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Members' Pathway: Interactive Quick Start Guide

UGLE have updated the Quick Start Guide for The Members' Pathway so that it is now an **interactive** document when viewed on your laptop or device. The guide contains many links to documents that will help you and your Lodge implement The Members' Pathway. In addition, it contains new sections of the UGLE Strategy and the Membership Challenge. Hard copies of the booklet will be distributed to all Lodges. To gain the full benefits of the booklet it is recommended that you download the interactive document from <https://b.ugle.org.uk/images/PDFs/Pathway/Members' Pathway Level 2 Printed Booklet.pdf>



Involvement of the Brethren and Ritual

Two common problems exist concerning ritual. In some Lodges they find that they have only one Brother that delivers one of the longer pieces and if he is ill or away it poses a problem. As it may be a long piece other Brethren may not have the time to commit to learning such a piece. At the other end of the spectrum, you are an active Lodge without enough work to keep as many Brethren involved as possible. In both cases there is a common solution, namely that of splitting the ritual up into smaller elements. For example, the Antient Chare in the first degree can be split into five or six parts and there are many other pieces that can be split.

New Area Mentor required for Plymouth 2

I firstly record my thanks to W. Bro. Chris Gould who is stepping down after doing sterling work as the Area Mentor for Plymouth 2, which consists primarily of the Lodges based at Manadon and St Aubyn.

Should any Brother (you do not need to be a past Master) wish to take on this role please contact W Bro Chris Bird (details below). The role is primarily that of providing the Lodge mentor with support at a local level. In the interim should any Lodge Mentor need help or advice please contact W Bro Chris Bird.

Expectations of the Lodge and the newer Brother

It is fundamental that the expectations of a new Brother are met. Some Brethren want to be involved from the start others need time to settle into Lodge. Similarly, if a Lodge has only one new member there can be a tendency to push him through his degrees and get him into office at the earliest opportunity. We are all different, it is therefore important that the new member is given time to adjust and want to progress. There are many examples where Brethren have been cajoled into office before they are ready. In such circumstance the result is that they leave. Which is bad for the individual, the Lodge and Freemasonry in general. Please look after your members and the rewards are great for everybody.

Should you require any help or wish to help the Province in their Mentoring activities or future topics for Mentor's Corner please contact W Bro Chris Bird mentoring@devonshirefreemasons.org.uk