



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE

MENTOR'S



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The Solomon Diploma

The UGLE Learning & Development Programme is centred around the Solomon Virtual Learning Environment, which has been greatly improved since its first appearance. To guide new and more experienced Brethren with their daily advancement in masonic knowledge they have introduced Welcome Modules. Each module describes and explains the ceremony in a structured manner.

- **Welcome Modules:** The Welcome Modules consist of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, and Companion, which include online videos and quizzes. Members receive a certificate upon completion of each module.
- **Diploma Certificate:** Members who complete all four modules receive a Diploma certificate signed by the Assistant Grand Master and the Third Grand Principal.
- **Encouragement and Support:** The Provincial Executive encourages all masons to complete the modules, with presentations of the Solomon Diploma reinforcing engagement and education. Lodge Mentors are urged to assist members in accessing and completing the modules.

As Lodge Mentor you are the focus of these activities with your Lodge and the attached leaflet is to help your Brethren access the modules (please circulate to all our members regardless of rank). In addition, we will be contact all new members directly to ensure that they know how to use the modules.

I personally have completed the modules and gained more knowledge of our orders; I am sure everybody will learn from them. I encourage you as Lodge Mentor to at least look at the modules so that you are prepared to answer any questions that may come your way. Please however remember the Provincial Mentoring Team is here to support you.

UGLE/ Solomon is unable to provide details of who has been awarded certificates for completion of a single module or a Diploma for the completion of all four modules. I would request that you inform myself of any Brother who completes a module so that appropriate presentations can be arranged.

Solomon can be accessed from <https://solomon.ugle.org.uk/>

Other ways to keep the Brethren Engaged, Encouraged and Educated

The Lodge (L1753) and Chapter (C1753) of Obedience have taken an idea from CraftCast and have 'A daily advancement in Masonic knowledge' as an item in all their Summons. Under this heading a newer member uses Solomon, CraftCast and Solomon Live as a resource to present a 3 minute paper on a masonic item of their choice. It gets them involved in the meetings and in researching what Freemasonry may mean to them.

Lodge of Unity (L1332) have adopted the following practices:

- After Lodges of Instruction and practices they have a PIZZA n PINT to encourage attendance and socialising
- REGULAR STEPS a zoom meeting held monthly on a Sunday night and gives brethren on cold, dark and wet nights an opportunity to meet and have a chat- particularly those that are by themselves and is having positive effects on their mental health

The possibilities are only limited by our imaginations. If you find something that is successful, please let me know so that we can all share the benefit.

Should you require any help or wish to help the Province in their Mentoring activities or future topics for Mentor's Corner please contact W Bro Chris Bird mentoring@devonshirefreemasons.org.uk



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SOLOMON

Welcome Modules & Diploma

What is Solomon

Solomon is the UGLE Virtual Learning Environment for your journey of Masonic Learning and Development which is accessed through the internet at <https://solomon.ugle.org.uk>, using the QR code at the bottom left of the page or clicking any of the graphics. To use the system, you must register at the above address or via the QR codes at the bottom of the page.

Organisation of Solomon

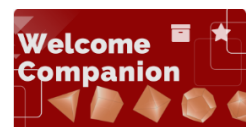
Solomon groups items dealing with the same subject into Modules. The main modules for most members are shown below and within each Module it groups nuggets, lectures, videos and interactive quizzes on the ceremony in general and other aspects.



There are no restrictions to which Modules you can enrol, to avoid spoiling your future Ceremonies it is recommended that you only enrol for the Modules in the degrees you hold. The Royal Arch is seen as the completion of your journey in Pure and Antient Freemasonry, which you will be able to join after you have become a Master Mason at a time that suits your personal circumstances (please talk to your Mentor about this).

Welcome Modules

The Modules shown above contain a wealth of information and it can be a little daunting as to where to start. The **Welcome Modules** are designed so that it allows a brother to proceed at his own pace in a logical manner to understand what happened in the ceremony and what the symbolism means, using written, audio, video and interactive quizzes. It is recognised that due to personal circumstances it may not be possible. However, even just a short while spent browsing the content of a **Welcome Module** would help explain a lot of the symbolism contained within the ceremony. Upon completion of the Module there is a Certificate awarded. In an ideal world as you complete each degree each Brother / Companion would complete the associated **Welcome Module**.



Solomon Academy Diploma

Members who complete all four modules receive a Solomon Academy Diploma certificate signed by the Assistant Grand Master and the Third Grand Principal.

Presentation of Certificates

The award of a module certificate or Solomon Academy Diploma is a significant achievement which should be recognised by all. When such an award is made only the individual is notified. Please therefore inform your Lodge Mentor so that the Provincial Mentoring Team can be informed to arrange a presentation.

Assistance

For assistance, please contact your Lodge Mentor or mentoring@devonshirefreemasons.org.uk

