

Grand Secretary's Office

August 2012

Dear Bro Secretary

THE OFFICE OF LODGE MENTOR

I am writing to tell you about the new office of Lodge Mentor which was approved at the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. It is an 'Additional Office' which ranks after the Charity Steward. I also enclose a letter to be given to your Lodge Mentor when he is appointed and some notes to be given to a Candidate's Personal Mentor. You can download further copies from the mentoring website www.masonicmentoring.org.uk . I would like to suggest that you circulate a copy of both to all Lodge members so that they are aware of the importance of the office.

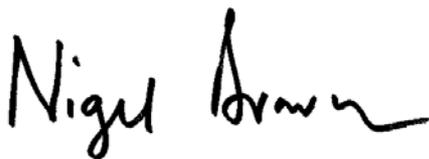
This new office recognises what has been happening in many Lodges for a number of years and is regarded as being of great importance in ensuring that every new mason, or indeed any brother, becomes involved in his Lodge and gains an understanding of Freemasonry so that he can enjoy his membership and be able to talk confidently and competently about it to his friends and family. The Grand Master wishes it to be known that he is fully behind this development and he hopes that each Lodge will appoint and invest a suitable brother to be Lodge Mentor.

Many Lodges have asked to have a few words to use when the Lodge Mentor is invested. The Worshipful Master may therefore consider using the following which has been recommended by the Pro Grand Master's Working Party on Mentoring:

Bro. I appoint you Mentor of the Lodge, and invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your office which is two chisels in saltire. It is your duty to promote the Masonic development of the brethren within this lodge by appointing a more experienced brother to guide and support both new masons, and those taking office, as their Personal Mentor. By doing this you will help to lay that solid foundation which is an essential part in helping them to understand and enjoy their Freemasonry. In taking this office you are accepting a great responsibility and I have every confidence that you will perform your duties to the utmost of your ability, not only for the benefit of the brethren of this Lodge, but of Freemasonry in general.

Metropolitan Grand Lodge and most Provinces and Districts have appointed a Grand Mentor who will be able to provide further help and guidance. A comprehensive library of support materials can also be found at www.masonicmentoring.org.uk.

Yours sincerely and fraternally



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Grand Secretary