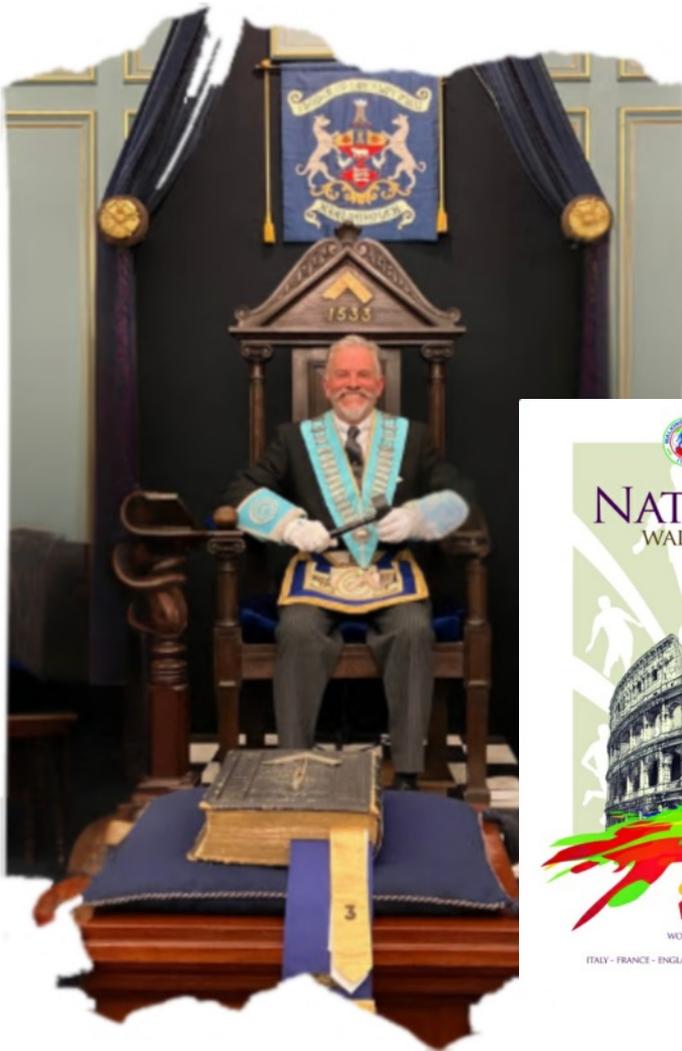
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ALL PROFITS TO THE WILTSHIRE 2028 FESTIVAL



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Jim Macleod takes the big chair...



Congratulations to Bro Jim Macleod on attaining the Chair of King Solomon at Lodge of Loyalty No.1533 meeting at Marlborough.

Jim is well known to Swindon Members as he forms part of a unique 'double act' with his long-time friend Sandy Steele-Davis when they go head to head at the New Temple Lodge No.8435 Burns Night supper.



Everyone would agree that the friendly jousting is almost as good as the traditional haggis and neeps.

But did you know there is another side to Jim - he's an International football player, but not for Scotland, in fact Jim plays for the Republic of Ireland Walking Football Team over 70's - IN GOAL - so not a lot of walking for Jim.

We all wish Jim the very best for his term in office.

Lodge of Loyalty No.1533 meet at the Masonic Hall, Oxford Street, Marlborough a home they share with Lodge of Good Fellowship No.8388 and Methuen Chapter No.1533.

The Lodge Room is one of the best in the Province and members have often spoken of its beautiful decoration. Visitors can be assured of a warm welcome.

Did you know?

Past Masters who have been presented with a Past Masters breast jewel are asked to remember that in this Province **the wearing of Lodge specific jewels is restricted to the Lodge to which they apply**; which means that when a member visits or joins another Lodge he does not wear a Past Master's or a Centenary breast jewel of another Lodge in that Lodge.

If you invite a member of another Province to visit it is perfectly in order, and a courtesy, to advise your guest of this ruling. A Freemason should not be offended at being made aware of this and in most circumstances would be grateful for the notification. A similar principle applies when visiting a Lodge in another Province; please make yourself aware of the policy of the Province and be respectful of their wishes.

FREEMASONS OF BRISTOL -PRESENTS

FAMILY
FUN DAY
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CLASSIC CAR & BIKE FEST

SUNDAY

AUGUST 17TH

VENUE

CLIFTON

RUGBY CLUB

10:30 AM-
3:30 PM

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MORE INFORMATION



SAVE THE DATE!

BAR - FOOD - MUSIC & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT





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Simon says Portal is for everyone - including Companions of the Royal Arch...

And that really does include Companions of the Royal Arch. Portal is probably one of the best initiatives introduced by UGLE and it's not only easy to sign up to, it's also easy to use. More importantly it puts you in control of your personal data and means your Lodge Secretary or ScribeE is always up to date with your address, email, and telephone numbers, which means you will receive your Summons and any other important correspondence. Don't miss out - sign up to-day.

PLAY FOLLOW MY LEADER...



"Portal is an online information hub for all Freemasons, whether you're a Brother in the Craft or a Companion in the Royal Arch. Portal puts you in control of your data and keeps you informed of meetings. I've signed up to Portal - have you?"

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Simon Ellingham
Deputy Grand Superintendent

Rose Croix...

The 'Rose Croix' in England and Wales is a uniquely loved order, and Wiltshire's Inspector General Francis Wakem invites you to click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/rosecroixwilts> to learn more about this Order Beyond The Craft.



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WILTSHIRE ROSE CROIX



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FIAT LUX LODGE No.9773
Invite you to join them for lunch
and a talk by
GILLIAN CANE
The Masonic Hall Morris Lane
Devizes SN10 1NU



THE MIRACLE OF BLETCHLEY PARK

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 12.00pm

Parking close by available on request

Freemasons are invited to the short business meeting prior to the talk. We tyle at 1100 hrs.

Mention Bletchley Park and you immediately think of the Enigma coding machine but this incredible location was home to many more secrets and Gillian will talk about some of the brilliant and truly eccentric characters who peopled the Park during the Second World War (it was not unusual to come to the office still wearing your pyjamas) and the part they played in achieving Victory in Europe.

Gillians talk will be followed by a superb 3-course luncheon. Non-masons and guests are very welcome to the talk and lunch. These talks at Fiat Lux are extremely popular, so it is advisable to book early.

Book with Les Welling leslieroywelling@gmail.com.

BACS. Fiat Lux Lodge: Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account number: 03149227.

Or book now and pay on the day. Lunch and Talk £20.00pp. Talk only. £7.00pp.

Please state any dietary requirements

Closing date for booking: 14 November 2025. Bookings cannot be accepted after this date

Gillian was one of the earliest female recruits who trained at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and the first women ever to serve with The Royal Green Jackets when Les Welling was a Company Sergeant Major.

All funds raised will be donated to
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

There will be a raffle during lunch.



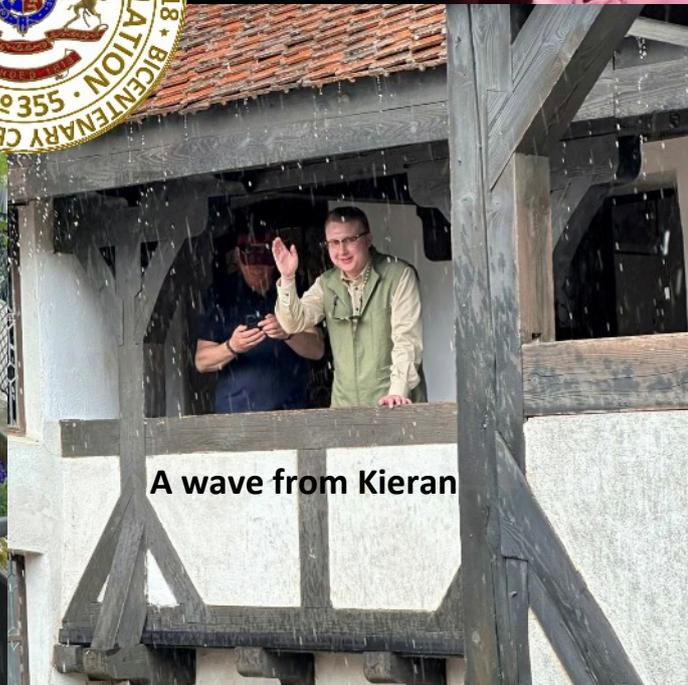


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Romania with Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation No.355...

The Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation No. 355 organised a visit to Bucharest, Romania, from 22nd to 25th May 2025 to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Fidelitatea Lodge No. 456.

On Friday, the Brethren travelled to Transylvania for a private tour of Bran Castle, famously associated with Dracula. The experience included an engaging guided tour and a traditional Romanian lunch nearby, offering an authentic taste of the region.





In Touch > On Line

The newsletter for all Wiltshire Freemasons



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That evening, members from both Lodges dined together at Locanta Jaristea, a renowned Bucharest restaurant that recreates the charm of the city's interwar "Little Paris" era. The owner, Kera Calița, joined our table in full period costume, reciting poetry and sharing vivid stories from the restaurant's own history, tales of bohemian gatherings, political intrigue, and the golden age of Romanian arts. A traditional band and singer performed throughout the evening, inspiring enthusiastic participation from the Brethren.

On Saturday we attended the Lodge meeting, celebrating Fidelitatea Lodge's 5th Anniversary. The Lodge welcomed the Pro Grand Master, and Grand Secretary of the National Grand Lodge of Romania, along with several Grand and Provincial Officers, over 100 attendees in total. Following the meeting, our Lodge presented an abridged demonstration of an Initiation ceremony, which was warmly received by the Romanian Brethren with a standing ovation. The trip was truly memorable, an experience rich in fraternal spirit and international brotherly love. We now look forward to hosting Fidelitatea Lodge in the UK next year.



Wiltshire's Finest



Two Masters in Office

The Lodge Room



Litter Picking at Ludgershall is community engagement...

We have heard a lot from the Centre about the need for Freemasons to engage with their local communities, indeed many of you will have noticed that the word charity has been replaced with the word service in the four principles that identify Freemasonry, and the UGLE has cited Community Engagement as being important if we are “To cement our reputation as a force for good in our communities and society at large”. Community Engagement in Freemasonry encompasses service, and its importance is diagrammatically represented by the third pillar in UGLE’s overall strategy for the future of Freemasonry.

For some people community service is defined as the engagement of individuals or groups in an organised activity that contributes to the local or national community. You might feel that what service and engagement have in common is that it embraces the act of volunteering, which itself is about people working on behalf of others or a particular cause, without payment, for their time and skills.

Service is first mentioned to the new Freemason when presented with the tools of the Degree; it is recognised as something we do in the normal course of our daily life. As an individual a Freemason is charged to practice every domestic and public virtue, and to maintain those truly Masonic ornaments of Benevolence and Charity in which Benevolence is an attitude of kindness and goodwill towards others, while charity is generally regarded as the actual act of giving, often money but also time and material aid to those in need.

For Wiltshire Freemasons engaging with local communities is as natural as breathing, and is something for which we have a long and illustrious record. Whether it’s providing a Big Breakfast, collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion, volunteering as a hospital driver, helping in a charity shop or foodbank. serving on a local authority, assisting a charity, and even litter picking - Wiltshire Freemasons have **always** been at the forefront of community engagement.

Becoming a Freemason does not make a person charitable (in its wider meaning) as is made clear when the Initiate is told that charity is the “distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason’s heart” and concludes with these words “no doubt it has often been felt and practised by you” - confirmation, if any was required that a man who desires to be made a Freemason is already someone for whom charity is no stranger.

We can be justly proud of the fact that our Lodges and its members recognise the difference between ‘talking about something and actually doing something’ and being able to appreciate that it’s not a **committee** that makes things happen, it’s a **commitment**.

Never miss a word...



Have you had trouble following your Lodge or Chapter meeting? Help yourself and help the 2028 Festival by booking a hearing consultation with Reeds who will provide you with expert advice and guidance, while you contribute their normal fee (£85.00) to the 2028 Festival. Reeds Hearing Care cover everything to do with hearing, tinnitus, wax removal and can provide help, support and advice for all issues. Reeds is a professional, independent, family caring business based in Swindon. e.mail: reeds@reedsear.co.uk or text 07585525993.



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- Stay informed.**
- Participate.**



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The Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire

Officers 2025 - 2026

Provincial Grand Master – RW Bro John C Reid

Deputy Provincial Grand Master – VW Bro Simon R Leighfield **PGSwdB**

Assistant Provincial Grand Master – W Bro Stephen Lee **PJGD**

Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W Bro Colin W Ayton	1478
Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W Bro Steven Darlington	3129
Provincial Grand Chaplain	RW Bro Rev Dr John R H Railton PJGW	1533
Provincial Grand Treasurer	W Bro Clive L Emerson PAGDC	9064
Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro John O Badger PAGDC	626
Provincial Grand Secretary	W Bro John H Deane PPrJGW	6616
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Richard D Wright PAGStB	8747
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	W Bro Richard P Legge	355
Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	W Bro A L (Sandy) Steele-Davis PPrJGW	8435
Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Darren Astley	7525
Provincial Grand Almoner	W Bro Gary Dolphin PAGDC	1295
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	W Bro Ian W Lever PAGStB	8435
Provincial Grand Membership Officer	W Bro Colin C C Cheshire OBE PJGD	632
Provincial Grand Communications Officer	W Bro Des R Morgan PJGD	335
Provincial Grand Mentor	W Bro Alan Colman PAGStB	355
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Stephen M Hawkins	4714
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Colin A Tydeman	8977
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Michael L J Boddy	632
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Paul R Cripps	9064
Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary	W Bro Vincent D Wheeler	8204
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Peter G Tuite	632
Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Bruce D C Broughton-Johnson	1295
Provincial Grand Organist	W Bro Gary E Cook PPrSGD	632
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Mark W Duckett	5955
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro William (Bill) Wyatt	6114
Provincial Grand Pursuivant	W Bro Mark Newman	1295
Provincial Grand Steward	W Bro Paul R Moffat	1295
Provincial Grand Steward	Bro Oliver (Oli) P Snell	6616
Provincial Grand Steward	W Bro Robert J Cox	8620
Provincial Grand Steward	W Bro Peter J Martin	9540
Provincial Grand Tyler	W Bro Mark J Duckett PPrAGDC	1271



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Appointments:

Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	Bro Anthony (Tony) R Hill	2888
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Vincent E Kernick	586
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Malcolm J Cupis	663
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Ray T Webb	9064
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Patrick R Boyles	9587
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Mark Neilson	1295
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	Bro David (Ollie) R F Kyte	3129
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	Bro Terence (Terry) G Sparling	4687
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro J Martyn Jones	4687
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Thomas W Gerken	4714
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Brian J Feaver	8692
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Richard L Hallin	9064
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Anthony V R Benham	9090
Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	W Bro Maxwell L Phesse	9773

Appointments under Rule 69:

Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W Bro David J Duncan	8977
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Steven P Ganter	5137
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	Bro Douglas H Easson	9587

Promotions:

Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W Bro Robert (Bob) W Tidey	8692
Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W Bro Paul R Martin	9064
Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W Bro Keith J N Goord	355
Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W Bro David C Lewis	355
Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W Bro Wayne J Smith	4687
Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W Bro Vincent A J Delderfield	9540
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro Neil C Evans	1478
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro Alan W Bromley	4451
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro Andrew G K Davidson	8718
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro Peter A Brygan	9009
Past Provincial Grand Registrar	W Bro Mark A Gunter	9090
Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	W Bro Richard J Barrett	6616
Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	W Bro Bryan W Elliott	6616
Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	W Bro Gordon E Lindsay	8692
Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works	W Bro Philip D Mackie	8747



Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Jeremy (Jerry) L Gadd	4687
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Paul Rowcliffe	7525
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Garbice K Anderson	8435
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro Michael W Collins	8620
Past Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies	W Bro John I Hughes	9587
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Christopher S Barrington	1271
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Charles Owen	1295
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Nigel H Poole	1478
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Andrew McLeod	2888
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Laurence S Sams	4687
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Stephen P Martin	8620
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Gary E Cook	8747
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro John L J Bridgeman	9009
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Stephen P Cadby	9548
Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W Bro Timothy D Sumbler	9773
Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W Bro Mark Malins	6616

APPOINTMENT TO PROVINCIAL GRAND RANK



The number of appointments which can be made to Provincial Grand Rank each year is limited by the Book of Constitutions and in this Province is not sufficient for one from each Lodge, each year (see Rules 67-70).

The conferment of Rank is the prerogative of, and entirely at the discretion of the RW Provincial Grand Master, whose decision may not be questioned.

The honour conferred on a Brother is that of being appointed one of the Officers, Present or Past, of the Provincial Grand Master, irrespective of the Rank of the Office.

Rank is not only a reward for past service, but is to be regarded as an opportunity and incentive for further service to Masonry.



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ALARM OR REPORT?

IN SOME MODES OF MASONIC RITUAL AN 'ALARM' CONSISTING OF A SINGLE KNOCK GIVEN BY THE TYLER ANNOUNCES A STRANGER SEEKING ADMISSION OR FOR A CANDIDATE FOR INITIATION. THE USE OF THE WORD 'ALARM' AND THE SINGLE KNOCK IS NEVER USED IN THE EMULATION RITUAL, RATHER, THE TYLER GIVES THE KNOCKS OF THE DEGREE IN WHICH THE LODGE IS OPEN - ALBEIT AT LONGER INTERVALS. A 'REPORT' IS THEN MADE.

DID YOU
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JUNE 2025

Meeting Calendar for June...

June's meeting calendar is brought to you by Paul Robinson with the help of the Secretaries and Scribes who provide the information on 'what is going on' in the Lodge or Chapter.

WILTSHIRE LODGE AND CHAPTER MEETINGS FOR JUNE 2025

Date	Lodge/Chapter Name	No.	Ceremony	Location
3	Methuen Lodge	L8692	1 st Degree	Swindon
4	Longleat Lodge	L1478	1 st Degree	Warminster
5	St Edmund Chapter	4714	Exaltation *1	Calne
6	Wiltshire Summer Lodge	9538	3 rd Degree	Ludgershall
6	Highworth Chapter	9009	Installation	Swindon
7	Forget-Me-Not Lodge	9035	Installation	Ludgershall
12	Border Chapter	3129	Lectures	Ludgershall
13	Chapter of First Principals	6731	Presentation	Warminster
16	Lodge of Rectitude	335	Installation	Corsham
18	Lodge of Innocence and Morality	9687	1 st Degree	East Knoyle
30	Wiltshire Masters Lodge	6731	Lecture	Calne

*1 = Travelling Quaich handed over by Chapter of Harmony

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Carols at Christmas
DECEMBER 14th 3.00 PM
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE CHAPEL

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WILTSHIRE FREEMASONS



CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

Marlborough College Chapel
Sunday 14th December
3.00pm

<https://tinyurl.com/Carols-at-Christmas2025>

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