



Week 20, 3rd August 2020

Brethren, Week 20 sees us moving into August and some semblance of fine weather once again.

Please see the article below about the Ruler's "Zoom" meetings, please try and attend as it discusses a lot of the topics on the forefront of everyone's mind at present, and an opportunity to ask questions to all the Rulers. Watch out in your inbox for an Email to one of the meetings as they get released.

Paul Battle delights us with his stories on all matters golfing in this week's podcast, and as a slight nod to the subject an amusing piece from Peter Ricketts below.


Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

The Ed

WBro Paul Battle



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**An audience with...
THE RULERS**

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.

We have therefore organised a series of eight Worcestershire Freemasonry "Audience with The Rulers" forums over the next five weeks using the Zoom Social Media platform which will involve approx. 12 to 15 lodges at each one.

Every member of a Lodge will be getting an invitation (distributed by region), so watch out in your inbox as each meeting gets released. Please make every effort to attend as a range of topics will be discussed.

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

The summons on the mantelpiece

by WBro Peter Ricketts, PPrSGW, of the Lodge of Hope & Charity No.377

In about 1962 my wife and I went to Torquay for a golfing holiday and met Jim and Mary Hendry, a delightful Sottish couple. At the end of the week, Jim said "We've thoroughly enjoyed your company, Peter, and if you're ever in Scotland please come and stay with us and play some golf at Greenock where I am captain."

It so happened that the following March I was invited, as a spare-time golf writer, to visit Turnberry Golf Club, Ayrshire (which incidentally now belongs to Donald Trump). So it was duly arranged that my wife and I would stay with Jim for a couple of days.

Freemasonry had never been mentioned but after dinner on the first evening I noticed a lodge summons on the mantelpiece, and the conversation went like this:-[

Peter: Are you a Freemason, Jim?

Jim: Yes, are you?

Peter: Yes, in fact Jim, (proudly) I've just been made Inner Guard of my Lodge. Have you got a rank?

Jim: Well, yes, I'm Deputy Provincial Grand Master for East Renfrewshire.



I was floored. I wanted the ground to open up. But Jim roared with laughter. And what he next said floored me again. He said:- I tell you what, Peter; when you go into the Chair of your Lodge, I will come down to Birmingham to support you.

I didn't see Jim again for eight years. Then, in 1971, I let him know I was to become WM of the Franchelie St. Leonard Lodge No. 6788, and, true to his word, he drove 400 miles and made my Installation even more special.

Have YOU a Masonic story to tell? If so, please send it to the Editor.

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Pandemic positives....

Since the lockdown I no longer use any cash. I'm used to carrying money, small change and a few notes whenever I go out. But since early March, my journeys including shopping have involved fuel and groceries all purchased with a card. I have not needed to visit a bank or a hole in the wall - and whatever cash I had in March I still have.

I add nothing but dust to my small change collection in the jar on the dressing table since I have been divested of metal.

Earth Day 2020 Report...



Have you any Pandemic positive stories? Let us know :)

WE'RE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT

£1 MILLION HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE FREEMASONS' COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUND

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED!



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We're absolutely delighted to announce that **£1 million** has now been donated to the Freemasons' COVID-19 Community Fund!

Thank you to everyone that donated! Freemasonry has once again risen to the challenge

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NATIONAL MASONIC VEHICLE ASSOCIATION

A new national association is being formed, would your lodge or group like to join ?

Their aim is to forge links with like-minded Lodges which are comprised of vehicle oriented members, and

- To promote the interests of Freemasonry amongst their members and to encourage membership in general and greater Masonic contacts;
- To provide a support and networking group for each other ;
- To arrange and facilitate events, trips and inter Lodge visiting;

The Association will also provide the opportunity for Lodges to join together for social functions such as visits to places of interest or other vehicle related events.

The Worcestershire Masonic Motoring Club (WMMC) and Worcestershire's' Bikers Lodge (Lodge of Progress) have already become part.

Contact Peter Hughes [HERE](#) for further details

This week's podcast is courtesy of **WBro Paul Battle**

Did you know the Worcestershire Masonic Golf Society (WMGS) covers events with 7 provinces?

Founded in 1962, hear from Paul who has been secretary for the last 16 years and how the pandemic has affected the golfing year, including the impact on fundraising.



Contact Paul [HERE](#) if you are interested in joining the WMGS.

First meeting back ??

We would like to record for posterity the first physical meeting in Worcestershire held after the relaxation of the suspension.

When is your lodge returning ? We are aware of one planned on the 19th September - if yours is before then let the Ed know!

Website Guidelines and Charter Mark

We have received guidance from UGLE on guidance for creating and maintaining the websites for lodges and lodge rooms.

The notes are there for people who have already have a website and also for those who are looking at setting one up.

The new charter mark process will give control to the provinces to approve lodge websites and the use the Charter Mark Logo when authorised.

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Three Choirs Festival

Worcester Lodge No. 280 in support of the Dean in a bowls match with Gloucestershire and Herefordshire.



Alan celebrates his Centenary

For those you that remember him, we were delighted to receive a phone call from his daughter Nicola about Alan Granville Wright, TD, JP, **PAGDC**, PProvGSN, **PGtHer**, Past Sub Prior, who is now living in a care home in Yorkshire. She says Alan remains well though a little more confused.

He reaches the grand old age of 100 years on Tuesday, 18th August, and is eagerly awaiting his card from HM the Queen and excited about looking forward to celebrating.



Alan being presented with his 60 year certificate back in 2007 from the then PGM RW Bro Richard Goddard.

If you would like to send Alan congratulations please contact via Nicola at nickyhowgate@btinternet.com