



Week 8, 11th May 2020

Brethren, our week 8 edition looks at some of the donations that have been going on around the Province and an important message from our Provincial Grand Almoner. Our Podcast looks at the great work of the Cubit Club, some snippets from our regular contributor Prov. Grand Mentor Chris, plus a look at some of updates to the Provincial website.

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

The Ed



Following on from the podcast last week from our membership officer, and the great quote *"the reason that people join is not the same reason they stay"*...let us know **your** reasons for both joining and staying – Send them to our Provincial Comms Officer Jonathan (details on the bottom), who will collate all responses.

Different "Tablets" at the Hospital!

The generosity of Worcestershire Freemasons has ensured that we have been able to donate 30 Galaxy Tablets to Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.



Pictured is WBro David Dey Prov Grand Charity Steward presenting the Galaxy tables with holders to Jason Levey, Worcs NHS Charity Director.

Nearly 1200 tablets are being donated by Freemasons across England and Wales to hospitals and care homes to provide vital contact between loved ones and coronavirus patients.

During the current crisis, NHS hospitals have been forced to limit visits to patients in an attempt to control infections. This has led hospitals to try to find a way to help patients communicate with their families during this difficult time. The donations were coordinated through a new Covid-19 Response Group, which was formed by UGLE as an emergency structure in response to Covid-19. Using the full capability of its network, the Freemasons have been able to draw together suppliers to source the tablets quickly and efficiently.

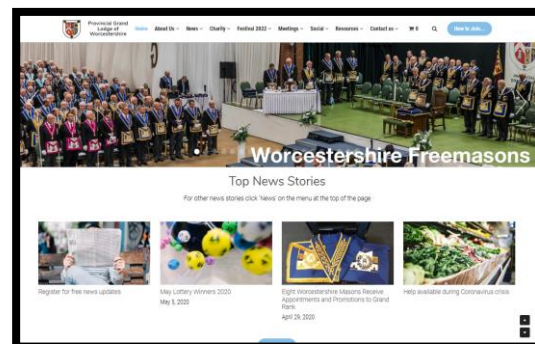
David said: *"At this time of national crisis we will work together – within our local communities – to provide charity and support to those in need, what we do is both effective and targeted."*

For more detailed information, read the full press release [here](#).

All's new on the web front....

If you haven't seen already, check out the new design of our Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire's website at

www.worcspgl.org



Top news stories are now available right on the front page, plus other easy to use features to bring you all of the news and views from around the Province.

Why not take the opportunity to subscribe, and to automatically be notified of any updates as they happen!

#TimeToToast



As we reported last week, our PGM requested a special "Time to Toast" event last Saturday at 9pm and to mark the event on twitter and Facebook - which was then collated by our "Twitter Master" Mark Lodge.

Non-dining provides fund raiser!

The Brethren of Semper Fidelis Lodge No. 529 have pooled their notional 'Dining Fee' from the April abandoned meeting donating £470.00 to St Richards Hospice, reports Graham Ashcroft, secretary of the Lodge.

The proposal by the Lodge Tyler, WBro Mark Scarrott was taken up with enthusiasm by all the members and resulted in this useful donation to a local charity at this very difficult time.

What a great idea to donate what you would have spent during this lockdown! Can your lodge do the same? Use the new Covid 19 Relief Chest scheme and make it potentially go even further, and at the same time supporting the Festival 2022 and your Lodge targets.

A message from Charles Gwynn, our Provincial Grand Almoner...

The Masonic Charitable Foundation physically at Gt. Queen St. is of course closed; but all the case workers are working from home, and the service continues as before with just one or two exceptions. I have been quite busy over the past few weeks as a number of Brethren are experiencing financial problems because of no income or a considerable drop in income, however we have had no problems in getting financial aid reasonably quickly where the Brother qualifies, and I urge anyone who finds themselves with these problems to contact me. I, nor any of my Visiting Volunteers are of course able to visit applicants in their homes to complete the means test forms, so these are being done by "London" over the phone.



Due to the lockdown restrictions, the charity is not able to accept applications for medical aid, (as currently there is no private practice, and all private hospitals are just taking NHS patients). This means they are also not accepting applications for medical aids and equipment as these require a visit to the home by an Occupational Therapist, which is not possible.

However all other services are still functioning:- There are plenty of empty beds in the Masonic Homes which will take clients for short term respite care, or for longer stays, (eg Leicester has 10 empty beds at present).

Clients are still being accepted for the counselling service, for help with anxiety/depression problems (contact me for information), and I am able to get funeral grants for those who qualify.

The message to be remembered as well as stay safe, stay at home is, if you feel you may qualify for Masonic help--Contact me on 01384 376897 or if you so wish contact London direct by email at help@mcf.org.uk or by phone on 0800 035 60 90.

Charles Gwynn Prov. G. Almoner



Congratulations to the following lottery members who each won a share of £520, following Saturday's No. 47 bonus ball.

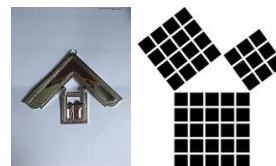
Why not make lockdown more interesting and register for next month's draw! Email [HERE](#) for an application form.

D Abbotts WIM Lodge No. 6889
R James Severn Lodge No. 5583
P Read Elgar Lodge No. 9254

Mrs I B Seale
C Smith Pathfinder Lodge No. 8596
A W Turner Ribbesford Lodge No. 7696

I didn't know that!

There are so many small details as you move through Masonry you can never get to the bottom of everything. Have you ever wondered why the WM and IPM have the same collar jewel? Oh! they are different. As one of the Cubit Club mentor's (ML) said to me "that's the problem".



The WM has the square whereas the IPM has the square and the diagram of the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid (phew).

Whilst the actual theory gets a bit complicated we were all taught a bit of Pythagoras to which the problem refers and it went back even before that to the days of the Egyptian's marking out their fields and building the pyramids, Euclid being an ancient Egyptian mathematician. We still use it today to erect buildings and make rooms square, to joining up tunnels and navigation at sea.

As the WM passes through his office so he becomes more proficient and can now use the extended laws of the square in Euclid's proposition. Well, I didn't know that!

Stay Safe
Chris

This week's podcast is courtesy of the Cubit Club Mentors
Paul Wong and Martin Lawrence



Listen to hear about the great efforts in Fund raising, reaction to COVID- 19 and the Porchway Class of Instruction. There are now 331 members of the Cubit Club all but 75 are Young and New, the 75 are Not So Young and New!

Check out the website for more information on the Cubit Club [here](#).

Monday Muscles!

(this week the Neck)

Check out our very own award-winning Physiotherapist James Benson providing simple but helpful tips, Monday mornings on Twitter and Facebook!

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