

Procedure and form of words to be used by the Master when presenting the Trowel.

The presentation of Somerset Travelling Trowel should have been included as a separate agenda item on the summons for the meeting.

When the agenda item is announced by the Master, the Lodge DC should rise and ask the visiting Master delivering the Trowel to come onto the floor of the Lodge in front of the Master's pedestal, he should then ask the other visiting brethren of that Lodge to form up behind the Master. (As a matter of courtesy the DC should have seated the presenting Master on the right of the Master together with other distinguished brethren and consistent with Masonic protocol.)

The presenting Master then uses the following form of words to present the trowel.

“Worshipful Master, we the brethren of the (Lodge Name) have pleasure in visiting your Lodge this evening to present the Somerset Travelling Trowel. The Trowel is an instrument used by operative Masons to spread the cement that unites the building into one common mass. We are frequently reminded during the visitors toast at the Festive Board, that visiting is one of the great pleasures of Freemasonry and a uniting influence that is central to its continued success. By combining visiting and the trowel we hope that a new generation of Masons will be introduced to the pleasures of visiting and that all those involved will be able to make new friendships and strengthen existing ones.

Will you Worshipful Master and as many of your brethren as possible take the trowel to the (Lodge Name) on where I am sure amity will prevail and you will all enjoy a special evening.”

The Master receiving the Trowel will thank the presenting Master with a few suitable words.

The Lodge DC will then escort the presenting Master back to his place and ask the other brethren to resume their seats.

Dates of the Trowel visits are contained in the register that travels with the Trowel. They can also be obtained from the Provincial Web Site.