



Week 12, 8th June 2020

Brethren, week 12 reflects on some of the Charity activity being carried out both in the province and wider.

As the lockdown rules start to become a little less restrictive, please bear in mind those that still need to self-isolate, or those that feel they are not yet ready to resume social distancing contact. Everyone is different and we must ensure we remain inclusive of everyone's needs.

Our Podcast this week is from Jonathan Swift, our Provincial Communications Officer – click to hear how he and his team copes in the current climate

Keep strong, keep positive and stay safe.

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Jonathan Swift, PCO



Provincial Grand Lodge – 174th Annual Meeting 3rd June 2020



Whilst of course this didn't take place in person last week, a number of virtual meetings were held instead - one with the outgoing officers, where the PGM thanked all those that were handing back their open jewels, followed on the day by a virtual meeting with the incoming officers to congratulate them and to start off the process of an acting officer.

For those that have not yet seen it, please click below to see and hear the address of the Provincial Grand Master

RWBro Robert Christopher Vaughan



Still time to make the distance...!

A quick update from the Cubit Club Cycle Ride as of Saturday 6th June; £1,308 had been raised but there is still time for more between now and the 10th June which is the closing date. The miles pledged or already ridden is 911 which leaves just 42 miles to find to make the full John O'Groats to Lands' end target before the closing date.

See <https://www.gofundme.com/f/cubit-club-cycle-ride>



CEO and Grand Secretary Dr Staples was a guest last Saturday on Chopper's Podcast and spoke about the work being undertaken by Freemasons during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click the logo to listen....
(the interview starts at 36 minutes)



Tens of thousands of people in India and Bangladesh have been displaced from their homes and left without food, water, or power in the wake of the powerful Cyclone Amphan. With the help of our £15,000 emergency grant, more than 700 families will receive food packages to last them for up to 20 days, ensuring

Discover more about this emergency funding [HERE](#)

Road Map – from our Provincial Grand Mentor!

In these days of "road maps" for the future do you remember the first time you heard the charge to the initiate? It's a bit fuzzy for me, as at that point in time you are not quite sure what's going on. Now having delivered it a few times I can see we have had our own road map for several hundred years; it is still completely relevant today. If you have only just received the charge or even are learning it now during lockdown, there are a couple of great explanations of the charge to the initiate on Solomon. Investigate further and enjoy.

Keep Safe
Chris Overall

Solomon
Fostering Curiosity - Developing Understanding

We're excited to announce that the Freemasons' Covid-19 Community Fund has now reached £750,000! What a fantastic achievement.

Let's push on to £1 million by texting COVID19 to 70500 to donate £5

#TimetoText

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The first of a series of Recruitment/Marketing adverts was posted onto the Provincial Social Media Platforms last week.

Find them on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram by going to

@worcsasons

Please go to all three platforms, find the Provincial Page and like/share/forward etc the posts to everyone in your contact lists.

Keep doing this with all future posts from @worcsasons as it will keep everyone informed about Freemasonry in Worcestershire.

Those that have read the first UGLE "First Rising" will be aware that our own PGM Robert Vaughan is the Chairman of the Museum of Freemasonry at Great Queen Street. A great compliment to him and to our Province.

Read his full article here outlining the workings of the Museum.

READ ARTICLE



What's happening at your meeting place...?

Northfield Masonic Hall is now providing 15 car parking spaces for NHS staff working at the nearby Royal Orthopaedic Hospital.

APGM John Crowther made contact with CBRE's Regional Organiser who was very receptive and when he called the hospital directly, they were very appreciative of the offer and our local Hall Committee have then liaised with them to put the scheme in place.

Worcester and **Redditch** Masonic Hall caterers are now venturing out. With the latest announcements it is still uncertain when the lodges will reopen, and in what capacity. As a result, the caterers realise now is the time to adapt!

From Tuesday 9th June they will be producing delicious home-cooked meals and cakes that you will be able to collect from both Redditch and Worcester halls. The meals are already cooked, so you just need to reheat them or freeze them, if you want to stock up. This will enable the caterers to continue working until we can all sit down at the table together.

Please spread the word - my meals can be purchased by the Masons, their families, neighbours and friends. Reduce the temptation of ordering a takeaway by always having one of my specials in the freezer ready to pop-in the oven.

Email for further details and a full menu and prices:
sallyannharris@googlemail.com

More meeting place stories welcome!

This week's podcast is courtesy of our Provincial Communication Officer Jonathan Swift.



Hear how Jonathan's background has helped him cover his role over the last five years, how lockdown has been a revelation, and what you and your lodges can do to help him!

The following is being promoted via UGLE.

The National Portrait Gallery is currently running a photography competition surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic called 'Hold Still' (<https://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/>).

Spearheaded by The Duchess of Cambridge, Patron of the National Portrait Gallery, Hold Still, a portrait of our nation in 2020, is an ambitious community project to create a unique photographic portrait which captures the spirit, mood, hopes, fears and feelings of the nation as we continue to deal with the Coronavirus outbreak.

The deadline for submissions is the 18th June and their hashtag is #HoldStill2020.

The PGM is also anxious to add to our portfolio of friends laughing together in regalia, our mix of ethnicity in regalia, photos from the Festive Board, brothers helping each other in regalia etc... So all those budding camera enthusiasts, get those photos published!

HOLD STILL

