

Dear Brethren

Assistant Provincial Grand Masters – Virtual meetings

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well and keeping safe.

The recent feedback to the PGM is that the lodges are doing an excellent job of keeping in contact with the brethren, their families and widows, and are using various methods to achieve this: telephone calls, letters, emails, texts, Skype, WhatsApp and Zoom, as well as socially distanced visits when the situation requires this.

The Provincial and Assistant Secretaries have kept us updated and remained available during these uncertain times.

Since the lockdown, the use of virtual meetings has increased exponentially, and now virtual meetings are part of our everyday life.

This has been reflected in the Province of Somerset and has developed from the early days when a few brothers nervously chatted over Skype/Zoom/WhatsApp etc., to lodge socials, breakfast meetings, quiz nights, and now even a full-blown Ladies Night: Forest of Mendip – <https://www.pglsom.org/2020/06/15/forest-of-mendip-virtual-ladies-evening/>

Indeed, a few lodges are holding committee meetings of a sort and even abridged Lodges of Instruction (following the guidelines, of course).

As you are aware, in the normal course of events there are Provincial Fraternal Visits (PFV) to each lodge, attended by one of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, W Bros Martin Slocombe and Richard Winter, and supported by willing volunteers from the provincial team.

These visits are very much looked forward to by the lodges, the APGMs and the Provincial team.

Clearly, these have now stopped; and with no firm dates as to when they will recommence, the APGMs have embraced the use of virtual meetings in the meantime and are eager to keep in contact “virtually” with the lodges on a one-to-one basis.

If your lodge would like one of the APGMs to join in one of your socials, LOIs, quiz night or indeed any form of virtual meeting, please let me know.

Just drop me an email with lodge name, date, time, type of meeting, how hosted (i.e. Zoom, Skype etc.) and I will organise.

Of course, if there is an agenda or anything specific you would like them to cover, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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