



Week 26, 14th September 2020

Brethren, Week 26 sees the return of some general lockdown restrictions ("Rule of 6"), but also some local restrictions for Birmingham. See the article from Dr Staples and watch out for any announcements on how this will affect Freemasonry.

Whilst the current rules severely restrict meetings, it does not stop them, so keep sending in your pictures of lodges that do meet – such as the stewards from last week featured below.

Our Podcast is from Phil Goalby the Provincial Grand Registrar. If you don't know what a Registrar does – check him out !

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

The Ed

WBro Phil Goalby



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An update from Dr David Staples, Chief Executive & Grand Secretary

"Following on from the government's announced ban on gatherings of over 6 people, the scope of this is currently unclear as to how this will impact masonic meetings.

It is too early to assess the impact and we are in touch with our lawyers who are considering the legal position, and we expect UGLE to make a statement shortly"

(Ed – this was the situation at time of going to press 13/9/20, so please be aware that updated advice may have been issued in the meantime)

MORGAN LODGE – FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS



As special interest Lodges go, Morgan Lodge no. 9816 is pretty focused in that it caters for anyone with an enthusiasm for cars – especially Morgan cars. If you know anything about this most British of British marques, you won't be surprised to learn that it is based in Malvern, not a stone's throw from the Morgan Motor

Company factory which has been turning out traditionally hand-built cars since 1909.

The Lodge was consecrated in 2006 – the idea developing from a group of Morgan-owning Freemasons. Richard Warner, the Lodge Secretary, says: *"While enthusiasm grew for the idea, we were looking for a suitable location that was fairly central – and Malvern was the obvious place! "We saw a real parallel between the principles of Freemasonry and the ethos of the Morgan Motor Company – that is, 'you don't just buy a Morgan, you buy into the family'."*

Like other special interest Lodges, there is a focus on 'family' – Morgan Lodge meets on Saturday mornings so that from time to time, non-Masons and family can be invited to join in socially after a Lodge meeting. *"Central to this idea is our annual White Table lunch following the November meeting,"* says Richard. *"The Lodge is also a truly national and international. For instance, our Masters come from all over the country – our first was from Yorkshire"* Richard explains. *"Following Masters have come from Warwickshire, Cheshire, Monmouthshire, Northamptonshire and elsewhere. We also boast members from around the world, so powerful is the Morgan tie – for example Portugal, The Netherlands and even the USA."*

So, is ownership of the quintessentially English motor car a requirement for membership? "Well, no!" laughs Richard, who does own a dark blue Morgan Plus 8. *"Take our current Master, Nigel Johnson: he runs a Rolls-Royce – while the WM Elect has a Porsche. The main prerequisite is an interest in classic motor cars and different marques are represented across the membership, although most are through and through Morgan enthusiasts."*

The Lodge meets four times per year and since 2006, has initiated 16 Brethren. *"These are men who were interested in cars but might otherwise not have become Masons,"* Richard points out. *"Our first Initiate went through the Chair in 2013. It underlines the value of hobby Lodges such as ours."*

To find out more visit <http://www.themorganlodge.org.uk> or contact the secretary Richard Warner, at secretary@themorganlodge.org.uk

The next article will be a Research Lodge - George Taylor Lodge No. 9819. Would you like your Lodge represented in Square News? Contact Ian Crowder at ian.crowder@icloud.com or call 07775 566555

The Stewards are out....

A socially distanced meeting of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 9142 was held at Northfield Masonic Hall. The WM, WBro Kerry Parkes was delighted to have the Provincial Grand Master in attendance, who is, of course a member.

The ordinary business of the Lodge took place, along with the election of the Master for the ensuing year and Treasurer.



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Several steps forward!!

Martin Parrak has kicked off his challenge of walking the "Portuguese Camino" - Porto to Santiago de Compostela, a distance of 156 miles.

He had planned to walk last May over a period of 3 weeks but sadly COVID-19 stopped that. So for an even bigger challenge he's hoping to complete this time in 2 weeks!

Martin is raising funds for the Worcestershire Festival 2022 on behalf of Worcestershire Rose Croix Chapters. Please help Martin reach his goal by sponsoring him via his Everyday hero donations page at

<https://e2022mcf.everydayhero.com/uk/walking-the-portugise-camilo>



Here are the lucky winners who matched the lottery ball no 32 in the 5th September draw

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| B Egerton | Lodge of St George No. 5691 |
| RWJ Neale | Lodge of Bon Accord No. 4935 |
| David Parry | Forge Mill Lodge No. 9658 |
| T M Powell | Old Bromsgrovia Lodge No. 5743 |
| R D Tipping | Arter Lodge No. 2654 |

We may be locked down but that does not mean you cannot be a winner. Raising money for a good cause has been our aim since the Provincial lottery started. So download an entry form from the Provincial website, and who knows, you too could be a lock-down lottery winner!

The "Blues" move on....



The Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent, has appointed **WBro Philip Hall** as the next Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master - Robert C. Vaughan, Provincial Officers and Brethren of Worcestershire wish to congratulate WBro Hall most sincerely on this amazing occasion. He is well known to many in our Province and we offer our very best to him on a very exciting time ahead.

We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate the retiring PGM who is our great friend RW Bro David Macey, who commented, "I am sure that you will all join me in offering our Provincial Grand Master Designate our hearty congratulations and full support." We will indeed!



The 6th Edition of UGLE First Rising has been delivered to all by email this week. Please read for a review of the results of the recent members' survey; pictures of how lodges are meeting in lockdown; articles on Winston Churchill and Lord Nelson, and the UGLE Museum amongst others.

This week listen to **WBro Phil Goalby** the Provincial Grand Registrar.



Hear what Phil likes about Freemasonry, what his role as the Provincial Grand Registrar involves, and more importantly his alter ego as Elvis!

