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L&D Editorial

Brethren and Companions,

It has been two years since the first publication of 'The West Wing' Masons Notebook. Our aim has been and still is to give the reader a basic understanding of Masonic ritual and stimulate the reader to perhaps undertake their own Masonic educational journey.

The L&D Team would like to give you all a big THANK YOU for your support and generosity during this period and hopefully going forward in to the new season and 2027

Moving forward we will continue to examine the ritual and its relevance to the modern day Freemason. We will delve into the mysteries of the Second and Third Degrees whilst still giving some tantalizing peaks into that which is the climax of Pure Ancient Freemasonry, the Royal Arch. No 'secrets' will be shared but the aim will be to give substance and understanding to the ritual and its influence on various aspects of personal growth, exploring Pure Ancient Freemasonry.

All issues of the 'Notebook' can be found in the L&D tag on the West Group web page. Thank you and enjoy the journey.

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Lesson Objectives.

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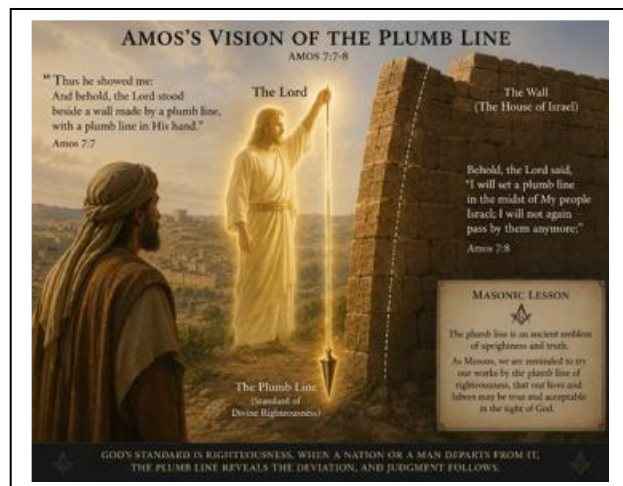
Examine the meaning of Amos 7: 7-8

The Plumb Line of Truth: Amos 7:7-8 and the Second Degree of Freemasonry

Introduction

When a Lodge is opened in the Second Degree under the English Constitution, the Volume of the Sacred Law is opened at **Amos 7:7-8**. This choice is neither accidental nor merely traditional. It is rich in symbolism and perfectly complements the lessons imparted to the Fellow Craft. The Second Degree marks a Mason's progression from the elementary moral instruction of the Entered Apprentice to the intellectual and moral development expected of one who seeks to advance in knowledge and wisdom.

The central image in Amos's vision is the **plumb line**—a simple operative tool that, in the hands of the prophet, becomes a profound symbol of divine justice and moral integrity. Likewise, in Freemasonry, the Plumb Rule is transformed from an instrument of construction into a guide for upright conduct. The opening of the Sacred Law at this passage reminds every





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Fellow Craft that the true temple is built not only with knowledge but with character.

Amos 7:7-8 (King James Version)

"Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline.

Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more."

The Historical Setting

Amos prophesied during the eighth century BC, a period of considerable prosperity for the Kingdom of Israel. Outwardly the nation appeared successful, yet beneath this prosperity lay corruption, injustice, exploitation of the poor, and widespread spiritual complacency.

AMOS: A PROPHET IN A TIME OF PROSPERITY AND DECLINE

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OUTWARD PROSPERITY

- Economic Growth
- Strong Trade
- Beautiful Homes
- Full Granaries
- National Success

BENEATH THE SURFACE

- Corruption in Leadership
- Injustice in the Courts
- Exploitation of the Poor
- Widespread Spiritual Complacency
- Turning from God

OUTWARDLY, ISRAEL APPEARED SUCCESSFUL.

BENEATH THIS PROSPERITY LAY DECAY.

AMOS' MESSAGE

"Seek good and not evil, that you may live... but let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Amos 5:14, 24

TRUE PROSPERITY IS FOUND IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FAITHFULNESS TO GOD.



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God granted Amos a series of visions revealing that divine patience had reached its limit. Earlier judgments had been withheld following Amos's intercession, but the vision of the plumb line marked a decisive moment.

Unlike previous visions, the plumb line was not a warning of possible judgment but the declaration of an objective standard.

A builder uses a plumb line to determine whether a wall stands perfectly vertical. If the wall deviates, the plumb line exposes the fault. It does not create the error; it merely reveals it.

Similarly, God declares that Israel's national life will be measured against His perfect standard of justice and righteousness. The judgment is based not upon opinion but upon immutable truth.

The Plumb Line in Operative Masonry

Before considering the symbolic application, it is useful to remember the operative function of the plumb.

The plumb line is one of humanity's oldest construction tools. Consisting of a weighted cord suspended by gravity, it establishes a perfectly vertical line. Every upright wall, pillar, or tower depends upon its accuracy.

Without the plumb:

- walls lean;
- foundations become unstable;
- structures eventually fail.

The operative mason trusted the plumb because it obeyed an unchanging law. Gravity does not bend to convenience.

This practical reality provides the perfect foundation for speculative symbolism.



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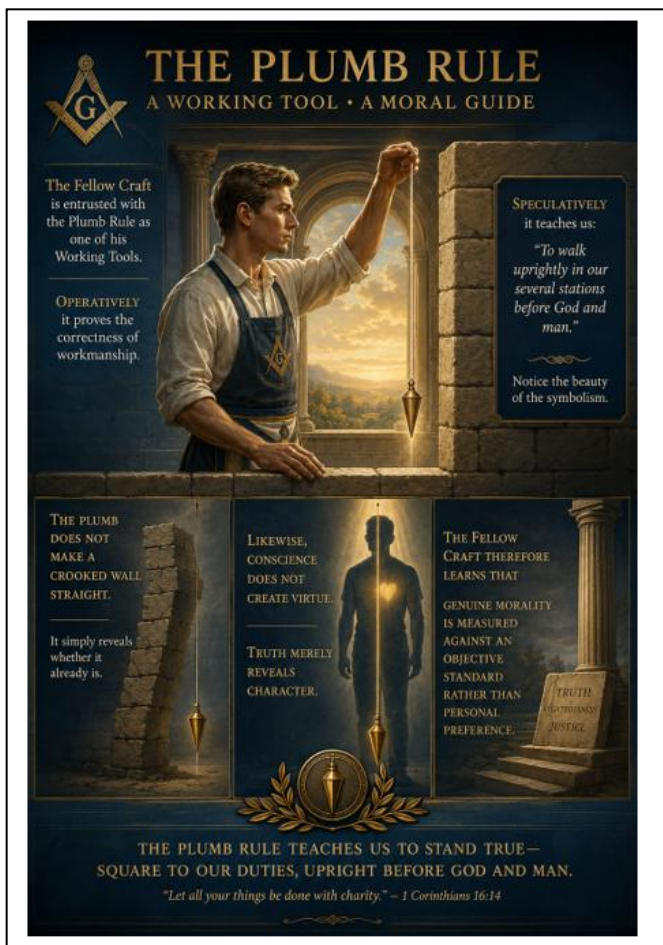
The Plumb Rule in Speculative Freemasonry

The Fellow Craft is entrusted with the Plumb Rule as one of his Working Tools.

Operatively it proves the correctness of workmanship.

Speculatively it teaches us:

"To walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man."



Notice the beauty of the symbolism.

The plumb does not make a crooked wall straight.

It simply reveals whether it already is.

Likewise, conscience does not create virtue.

Truth merely reveals character.

The Fellow Craft therefore learns that genuine morality is measured against an objective standard rather than personal preference.



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Why Amos 7:7-8 is Opened in the Second Degree

The connection between Amos and the Second Degree is immediate.

The principal symbol in the passage is precisely the working tool entrusted to the Fellow Craft.

Yet the symbolism reaches far deeper than the tool itself.

The Entered Apprentice is taught to control his passions and lay a moral foundation.

The Fellow Craft is expected to begin building upon that foundation.

Knowledge without integrity is dangerous.

Learning without virtue produces pride rather than wisdom.

Thus the Bible is opened at Amos to remind every Fellow Craft that increasing knowledge must always be accompanied by increasing moral responsibility.

The plumb line asks a searching question:

Does my conduct correspond with the standard I profess?

Divine Standards and Human Standards

One of the remarkable features of Amos is that God does not alter the plumb line to suit Israel.

Instead, Israel is measured against the plumb.

This distinction carries an important lesson.

Modern society often changes its moral standards according to fashion, convenience or public opinion.

The Masonic ideal is different.



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Truth does not change because opinions change.

Justice does not change because society changes.

Integrity does not change because circumstances change.

The Fellow Craft is continually reminded that true morality rests upon principles that transcend individual preference.

Freemasonry does not prescribe theology, but it consistently teaches reverence for the Divine and fidelity to the moral law revealed through the candidate's own Volume of the Sacred Law.

The Second Degree and Intellectual Advancement

The Second Degree is frequently described as the degree of education.



Its lectures direct attention to:

- Grammar
- Rhetoric
- Logic
- Arithmetic
- Geometry
- Music
- Astronomy

Collectively these Liberal Arts and Sciences encourage disciplined thinking and the pursuit of knowledge.

Yet wisdom is more than information.



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Geometry teaches order.

Logic teaches reason.

Music teaches harmony.

But the Plumb teaches integrity.

Knowledge builds the mind.

Character builds the man.

Thus Amos provides the moral balance to intellectual development.

The Middle Chamber

The Fellow Craft progresses toward the Middle Chamber of King Solomon's Temple.

This journey symbolises advancement through labour, discipline and increasing understanding.

Admission is not gained merely by curiosity.

It is earned through faithful work.

The plumb line reminds the Fellow Craft that advancement in Masonry is not simply measured by ritual proficiency or years of membership.

True advancement is measured by personal transformation.

A Mason who grows in knowledge while remaining deficient in integrity has misunderstood the purpose of the Degree.

Building the Inner Temple

Freemasonry frequently describes life as the construction of a spiritual temple.

Each virtue becomes another stone.



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Each good action another course.

Each act of self-discipline another strengthening of the structure.

The plumb asks continually:

- Are my motives upright?
- Are my dealings honest?
- Is my word trustworthy?
- Do my actions correspond with my profession?

These questions remain relevant throughout a Mason's life.

Complementary Scriptural Passages

Several other passages reinforce the symbolism found in Amos.

Isaiah 28:17

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet."

Isaiah employs identical building imagery to illustrate divine justice measured by perfect standards.

Micah 6:8

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good..."

Here righteousness is defined not by ritual but by justice, mercy and humility.

Matthew 7:24-27

Christ compares the wise builder with the foolish builder.

The permanence of the building depends entirely upon the quality of its foundation.

Knowledge alone cannot preserve the structure.



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Ephesians 2:19-22

St Paul describes believers as stones built together into a spiritual temple.

Again construction imagery illustrates moral and spiritual growth.

Together these passages complement rather than replace the symbolism of Amos, each reinforcing the enduring themes of uprightness, justice, and faithful building.

Practical Lessons for Today's Mason

Every Fellow Craft may ask himself:

- Does my business life withstand the plumb?
- Does my family life withstand the plumb?
- Does my conduct within the Lodge withstand the plumb?
- Do my words reflect integrity?
- Am I the same man in private as in public?

The plumb line cannot be deceived.

Neither can conscience.

Every Mason encounters moments when expediency competes with principle.

The lesson of Amos encourages him to choose the upright path, even when it is the more difficult.

In an age when moral standards are often regarded as relative, the symbolism of the plumb remains timeless. The Fellow Craft is reminded that the finest architecture is not found in cathedrals or temples, but in a life consistently aligned with truth, justice, and honour.



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Conclusion

The opening of the Volume of the Sacred Law at Amos 7:7-8 in the Second Degree is profoundly appropriate. The passage unites biblical imagery with one of the Fellow Craft's principal working tools, providing a vivid reminder that moral uprightness must accompany intellectual advancement.

It is important, however, to distinguish between the biblical meaning of the passage and its Masonic use. In its original context, Amos's vision proclaimed God's judgment upon Israel according to His righteous standard. Freemasonry does not claim that the prophet was speaking about Masonic ritual. Rather, the Craft adopts the enduring symbolism of the plumb line as an illustration of the virtues it seeks to cultivate. In doing so, it invites each Mason—whatever his faith tradition—to reflect upon the necessity of living an upright life measured against the moral teachings of his own Volume of the Sacred Law.

As the Fellow Craft ascends in knowledge, he must also ascend in virtue. The plumb line teaches that true greatness lies not merely in what a man knows, but in how faithfully he lives. Every Mason is therefore called to examine himself continually, striving to ensure that the temple he builds within his own heart is square in purpose, level in charity, and ever upright before God and his fellow man.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the Second Degree emphasises moral uprightness alongside intellectual advancement, rather than knowledge alone?
2. In what ways does the symbolism of the plumb line challenge modern ideas that moral standards are purely subjective?
3. How can the Fellow Craft apply the lesson of Amos 7:7-8 in his conduct within the Lodge, his family, his profession, and the wider community?



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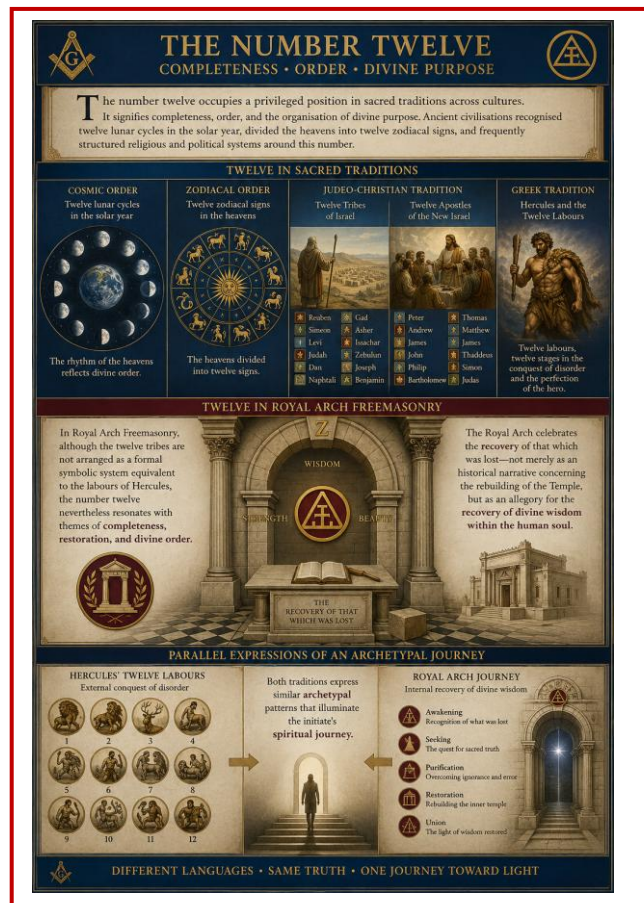
Royal Arch Corner

Hercules and the Twelve Tribes of Israel in the Royal Arch:

A Comparative Symbolic Study

Introduction

The number **twelve** occupies a privileged position in sacred traditions across cultures. It signifies completeness, order, and the organisation of divine purpose. Ancient civilisations recognised twelve lunar cycles in the solar year, divided the heavens into twelve zodiacal signs, and frequently structured religious and political systems around this number. Within the Judeo-Christian tradition, the Twelve Tribes of Israel constitute the covenant community, while the New Testament presents twelve apostles as the foundation of the renewed Israel. Greek mythology similarly presents Hercules completing twelve labours, each representing another stage in the conquest of disorder and the perfection of the hero.



Within Royal Arch Freemasonry, although the twelve tribes are not arranged as a formal symbolic system equivalent to the labours of Hercules, the number twelve nevertheless resonates with themes of completeness, restoration, and divine order. The Royal Arch celebrates the recovery of that which was lost—



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not merely as an historical narrative concerning the rebuilding of the Temple, but as an allegory for the recovery of divine wisdom within the human soul.

This paper does **not** propose that Greek mythology directly influenced Royal Arch ritual. Rather, it explores whether both traditions express similar archetypal patterns that illuminate the initiate's spiritual journey.

Hercules as the Initiate

Greek philosophers increasingly interpreted Hercules not simply as a warrior but as the image of the perfected human soul.

His enemies are rarely ordinary beasts.

Instead they represent:

- uncontrolled passions
- pride
- ignorance
- fear
- attachment
- violence
- illusion
- death itself

Each labour removes another obstacle preventing union with the Divine.

The initiate begins burdened by error.

He finishes among the immortals.

This progression mirrors many initiatory traditions where advancement is measured less by external achievement than by interior purification.



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The Twelve Tribes of Israel

The tribes likewise represent more than genealogical divisions.

Rabbinic writers, Christian commentators, and later esoteric interpreters have understood each tribe as embodying distinctive spiritual qualities.

Examples include:

Tribe	Principal Quality
Reuben	Vision and beginning
Simeon	Discipline
Levi	Priesthood
Judah	Kingship
Dan	Judgment
Naphtali	Freedom
Gad	Courage
Asher	Abundance
Issachar	Wisdom
Zebulun	Service
Joseph	Fruitfulness
Benjamin	Completion

Within the Royal Arch these tribal traditions ultimately converge in the rebuilding of the Temple and the restoration of covenantal order.



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Comparative Analysis

The following correspondences are **symbolic interpretations**, not historical claims.□

Hercules Labour	Possible Tribe	Common Theme	Royal Arch Lesson
Nemean Lion	Judah	Courage and kingship	Rule the passions before ruling oneself
Lernaean Hydra	Dan	Judgment over evil	Falsehood multiplies unless its root is destroyed
Ceryneian Hind	Naphtali	Spiritual freedom	Seek without violence; truth requires patience
Erymanthian Boar	Gad	Courage	Strength disciplined by wisdom
Augean Stables	Levi	Purification	Cleansing precedes consecration
Stymphalian Birds	Simeon	Discipline	Control destructive thoughts
Cretan Bull	Reuben	Rightly directed strength	Vision must govern power
Mares of Diomedes	Benjamin	Mastery of violence	Transform destructive appetite
Girdle of Hippolyta	Asher	Harmony	True wealth is inner balance
Cattle of Geryon	Zebulun	Stewardship	Honest labour serves higher purposes
Apples of the Hesperides	Issachar	Wisdom	Knowledge is gained through discernment



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Hercules Labour	Possible Tribe	Common Theme	Royal Arch Lesson
Cerberus	Joseph	Triumph over death	The recovered Word overcomes spiritual darkness

These pairings are intended as symbolic analogies rather than fixed equivalences.

Major Shared Themes

1. Recovery

Royal Arch:

- recovery of the Lost Word

Hercules:

- recovery of divine identity

Both journeys culminate not in acquisition of worldly power but in the restoration of what had always existed.

2. Purification

Several labours involve cleansing.

The Augean Stables are perhaps the clearest image.

Similarly, before entering the rebuilt Temple, Israel undergoes purification.

Royal Arch Masonry consistently teaches that purification precedes illumination.



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3. Building Order from Chaos

The Hydra represents multiplying disorder.

The Temple represents divine order.

Hercules gradually replaces chaos with harmony.

The returning Israelites likewise rebuild sacred order upon ruined foundations.

4. The Descent

The final labour requires descent into Hades.

Royal Arch symbolism likewise requires descent beneath the ruins.

Both journeys teach:

Truth is discovered below ordinary consciousness.

The deepest treasures lie hidden.

5. The Hidden Treasure

Hercules obtains:

- golden apples
- divine immortality

Royal Arch:

- hidden vault
- sacred treasures



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- the Lost Word

Both traditions insist that the greatest treasure lies concealed until the seeker proves worthy.

Symbolism of Twelve

The recurrence of twelve throughout sacred history suggests a universal symbolic language.

Examples include:

- Twelve tribes
- Twelve labours
- Twelve zodiac signs
- Twelve apostles
- Twelve gates of New Jerusalem
- Twelve stones on the High Priest's breastplate
- Twelve loaves of the Shewbread
- Twelve months of the year

In symbolic traditions, twelve often represents the harmonious ordering of diversity into a complete whole.

Royal Arch Interpretation

The Royal Arch may be understood as the culmination of the Craft journey.

The candidate seeks not merely architectural knowledge but the restoration of divine truth.

Hercules follows a similar progression.



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Initially he acts through physical strength.

Gradually wisdom replaces force.

Humility replaces pride.

Service replaces ambition.

The final victory is not over Cerberus but over himself.

Likewise, the Royal Arch candidate discovers that the Lost Word symbolizes a transformed relationship with the Divine rather than a mere verbal formula.

Critical Evaluation

Historically, there is **no evidence** that the creators of Royal Arch Freemasonry intentionally based its symbolism on the Twelve Labours of Hercules. The Royal Arch developed primarily from biblical narratives concerning the rebuilding of the Temple after the Babylonian Exile, whereas the Labours belong to the corpus of Greek mythology.

However, from an **archetypal perspective**, meaningful parallels emerge. Thinkers such as **Carl Jung** interpreted heroic myths as expressions of recurring psychological patterns, while **Joseph Campbell** identified the hero's journey as a universal narrative of transformation. Esoteric writers, including **René Guénon** and **Manly P. Hall**, similarly argued that diverse traditions often preserve common symbolic structures pointing toward spiritual initiation. These perspectives support comparative study, but they do not establish historical dependence.

Accordingly, the correspondences presented here should be understood as **interpretive analogies** that illuminate shared themes—purification, restoration, perseverance, and the recovery of wisdom—rather than as evidence of direct influence.



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Conclusion

Although separated by culture and centuries, the Twelve Labours of Hercules and the symbolism surrounding the Twelve Tribes of Israel converge upon a remarkably similar vision of human transformation.

Hercules conquers the beasts that inhabit the soul.

Israel learns to become a holy nation ordered by divine law.

The Royal Arch Mason descends into darkness to recover lost light.

Each narrative teaches that the greatest Temple is not built merely of stone but within the heart. The true "Lost Word" is realized through disciplined character, moral courage, and reverent pursuit of divine truth. Hercules' ascent to immortality, Israel's restoration after exile, and the Royal Arch candidate's recovery of sacred wisdom all point to a common archetype: the journey from fragmentation to wholeness, from chaos to order, and from obscurity to illumination.

For the modern Royal Arch Mason, these traditions encourage steadfast labour, humility, and perseverance. Whether expressed through Greek myth or biblical symbolism, the lesson remains the same: enduring spiritual truths are recovered through faithful work, purified intention, and a continual search for the Divine.



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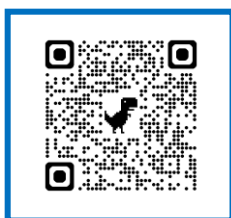
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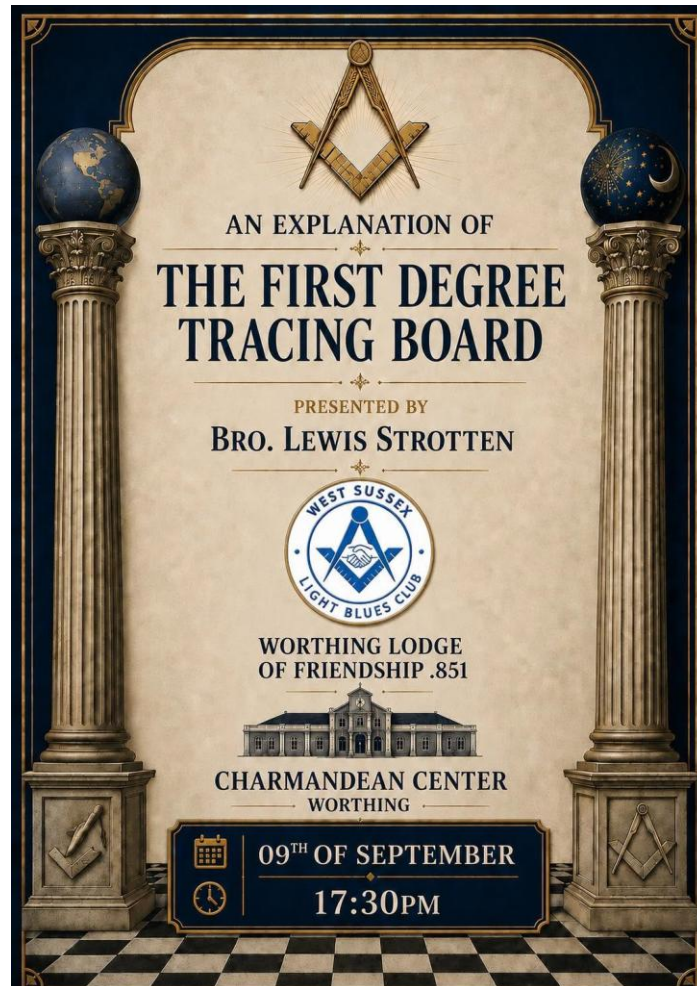


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Brethren all,

Do you often wonder what the significance of the 1st° tracing board is? Or would you like to learn more about it?

If so, then come and witness a rarely presented piece of ritual. The explanation of the 1st° tracing board is a lecture that is not to be missed, especially if you are a light blue mason looking to expand your knowledge.

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Sussex Royal Arch Masonry launches new BLOG

<https://www.sussexroyalarch.co.uk>



The **BLOG** is a standalone communication platform which operates separately but in conjunction with the Sussex Royal Arch Website. The **BLOG** is **updated daily** and is easily accessible, simply visit <https://www.sussexroyalarch.co.uk>

A One Journey – One Organisation BLOG



Conveying information about

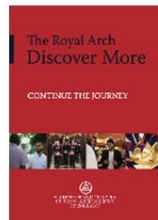
Royal Arch Masonry and how to join.

Future *Exaltation and Installation Ceremonies* taking place local to you.

Royal Arch Events taking place in Sussex Chapters and beyond.

Royal Arch Articles and *Announcement's*.

Membership and Mentoring.



Archway Support

UGLE- Solomon Royal Arch Virtual Learning Platform Guidance



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BUILDING TOGETHER

Attracting Members – Growing Freemasonry

Building Together is a new membership programme developed by UGLE and Supreme Grand Chapter under the theme **"One Journey – One Organisation"**.

This programme replaces the Craft Members' Pathway and the Royal Arch Archway into one seamless approach to attracting, welcoming, engaging and retaining members throughout their Masonic journey from Initiation to Exaltation.

To introduce the programme, four **Building Together** conferences will be held across the Province. Every member is encouraged to attend the conference that is most convenient, and **Craft and RA Membership Officers, Mentors, Almoners and CLOs** are particularly asked to attend.

To book your place please **scan the QR Code**. A booking confirmation will be emailed to you once you have completed your booking. And if you want to attend more than one conference, simply submit another form! **We look forward to seeing you there!**

**SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO BOOK**



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GROUP CONFERENCE DATES

North (Horsham):	Saturday 5 September 2026
South (Brighton):	Saturday 26 September 2026
East (Eastbourne):	Saturday 17 October 2026
West (Worthing):	Saturday 24 October 2026



Guy R Purser

Assistant Provincial Grand Master

[Scan the QR code or click here:](#)

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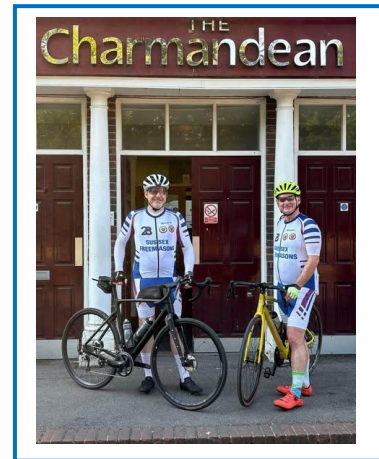


Wayfarers Lodge 7995 enjoying our annual Summer BBQ.

However I think it's plain to see that we all had a lovely friendship filled afternoon while raising just over £800 for the WM's Charity. Freemasonry! Why wouldn't you?

Steve Lewis (Cissbury Lodge) and **Mike Thompson** (Shoreham Beach Lodge) Completed their epic cycle ride visiting every centre in the Province. 300 miles over three days.

WELL DONE.



Please come along and support our Provincial Grand Master, **R.W.Bro Neil Austin**, as he captains Sussex Freemasons FC in aid of MY28. Charity Football Match Sussex Freemasons FC vs Martlets FC **Sunday 13th September 2026**

Brighton Withdean Stadium

Let's fill the stands, cheer on the team, and help raise as much as possible for the Sussex 2028 Festival. Please support your PGM on his MY28.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/neil-austin-2-9982...>



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Andrew Upton, a member of Bond of Friendship Lodge has recently been diagnosed with advanced Pancreatic Cancer.

In September, he is walking 84km for the 84 people who die from pancreatic cancer every 3 days in the UK.

Pancreatic cancer being the deadliest common cancer in the UK.

Right now, 31 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer every day in the UK.

So this September, he is challenging himself to get up, get moving and walk 84km remembering those we've lost, and stand with those affected by pancreatic cancer.

Please make a donation and together...

We will remember them. We will honour them. We will fight for them.

To donate click on the link to go to his fund raising page.

https://fundraise.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/fundraisers/andrewupton/remember-september-2026?ref=ch_3U272vEkeVdiRNKC0IvZ1cuS&fbclid=IwT01FWATj3h9wZG9mB WV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAHNydgMGYXBwX2lkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHkBf meyBymkU-ox7YslMNC3jWMsuW6GbEtJa4P+zRKxJCuTajascwae4OH_t_aem_6ygvvWo5DWUg54a3D8OUKA



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August 16th W. Bro. Bill Lee with other Worthing Veterans commemorating the Dieppe raid.

1st August - W. Bro. Bill Lee and the Worthing Veterans Associations breakfast club.

A great turnout and a good few masonic veterans in attendance.



8th August - Great morning at the Royal British Legion Worthing Family Day.

WBro Steve Lewis(West Group Scouts Co-ordinator), **WBro Bill Lee** (West Group Armed Forces Co-ordinator). **WBro Derek Curtin** (Cissbury Lodge)





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Well done Wayfarers Lodge No 7995

What a superb way of spending a couple of hours this week.

WBros; **John Burgon**, **Phil Johnson** and **Michael Best** visited the Cancer research UK charity shop in Chichester to present a cheque for £2000 to be used in research for Prostate Cancer. There to receive this very generous donation were the area manager of Cancer Research UK Yvonne O'Connor and shop manageress Lyn Day.



West Group Notices



Armed Services Coordinator

We are delighted to announce that **WBro Bill Lee** has been appointed to a new position of 'Armed Services Coordinator' on the West Group team.



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What makes a good mentor?

Wanting to know more please book in and make that difference.

Register with W. Bro. Steve Goulding.

Email: stevegoulding@sussexmasons.org.uk

MASONIC MENTORING

WORKSHOP

BUILDING BETTER MENTORS • BUILDING STRONGER LODGES

SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER

10:00AM – 12:00 NOON

PULBOROUGH
MASONIC CENTRE

FACILITATED BY
THE WEST WING
LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Guide. Support. Inspire.
**TOGETHER WE BUILD
THE FUTURE OF OUR CRAFT.**

BUILD TRUST &
STRONGER
RELATIONSHIPS

ENCOURAGE
QUESTIONS &
UNDERSTANDING

CREATE BELONGING &
PROMOTE
PARTICIPATION

SUPPORT GROWTH
BEYOND DEGREES
INTO MEMBERSHIP

BUILD A CULTURE
OF MENTORING IN
OUR LODGES

DEVELOP TODAY'S
MENTEES INTO
TOMORROW'S LEADERS

WHETHER YOU ARE AN EXPERIENCED MENTOR, LODGE OFFICER,
NEW MASON OR SIMPLY WANT TO HELP OTHERS GET MORE
FROM THEIR MASONIC JOURNEY –
THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

**COME ALONG.
SHARE. LEARN.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

REGISTER WITH **W. BRO. STEVE GOULDING** | EMAIL: stevegoulding@sussexmasons.org.uk

TOGETHER, LET'S HELP EVERY MASON FIND HIS PLACE AND PURPOSE.



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DOES YOUR LODGE NEED NEW MEMBERS?

The West Group is running targeted **Facebook advertising campaigns** to help Lodges attract new members.

OVER THE PAST MONTH:

 8 LODGES HAVE PARTICIPATED	 ONLY £50 PER LODGE	 TYPICAL CAMPAIGN LENGTH: 7 DAYS	 LEADS GENERATED: 13 AVERAGE PER LODGE
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 Campaigns are professionally managed and targeted to reach suitable local individuals who have expressed an interest in Freemasonry.


INTERESTED?
GET IN TOUCH

Your Secretary and Membership Officer have the details, but for more information please contact:

MARK WILLIAMS
WEST GROUP ATTRACTION LEAD

✉ markwilliams@sussexmasons.org.uk



Reaching local people. Building stronger Lodges.



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GROW STRONGER,
TOGETHER**





BUILDING THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY IN SUSSEX
One conversation at a time.



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MFC Charity Match SFFC

MartletsFC
VS
SussexFreemasonsFC

Sunday 13th September 2026

SussexFreemasonsFC

MEET THE TEAM

At Withdean Football Stadium Brighton
Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane, Brighton BN1 5JD
Kick Off : 2:00pm



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Watch this Space.

Any Brother wishing development in any area of Craft or Royal Arch Masonry that we have not covered please let us know. We will try to put a learning plan together for you.

Tell me I will forget

Show Me I will remember

**Involve me I will
understand**

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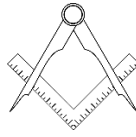


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you.

If you are determined
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