

The Fellow Craft's Guide



Building Friendships, Shaping Lives, Supporting Communities, through Timeless Traditions



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Your Masonic Journey

Congratulations on the steps you have taken your personal Masonic journey. Your next ceremony will be the Third Degree or Ceremony of Raising after which you will be a Master Mason.

For more information about the ceremony you have just gone through, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/3GTBTwE>



Learning and Development

Many Lodges operate a Lodge of Instruction (LOI) or share a LOI with other Lodges. At LOI, brethren meet to practice and perfect the various ceremonies in an informal atmosphere.

This is where the ritual becomes familiar, the meaning of obscure passages explained, and where questions can be answered. Above all, LOI provides an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other, developing teamwork and camaraderie. Many Masonic friendships develop through the LOI. You do not need your regalia for LOIs and informal dress is usually acceptable.

Solomon

Solomon is a Virtual Learning Environment designed by members for members, it provides a wealth of Masonic material in various modules to read, print or download items of interest. To find out more and to join visit:

www.solomon.ugle.org.uk



Our Province

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk is the fourth oldest Masonic Province in England having met continuously since 1759. It has given us a wonderfully rich and colourful history of which we are very proud. Take time to visit our museum at 47 St Giles St Norwich, it is open to the public most weekdays.

The Province is overseen by a Provincial Grand Master, a Deputy and two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. They are aided by a team of Provincial Grand Officers with roles very similar to your lodge officers and are appointed on an annual basis. Further support is given by a Provincial Support Team who assist with social media, web management, photography, project management and implementation and the general day to day running of the Province.

As you become more accustomed to and comfortable with your Freemasonry, if you have the time, why not become involved with the Support Team; speak to the Provincial Office and they will find you a role you will enjoy.

For more information on our Province visit:
www.norfolkfreemasons.org.uk/



Local Charities

One of the main pillars of Freemasonry is Charity. We are very proud of the support we give nationally via the Masonic Charitable Foundation and locally through the Norfolk Freemasons Charitable Fund and our individual lodge donations. We support not only our members and their dependants in time of difficulty but also the wider world through grants for Medical Research, Disaster Relief, Air Ambulances, Blood Bikes, Hospices, and those, young and old, who suffer Social Exclusion and Disadvantage.

This highlights one of the great strengths of Freemasonry; while not primarily a fund-raising organisation, it attracts members who are philanthropic and generous of spirit. All this good work is achieved as a direct result of the fellowship and team spirit that comes from their lodge membership. For more information on Norfolk Provincial Charities visit:

www.norfolkfreemasons.org.uk/news/



What happens next?

The next step of your Masonic journey will be to become a Master Mason. Once again you will be provided with a few short questions to answer at the start of the ceremony. Your Proposer and Lodge Mentor will be happy to give you any help, support, and guidance you may need in learning them. The ceremony itself is very dramatic, memorable, and enjoyable.

It is now time to consider purchasing your own regalia which you will need before you take that third step and become a Master Mason. You will require a Master Mason's Apron, white gloves, and a case to carry them in. Sometimes second-hand regalia is available through your own Lodge or new can be provided through the Provincial Office or one of the many regalia suppliers.

Norfolk Blues will be a continuing support to you on your journey. Ask your Mentor about visits to other Lodges. Remember your Mentor is always available to answer any questions you may have.



Publications

Freemasonry Today (FMT) is a quarterly magazine published on behalf of UGLE featuring Freemasons' news, interviews, and articles. The magazine is posted direct to all Freemasons, free of charge.

It is also free to view online: <http://www.freemasonrytoday.com/magazine>



First Rising - The official newsletter for members of the United Grand Lodge of England. Issued every three weeks to give you the latest news from UGLE and keep you informed.

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