



Click [HERE](#) to listen to the latest podcast from our PGM, which contains some important news about the significant UGLE and MCF initiatives in regard to the current crisis, the new relief chest and a £1,000,000 match funding Scheme.

Please contact the Provincial Charity Steward David Dey for thoughts and ideas on any particular area of need for help. Click [HERE](#) to email David.

Keep strong, keep healthy, keep in, and stay safe.

The Ed

Week 5, 20th April 2020



UGLE/MCF CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE MEMBER UPDATE

On the 13 April UGLE implemented an emergency structure – in response to Covid-19 – consisting of a lead Provincial Grand Master and Province for each of the Regional Communication Groups (RCG) to manage our response to the Coronavirus emergency. In addition to the Grand Secretary and the Chief Executive of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, they form the UGLE Covid-19 response group. (Ed: Note Our PGM is RCG3 Lead for Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire)

The aim of the Covid-19 Group is to foster closer operational working within and between the RCGs in order to deliver visible and effective help, on a national scale, to our members and members of the wider community.

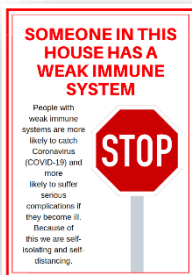
£1m has been donated by the MCF, the Freemasons' charity, and this fund will be evenly split to provide each RCG with £100,000 to allocate to such projects

Click [HERE](#) for the full article.

POSTERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SELF-ISOLATING

Please forward them to any Brethren or Companions who are self-isolating in case they are of any use. They can be opened and printed off by clicking the links below, and the posters aim to discourage unnecessary callers and politely ask that deliveries are left outside:

- [Poster 1 - Self-isolating - No Visitors Please](#)
- [Poster 2 - Self-isolating - Weak Immune System](#)
- [Poster 3 - Please leave deliveries - Weak Immune System](#)



For those that can spend some time, but never wondered how to, some useful tips and hints from our Provincial Mentor Chris Overall.....

How do I learn ritual?

There are many ways of going about learning ritual and I'm sure people cleverer than I will have some fool proof methods of learning. The problem is to be confident in what you are delivering, easy said when sat at home and as I always say "I was perfect in the bath"!!



A good friend told me the best way to learn ritual is to start at the end, learning the last paragraph first and then you are always heading towards somewhere you know and are stronger, I've not managed that.

One of our past DepPGM told me that it was the position that was a good trigger, that certainly worked as a ProvADC and will be good for the likes of a Deacon's work. I also find that learning the part in front and behind helps, as you know when to come in, what should come next and of course, it might be the piece you need to learn next time. Ok, so what I find works best for me is to learn a paragraph at a time, say it out loud and go back to the beginning and start again, spend at least half an hour a day, learning one paragraph at a time and moving forward once I've got it and don't need the book except just for the occasional brain fade. I keep it up once a day until I need to use the piece. If you can say it in your head then you must have got it and I find it's then easier to say out loud, its funny, you know when you've gone wrong or missed a bit.

I hope this is of some use to you in these uncertain times and is a great way of keeping your hand in so to speak.



Isolated ? Help is available if it's needed.

Cubit Club members will make themselves available for shopping trips and collect prescriptions for brethren of the Province to aid and relieve the stress and risk for those confined to their homes during the Corona Virus emergency.

Please contact CUBIT CLUB Secretary WBro. Martin Lawrence
martinlawrence2412@yahoo.co.uk tel: 01562 741205 or 07812 765769

The Masonic Charitable Foundation will supply additional financial assistance above and beyond its regular charitable funding, working alongside UGLE who will be coordinating a number of projects through the mobilisation of our vast membership. It is therefore vital that we continue to keep supporting the MCF.



Whilst we can't hold events at the moment, perhaps consider using those funds that you would have spent by increasing your regular Direct Debit. And of course those that haven't yet signed up please use the spare time to do so – It can all be done on line. These are unprecedented times and calls on the MCF from our membership and others as a result of will of course be unprecedented. If you can afford to do so then please, every little bit will help.

Patrick Firminger, Festival 2022 Chairman

Advice and comments from our Provincial Grand Charity Steward **WBro David Dey**. Click to hear his latest message



CANDIDATES

Keep in touch with your Candidates.
They maybe wondering what's happening and if and when their initiation is going to take place.

Freemasons' chief executive David Staples chips away at centuries of tradition.

A Precis from the article in The Times 18th April 2020

From the secret handshakes to the even more secret initiation ceremonies, there is little within the closed world of freemasonry that has changed in the three centuries since it was formally established in Britain. Now, however, after having elected its youngest grand secretary a year ago, the fraternity is to be dragged into the 21st century with a digital overhaul. David Staples, 45, has pledged to bring the organisation in to line with the rest of the modern world. It is also now active on Twitter.

The running of UGLE since 1717 has until recently been entirely paper based, including applications for joining in writing and paying by cheque.

Dr Staples aims to make changes so that next year the society will be paperless – with personal online portals, digitisation of archives – all part of a “programme of modernisation and growing transparency”...to take the organisation into the 21st Century (and also allowing the archive room at UGLE to be turned into a bar and restaurant!)

Dr Staples is a Consultant Physician and continues to work for the NHS one day a week

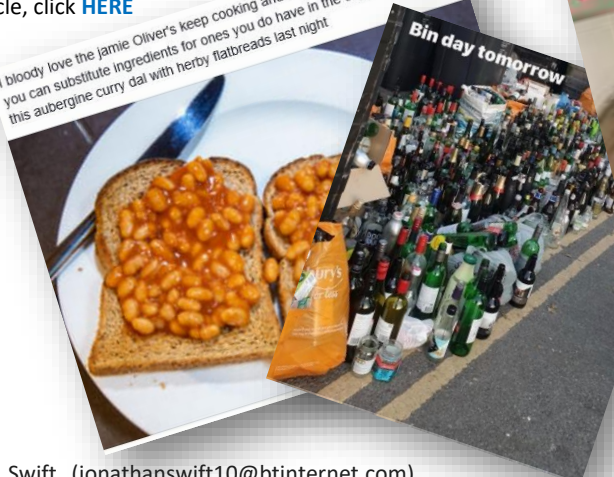
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I've just rang the council to ask if I could have permission to have a skip outside the house.

She said go for it fatty, you could do with the exercise.



I bloody love the Jamie Oliver's keep cooking and carry on because he says you can substitute ingredients for ones you do have in the cupboard. I made this aubergine curry dal with herby flatbreads last night



Bin day tomorrow



Covid-19 Symptom Tracker



An app has been created to track the spread of Covid-19 and to assist scientists to understand the disease.

At present, Covid Symptom Tracker is the third most popular app in Apple's UK store and second in Google Play's new releases chart for the country.

The app was created in just three days by researchers at Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals and King's College London university, in conjunction with the nutrition advice start-up Zoe.

If you'd like to assist with tracking the spread of the virus, you can find out more about downloading the app on Apple devices [here](#) and Android devices [here](#).

Masonic Widows Scam

We are concerned to hear reports that a Lodge widow has received a suspicious book through the post just two weeks after the death of her husband.

The book was entitled 'Constitution of Grand Lodge' and with it came a request for a payment of £100.

Please make it known that this a scam and warn members that this has been reported.