

## The Robert Lomas Podcast Initiative #RLPI

### Overview of podcast distribution offered to Masonic lodges

The podcasts offered to WMs/Secs are private to the subscribing lodge members. This material would normally be delivered within a tyled lodge, and the copyright for the work remains with the podcast originator, who is identified in the title of the podcast. All podcast contributors, who retain full copyright for their work, have generously allowed it to be distributed by trusted lodges to its subscribing members for private enjoyment. It is not to be shared, passed on, or distributed to anyone other than the recipient who receives it from their lodge secretary. Should brethren of other lodges show an interest they should be referred to the podcast facilitator to arrange a supply of podcasts for their own lodge, on their own lodge get-together.

There are three grand reasons for accepting this restriction.

1. By restricting its use to subscribing members of a lodge it supports the WM/Secretary in offering a benefit for lodge membership which is not otherwise available. It is a small replacement for the right to attend meetings but is something tangible. If the material can simply be googled and downloaded from public sites there is no incentive to remain a subscribing member of a lodge to receive it.
2. The podcast writers, all well-known authors for Lewis Masonic, are trusting the brethren of the lodge, on their Masonic honour, to respect their copyright which is being freely offered to support subscribing members of the lodge in this difficult time. To distribute it without permission is both un-Masonic and unworthy of a Free and Accepted Mason.
3. The podcasts are digitally watermarked and can be traced. Copyright infringement is theft. Should any podcasts appear in 'the wild' they can, and will, be traced back to the lodge concerned and that lodge will receive no more podcasts as it will have demonstrated that among its members there is at least one 'wilfully perjured individual, void of all moral worth, and totally unfit to be received into this initiative or any lodge, or society of men/women/people who prize honour and virtue above all external advantages of rank and fortune.'

Podcasts will be sent out by a #RLPI facilitator to a secretary to distribute, via their own lodge email list, on the pre-announced day of the virtual lodge get-together to be distributed via the lodge email list at the normal time of meeting. Many lodges follow it with a discussion over their preferred video conferencing software.

This facilitator may be a facilitator already approved through the initiative, for example your group may already have an approved facilitator. For the Province of West Lancashire, if you are unsure where to go for advice or to get started please contact the Provincial Mentor, Stewart Cranage, [mentor@provinceofwestlancs.org](mailto:mentor@provinceofwestlancs.org)