

Chaplains Message – June 2021

Well Brethren, that's us into Summer and we hope everyone is in good spirits and well. As the restrictions are easing a little bit more, we can start to plan ahead for the good times to come later in the year although it may be a little while yet before we get back to our Lodges. The following reading from Ecclesiastes may help and give you encouragement to get ready to open up Safely, not only for yourselves but the Lodges with 3rd party users.

Ecclesiastes: 3. Verses 1-12.

1. To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
3. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;
4. A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
5. A time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
6. A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence and a time to speak;
7. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
8. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
9. I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.
10. He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
11. I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.
12. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

Although it won't be tomorrow when we can attend our Lodges it might be prudent to start now and think about getting our Lodges ready and safe for us all. There will obviously be cleaning and some upgrading of the premises that can be done now while the Lodges are closed, and these things can be done in readiness for getting back. It may seem daunting, but the Grand Lodge Strategic Committee are working hard to produce a guide which will help to keep us

within the Covid regulations. If those Lodges with their own premises require help and guidance, do not hesitate to get in touch with PGL Secretary or any of the commissioned office bearers who will be able to give assistance. There is a bit of paperwork to do (nothing too onerous Brethren) in order to comply with the regulations. It is never too early to get things put in motion and if something unexpected arises then there will be time to amend or improve the documentation before we open up for business.

Some Brethren may not know, but there are a few Brethren within the Province of Fife & Kinross who are trained in Health & Safety and are willing to give advice and assistance to keep us covered within the guidelines, so don't hesitate to ask for help. If we start now, it could make things easier in the long run.

We hope that you all have a good summer, and hopefully, next month we will have more good news to impart regarding the situation and give us more encouragement to get ourselves ready to get back to where we can enjoy each other's company which if like us, you are missing the usual banter and companionship, which we all cherish.

Meanwhile:-

STAY SAFE BRETHREN