

Message from the Provincial Grand Master - 16^h July 2020

Freemasonry During the Pandemic Lockdown



As we ease out of lockdown and tentatively adjust to what will be our new normal, I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out to you all and to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for all that you have done to help and support both one another and also your families and the wider local community during what has been an incredibly stressful time for many.

We've seen and heard of many acts of kindness and generosity over the last number of months, many of you have reached out and assisted others who have needed help during this time, whether that was by delivering food parcels, providing PPE to frontline and charity workers, delivering much needed equipment for the NHS, or simply lifting the phone to say 'Hello' to someone who may have been feeling lonely. It all counts and it all made a difference.

I realise that many of you will be missing your regular meetings and interaction with your fellow Freemasons, however, at this stage there is still uncertainty as to when we will be able to host our meetings again. It is fair to say, we will be following guidelines and undoubtedly will be erring on the side of caution and not rushing into how things were, too quickly.

In the interim, I would encourage you all to keep in touch and keep up with the charitable actions that you are able to do. We will be communicating regularly through this website and also our new Facebook page which will go live within the next week. I would encourage you to 'like' by searching for 'Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim' on Facebook. Here we can provide regular updates on what is going on behind the scenes and keep you up to date on a few exciting initiatives that our members are involved in.

For now, we can enjoy spending time with our loved ones and embracing our family units again, enjoy this precious time and make the most of your circle of family and friends. I would also urge that we all continue to withhold the fundamentals of Freemasonry dear, as despite the fact that our meetings are still on hold, what makes us Freemasons is what we hold in our hearts, how we treat others and how we always strive to be better men.

I wish you and your families good health and happiness, and look forward to the day we can all meet safely again.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Brother John McLernon
Provincial Grand Master