



Week 21, 10th August 2020

Brethren, we reach the ripe old age of 21 weeks with this edition!

Who would have thought at the start of lockdown, we would still be restricted by the Pandemic so far down the line – yet there are still positives to be taken, some referred in the article from our Provincial Communications Officer below.

Sean Warner is the star of the Podcast this week. No mention of all his bikes (!) but just listen to his range of masonic activity with which he is engaged.

If you have not done so already, please ensure you try and log on to one of the remaining “an audience with the Rulers” sessions to hear the import updates and the plans for the future.

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

The Ed

WBro Sean Warner



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Only FOUR sessions remain!

11th August Kings Heath lodges, 13th Northfield, 18th Stourbridge and finally 20th August for Kidderminster lodges.

Email invitations are being sent just in advance of each - If you haven't received yours or want to join one of these sessions, please contact the Provincial Office immediately.

The Provincial Grand Master and Rulers of our Province would like to talk about the changes that have taken place within Freemasonry due to the Corona Virus and what further changes are required if we are to resume our meetings.

In these unusual and uncertain times this will be an ideal opportunity for everyone who is part of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire to come together and look forward to the future.

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Where would we be without Covid-19?

It maybe in time that 'we' appreciate the opportunity which Covid has perversely contributed.

- WE are becoming better communicators; with members, potential members, the press, in the community with UGLE and MCF with charities
- WE put in more effort to contact members especially isolated members
- WE are engaging more with the local community, and being recognised for it
- WE have improved our technical skills
- WE are using the social media more
- WE are meeting virtually through new technology
- WE are thinking more about our organisation, taking stock, evaluating, and deliberating on our response

Jonathan Swift, PCO

Local Community Gives Thanks to Freemasonry



John Fennell is trying to raise the profile of charity track and trace. WBro David Dey, Provincial Charity Steward has received two letters of thanks from local charity organisations. A donation of £2000 was made to 'Worcester Food Bank' and a £300 donation to the 'YMCA' which have resulted in thank you communications from Graham and Lisa respectively.

Worcestershire and the Masonic Charitable Foundation have also made further donations to 'Littlefeet' for the sum of £250 and 'Friends of the Elderly' for the sum of £300. As previously mentioned it is important that all brethren see exactly where the charity funds are going and the difference it makes within the community.

So if you plan a donation through your lodge however big or small, please tell John in advance or if you have received a thank you for any previous donations, please forward them to him so that we may share your good work with the whole of the Province. Email John Fennell at jjfennell01@icloud.com



Do they mean me?

If the Charge to the Initiate is the “road map” for our Masonic career then the addresses given at the installation ceremony are our plan for the year ahead.

We are very lucky in Worcestershire that we get a provincial team to officiate at the installation of a new Worshipful Master including a Ruler, two Wardens and a DC.

I remember going into the chair of my lodge and receiving the address to the master and realising I had the responsibility of maintaining the Lodge for the next twelve months - the panic set in!

It wasn't until sometime later that I understood what a great set of instructions I'd been given, and the same applies to the addresses to the wardens and brethren. Some years later my lodge had a meeting where these addresses were given and discussed in more detail.

if you haven't been lucky enough to hear them yet keep an ear out when we resume our installation meetings.

Keep Safe
Chris Overall
Provincial Grand Mentor

Charity on Bikes.... the West Midlands Branch of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association (WSMBA) have donated their recent fundraising activities to the Worcestershire Festival 2022 appeal.



Pictured : President of WMids Widows Sons MBA Ian Cole presenting a substantial cheque to Worcestershire representative Andy Philpott, WM of Lodge of Progress No. 9593



Website Guidelines and Charter Mark

It is now a responsibility of the Province to ensure your Lodge website complies with the guidance from UGLE.

Therefore it will be important for every Lodge to check its website. Help is available and guidance notes have been published on the Provincial Website. For further assistance and advice please contact WBro David Emery Prov Webmaster.

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“IT'S NOT TOO LATE”

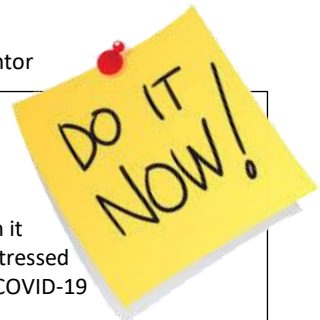
Now is the perfect time to take out a Regular giving Direct debit when it is needed more than ever, when it will make such a difference and help the many in distressed circumstances - particularly as a result of this awful COVID-19 Pandemic.

We currently have a third of the Province as Regular Givers. If we could encourage half the Province to sign up for three or five years ... at less than the cost of a Costa Coffee or pint of beer a week ... our current Festival total might stand at £1,500,000. A tremendous boost!

You may be asking why you should sign up beyond Festival end? Payments beyond Festival end will, apart from of course helping the many in need, still count towards any personal or Lodge targets/honorifics

If it is within your means don't delay, do it NOW. By telephone or on line are easiest but if you prefer hard copy, download the form [HERE](#). Post it to “The Freemasons Grand Charity, 60, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ”.

Patrick Firminger, Festival 2022 Chairman



This week's podcast is courtesy of
WBro Sean Warner



Listen to Sean, our Provincial Grand Tyler as he delves into all of his many, many side orders, and tells us how he has kept busy and his new skill he has learnt in lockdown – Cooking!

