

Subscribe

Past Issues

Translate ▼

RSS



SHARING WITH MEMBERS: This letter has been sent to Metropolitan/Provincial Grand Masters, Grand Superintendents, Metropolitan/Provincial Grand Secretaries and Metropolitan/Provincial Grand Scribes E.

Please make sure that this message is sent to members.

A message from the Grand Secretary

In these testing times, I have already been immensely impressed by the determination shown by a number of Freemasons to maintain their daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, and how receptive everyone has been to the challenges we face.

As the joint letter that I, and the CEO of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the Freemasons' Charity, has said, there is so much that we ought to do to demonstrate the value of who we are and what we do as Freemasons in the community. This also affords a great opportunity for every mason to expand his masonic horizons by taking advantage of the new Solomon website as well as honing and passing on their ritual skills.

While we will all be required to make adjustments during this period of suspension, I would also ask that members fully acquaint themselves with whether certain adjustments can co-exist with the Obligation that we all took when initiated. It is the opinion of the Grand Registrar that it is an "Antient Landmark of the Order" that Lodge meetings and the related ceremonies can only take place with all Brethren physically present in a properly tyled Lodge Room; however, it is acceptable for members to practise such

ceremonies, most particularly those aspects which make up the spoken parts of the ritual, over the internet. The security implications and pitfalls (for example the ability to record on a number of software platforms) unfortunately do not square with our Obligation to assure privacy and confidentiality of proceedings - and we therefore ask members to refrain from any demonstrations of those elements of the ceremonies covered in the Obligation, or any attempt to reproduce the 'choreography' online. We have no doubt that our Directors of Ceremonies will have no difficulty in putting our Brethren right on such things when we are happily able to meet again. For these reasons please do not try to hold a genuine Lodge or Lodge of Instruction in a virtual form, but feel free to practise those elements outlined above.

We will, in the days and weeks to come, be providing LOIs with material from Solomon, and our extensive archives to enable learning, discussion and that ever important Daily Advancement in Masonic Knowledge.

As previously stated, I have no doubt that Brethren will continue to adapt to this challenging situation - but simply ask that thought is given to the implications that these have on our ancient Craft.



[View this email in your browser](#)

Copyright © 2020 United Grand Lodge of England, All rights reserved.
Weekly UGLE news update

Our mailing address is:

*b*UGLE Bulletin
United Grand Lodge of England
Freemasons' Hall
60 Great Queen Street
LONDON WC2B 5AZ
United Kingdom

[update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

The United Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ. For more information about The United Grand Lodge of England, please visit our website <http://www.ugle.org.uk/>. CAUTION: This email is confidential and may be privileged or otherwise protected by law from disclosure. If you are not the intended recipient, please telephone +44 (0)20 7831 9811 or email the sender immediately and delete this message and any attachments from your system. If you are not the intended recipient you must not copy this message or attachments or disclose the message or attachments to any other person. This email and any attachments have been scanned for viruses prior to delivery. The United Grand Lodge of England accepts no liability for any loss or damage which may be caused by viruses or any other malicious code and you are responsible for carrying out your own virus checks before opening the email and any attachment. Where this email is unrelated to the business of UGLE, the opinions expressed in this email are the opinions of the sender and do not necessarily constitute the opinions of UGLE.