



Week 16, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Brethren, Week 16 brings with it a special sadness as we mourn the loss of two Very Worshipful Brothers in Freemasonry, Michael Cole and Mike Homer.

Lockdown has opened in some fashion in our Worcestershire Province, although our neighbouring city of Leicester will still have a couple of weeks to go. As other local lockdowns are likely to be happening in the future, it is a reminder that we must stay vigilant when going out and help keep the "R" rate down.

Please keep in contact as much as you can with your members through various initiatives such as zoom meetings and other activities - and Almoners - have you contacted all members and widows to check they can support themselves? and please stay in frequent contact with them throughout the epidemic.

Please listen to the tribute to Michel Cole from our Provincial Grand Master in the article below.

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

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## VW Bro Michael H R Cole 1946 – 2020

It is with very great sadness that we have to tell you that VW Bro Michael H R Cole, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, passed to the Grand Lodge above on July 2nd, at home in Redditch.

During his 45 years membership of the Craft, he served the Province of Worcestershire successively as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Secretary and Scribe Ezra, and then as Deputy Provincial Grand Master until his retirement in 2017. He made an enthusiastic and uniquely special contribution to Freemasonry for all of that time.

Michael Howard Richards Cole was never of the same mould as Sir Humphrey Appleby (Yes, Prime Minister) The title 'secretary' did not sit squarely whereas Managing Director in any other business it would. Mike was a kind hearted and generous man well able as an accountant and administrator with a capacity to enjoy a difficult challenge.

A keen sense of humour and one who found it difficult to suffer fools. Mike's determination tempered with a capacity to influence, delivered faithful support and admiration, both for the office and for 'his' Officers. VW Bro Colin Brown PAsstPGM: *"I had known Mike over some 40 years, during the first three years we played golf together not knowing we were Masons both Junior Deacons in our lodges, we played most weekends until quite recently. Mike off a low handicap played for the County was Captain and President of Kings Norton Golf Club."*

From the PGM *"Michael was a friend, adviser and comforter to many and the shock of the news of his passing leaves us all in need of comfort and consolation. I am personally in his debt for the unfailing support and guidance he gave to me over the years. An appropriate tribute will be paid in due course, but in the meantime our thoughts and condolences go to Michael's wife, Janet and his family and I ask that you respect their privacy at this difficult time"*.

VW Bro MHR Cole PDepPGM 2015 - 2017    PGSwdB 2015    Prov G Secretary 2007 – 2014    Prov G Director of Ceremonies 2005 - 2007  
Royal Arch Prov G Scribe E 2007 - 2015 PGStdB 2015

Yours sincerely and fraternally  
RW Bro Robert C Vaughan. Provincial Grand Master

[Click to listen to the  
tribute from our  
PGM](#)



## WBro Mike Homer

The Province has lost another illustrious brother with the sad death of WBro Michael Homer at his home in Kidderminster. He was 92 and had received his 60-year certificate at his mother lodge, Hope and Charity No. 377, in March.

Mike had the distinction of having been awarded the very rare Certificate of Merit in three different Orders – Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch. This unique achievement is a reflection of the huge amount of work, and unflagging enthusiasm, he gave to Freemasonry in Worcestershire in all kinds of guises, particularly using his knowledge and experience as a Chartered Accountant.

Yet he was a modest and quiet man and never sought the limelight. In younger days he was a keen campervanner and with his wife Thelma, who died many years ago, he travelled to all parts of the UK. WBro Colin Young, PAPrGM, a member of Hope and Charity, said: *"We will miss Mike. His wisdom and good humour benefited all who met him and knew him."*



Mark VW Bro ML Homer PGSOv **CM**    Red Cross of Constantine PGHAlm    Rose Croix Ch 688 & 970 32nd Degree  
Royal Arch C564 & C6889 PPrGSN **CM**    Craft PPrSGW **CM** 50th Cert L377 & L9889

## Brother Mentors

*"Mentoring is to support and encourage people to manage their own learning in order that they may maximise their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance and become the person they want to be."*

Eric Parsloe, The Oxford School of Coaching & Mentoring



I liked this quote as it reminded me of what I should be doing and we all need a little reminder now and then.

We have all heard that the future of Freemasonry is in the hands of our new brethren, but they are in YOUR hands Brother Mentor, it is a huge responsibility to help shape their future and consequently the future of your Lodge and Freemasonry itself.

One of the questions from the Pathway seminars was when does mentoring stop, we all need a bit of help sometimes so probably never.

Keep looking after your charges and if I can be of any assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

Keep Safe

Chris – Provincial Grand Mentor



# Solomon

Fostering Curiosity- Developing Understanding

"Free and Accepted" is a phrase we use all the time. But what does it signify? And when did we start to use those words?

Read the #nugget [here](#)



On **Friday 10th June** at the Cubit Club, Porch Way Class of Instruction, WBro Martin Lawrence will be giving a Zoom presentation on the explanations of the Masonic Aprons.

The Cubit Club Porch Way Class of Instruction is held every Friday at 8.00pm (until 11th December.)

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## Worcestershire Freemasons deliver urgently needed cash

WVBro Stephen Wyr (pictured centre below) presented a £5,000 cheque which will enable Dial a Ride to continue to provide the vital transport service for elderly residents of the Wyre Forest district. As well as their usual transport service for the elderly they have been particularly busy during the Covid 19 crisis delivering food parcels and groceries to those who are elderly or shielding,



Dial a Ride Glen Collins said: "We are absolutely thrilled with this donation from Worcestershire Freemasons which has provided a lifeline for our service and will enable us to continue to support so many vulnerable people and their families".

Cheques were also awarded to

- Severn Blood Bikers
- Pershore Volunteer Centre
- MAGGS Clothing Project



Last chance to enter the **FREE** competition to win a collection of Masonic Covers and Masonic Stamps valued retail at £120

Name as many Specialist interest lodges within UGLE, with their Website or email address and send your entry direct to John Chapman at: chapdjman@gmail.com