



Week 13, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Brethren, week 13 and support "Bubbles" are easing some of the more isolated in our community, and shops are now beginning to open (unfortunately for me, not yet the barbers!).

In a week of increasing social tension, UGLE have issued several statements and answered questions in the **#AsktheGrandSec** series (see below); But as always, Freemasons continue to use our guiding principles of integrity, Friendship, Respect and of course Charity, where we maintain our support of local and national causes during these unprecedented times, as has been widely reported (even in FMT where the Cubit Club has a mention the latest edition!)

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

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## I never knew that!

Did you know? We are shown the warrant of the lodge at various times in our masonic travels but did you know the lodge doesn't own the warrant and it is only in the custody of the Worshipful Master on behalf of the Grand Master.



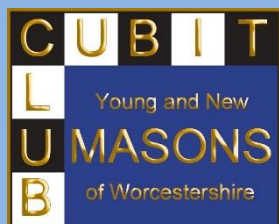
The Provincial Grand Master is His personal representative and can therefore present or retrieve a warrant. If you have ever noticed the salutation to the PGM it is "for" the Province whilst the other rulers are "in" the province as they are appointed by the PGM.



The Ruler's chains of office have the same type of signification; The Provincial Grand Master's chain is a Grand Lodge chain being a Grand Rank, the other Rulers of the Province are provincial chains. I didn't know all of that!

Chris Overall, Provincial Grant Mentor

## All the "three's"



The CUBIT CLUB is now three years old and have 333 members. As our membership grows we continually strive to provide what the membership wants and provide help and support across the province.

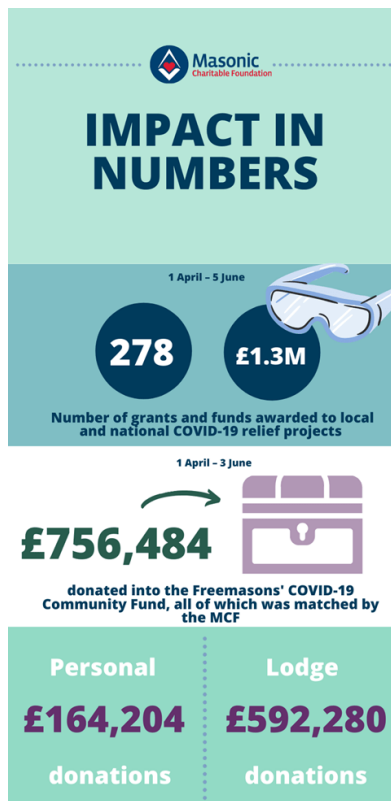
In order to progress in a structured and professional manner we are looking for members to volunteer to be part of a sub committee to help to create new, interesting and engaging content for the Cubit Club in the modern world of social media. Experience is not necessary, but we are looking for people who want to drive and add engaging content for our members.

If you are able to assist at any level please reply to Martin Lawrence [HERE](#), and arrangements will be made for volunteers to partake in a Zoom conference to plan for the future.

Visit the Cubit Club's website [HERE](#)

Martin Lawrence, Cubit Club Mentor

## IMPACT IN NUMBERS



## Charity update from the MCF

Freemasonry has stepped up to support local charities and projects. From 1 April – 5 June, Freemasonry together with the MCF, supported 278 local charities and projects dedicated to helping people through the coronavirus pandemic, at a total cost of £1,345,908.

**In Worcestershire, 5 projects have been awarded a total of £12,357 to help your local community through the pandemic.**

Stay updated with Freemasonry's impact! Visit our website and check out our interactive map [HERE](#)

The MCF is still here to support Freemasons and their families who are facing a difficult time in their lives – whether related to COVID-19 or not. From 1 April – 31 May, 940 people were supported totalling £1,890,504.

Do you need help? Get in touch with us to see if we can support you:

✉ [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk) ☎ 0800 035 60 90

If you would like to help make a difference to your local community, why not make a donation to the Freemasons' COVID-19 Community Fund? **#TimeToText**

The MCF is matching all donations up to £1 million, to help Freemasonry make a lasting difference. **DONATE TODAY!**



Another live Q&A was held earlier this week on twitter with UGLE's Grand Secretary Dr Staples.

Don't forget anyone can ask a question at this regular event by submitting them on twitter and using the hashtag #AsktheGrandSec



One particularly relevant question this week was this question regarding equality.

**Rab Cooper** @rabcooper · 9 Jun

Replying to @UGLE\_GrandLodge and @UGLE\_DrDStaples

Especially given recent events outside the fraternity, are there strategies being devised to increase our exposure and positive relationships with Britain's BAME communities?

With Dr Staples replying:



**United Grand Lodge of England** @UGLE\_GrandLodge · 23h

Freemasonry has a very distinguished history of living the philosophy of equality engrained in the First Degree ceremony.



## Stourbridge on the move....

The Freemasons move from the Talbot Hotel to their new premises is well on the way. The new lodge building has been renovated by a band of dedicated volunteers and private companies, the furniture and fittings have been moved in. Some lodges from Dudley will be joining their Stourbridge Brethren in this exciting venture.

The James S. Webb Freemasonry Centre will be ready for the official opening when the current restrictions allow.

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Victoria Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 1SP.  
Telephone – 01384 210327

This week's podcast is courtesy of our Deputy Provincial Grand Master Stephen J Wyer.



Hear how Stephen's journey of 33 years as a Freemason has led to his role as DPGM, the work that is involved, and how he feels Freemasonry is relevant in today's society.



## The Cubit Club of Worcestershire have ridden from Lands' End to John O'Groats on a combined virtual cycle ride – 953 miles.

Members of the Cubit Club, their families, friends and neighbours have ridden the distance between Lands' End and John O'Groats in a sponsored virtual cycle ride.

32 riders, including the Provincial Grand Master RW Brother Robert Vaughan, took it in turns to ride a portion of the route and then bank the miles.

The fund at present stands in excess of £1,900, donations are still being received into the fund and it is hoped to eventually raise well in excess of £2,000.



"I share with all riders and sponsors my delight with this impressive achievement. Congratulations on the initiative and thanks to all who have responded and given their support." Robert Vaughan, PGM

The cycle ride organisers Paul Wong and Richard Macey have expressed their upmost thanks to all the riders who took part, including the brethren, their wives or girlfriends, children and family friends. It was a fantastic effort, well done everyone.



Congratulations to the following lottery members who each won a share of £400, following Saturday's No. 33 bonus ball.

S J Cartwright, Fort Royal Lodge No. 4565  
N G Howe, Lodge of Fellowship No. 6707  
R Gee, Justice & Equity (closed)  
R W Smith, Lickey Hill Lodge No. 5947

Why not make lockdown more interesting and register for next month's draw! Email [HERE](#) for an application form.



**Who would you like to hear from in our Podcasts?** Drop us a line if you have suggestions or ideas about who next could follow in the voice of the DPGM. To date we have heard from the PGM, Prov Charity Steward, Mark Lodge, Prov Mentor, the Cubit Club, Acorns, Peter Ricketts and the Prov Comms Officer! Email us with your ideas.....