



*Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset*

**Toast List**

**For use in the Province of Somerset from 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 until further notice**

**The Queen and the Craft**

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**The Most Worshipful the Grand Master  
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, KG GCMG, GCVO, ADC**

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**The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master  
Peter Geoffrey Lowndes**

**The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master  
Jonathan Spence**

**The Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master  
Sir David Hugh Wootton**

**And the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past**

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**The Provincial Grand Master for Somerset  
Right Worshipful Brother Clarence Alfred Stuart Hadler**

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**The Deputy Provincial Grand Master  
Very Worshipful Brother John W Winston, PGSwdB**

**The Assistant Provincial Grand Master**

**Worshipful Brother Benjamin G W Batley PSGD  
Worshipful Brother Barry L T MacCormack PAGDC  
Worshipful Brother Martin C Slocombe PPrJGW**

**And the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past**

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**The Worshipful Master**

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**The I.P.M. or Installing Master  
(On Installation night)**

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**The Initiate if any**

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**Visiting Brethren**

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**The Tyler's Toast  
(Absent Brethren)**

## Guidance on the Conduct of Toasts

1. No toast, including that to Absent Brethren, shall be given before the toasts to The Queen & Craft and the Grand Master.  
If the Lodge normally has a tradition to toast Absent Brethren at 9 p.m. or 9.30 p.m. then this must only be observed in the form of "Taking Wine" with Absent Brethren if the specified time falls before the official toasts can be given.
2. Masonic Fire, if given, should take place after all toasts whether or not the recipient of the toast is present and whether or not there is to be a response.
3. The Province has no reservations about toasts being given in sequence whilst remaining standing. The exception should be when the recipient is present.
4. When the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Assistant Provincial Grand Master or a representative is making an official visit, it is expected that, **prior to proposing the appropriate toast, the WM offers suitable words of welcome and thanks. There will normally be a response.**
4. As a courtesy, Provincial Officers of other Provinces and holders of London Grand Rank may be included in the Provincial Toast if desired.
5. The Provincial Grand Master recommends that the long pre-amble to toasts (WM, RW Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers, etc etc) need only be given for the first toast. Thereafter it would suffice to say "WM, (Provincial Principal and/or Warden if present) and brethren".
6. While it is usual for toasts to be given after lunch or dinner, there is no reason that, in the interests of time they cannot be commenced at any appropriate point during the meal, provided Grace has been returned.
7. The Director of Ceremonies must ensure the Master Elect is rehearsed in proposing toasts. He must be briefed on the correct pronunciation of names and titles and be aware that honorifics (GCMG etc) are omitted.

Officers of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge should be referred to as Grand Officers or Provincial Grand Officers (the term Grand Lodge Officers and Provincial Grand Lodge Officer is incorrect).

### Taking Wine

8. The Worshipful Master may first take wine with his Wardens except when The Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy or Assistants or his Official Representative is in attendance.  
NOTE: 'wine-taking' is a totally optional exercise and to excess demeans the honour bestowed.

### The Presence of Non-Masons

9. While there is no strong objection to drinking Masonic Toasts in the presence of non-Masons, they should be kept to the absolute minimum. Brethren in the course of speeches must avoid references to matters of Masonic ritual. For this reason, "Fire" should not be given on such occasions.

Ladies and non-masons should not be present at the Festive Board following an Installation or Initiation Ceremony when important traditional Toasts are given to the WM or Initiate and they receive Fire in their own right.

There is no objection to Fire being given in the presence of regular catering staff if individual Lodges deem this appropriate.

***Richard J Ellis, Provincial Grand Secretary 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015***