

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

*It is suggested that you should regard your Initiation not only as the beginning of your Masonic journey or way of life, but also as a porchway to finding out about yourself and your relationship with your fellow man. When you start to learn the ritual it is equally as important to focus upon the meaning of the words as it is to commit them to memory.*

## 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.

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

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



## Solomon

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

<https://solomon.ugle.org.uk>



We hope you enjoy this facility.





## Our charities

As you learned at your Initiation, charity has been a significant part of Freemasonry with most of the money we raise coming out of our own pockets.

So whilst every brother is expected to contribute, it's important that no one should over-commit himself to charitable giving. You are now part of a much larger National and International family. As with all good families, welfare is important, and we should strive to help our Brethren and their families who are ill, or in distressed circumstances. When Freemasons or their dependants fall upon hard times, financial assistance may be available from their Lodge, Grand Lodge or the Masonic Charitable Foundation.



## What happens next?

The next step in your Masonic journey will be to become a Master Mason. The ceremony teaches how to use your life wisely and be remembered for the right reasons. This is when Freemasonry really begins to open up.

Some of the many privileges include witnessing the whole workings of every ceremony, joining and visiting other Lodges in the UK and throughout our Districts, as well as other Orders beyond the Craft such as the Royal Arch.

*There are several different rituals and 'workings' you may observe when visiting. You should always use the signs you have been taught and not those of other Lodges.*

*It's worth having a brief outline of words that you can easily adapt prepared in case you are asked, at the last minute, to reply to the visitor's toast. Just remember to keep it short with a few warm remarks.*



# 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:

<https://www.ugle.org.uk/discover-freemasonry/freemasonry-today-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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