

Mark Masons' Hall 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

14th June 2022

<u>To: All Heads of Orders</u> <u>Cc: All Provincial, District, Divisional, Regional and Unit Secretariats</u>

Dear Sir,

As we approach the summer slowdown of Masonic activity, we have reached a point where most Masonic units have caught up with outstanding Installations and other business carried over due to the Covid pandemic.

This letter is to inform you that from 1 September 2022 all 'special circumstances' Covid provisions will cease to be in force or effect at local level and Units, Provinces, Districts, and Divisions, should return to abiding by the rules laid down in the Constitutions, Regulations and Statutes of their Order.

In exceptional circumstances, where provision is required, wholly due to a situation brought about by Covid, you may apply for a Dispensation under Covid 'special circumstances', but only by application to the Registrations Department at Mark Masons' Hall <u>registrations@mmh.org.uk</u>

These applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The Virtual Business Meeting (VBM) facility must now also cease, unless by similar application to MMH in exceptional circumstances. However, due to the success of virtual meetings for Lodge Committees and Lodges of Instruction or similar, these may continue to be held virtually, ensuring that all existing guidance remains adhered to.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping our Orders moving during the Pandemic. You have been vital in ensuring that when we were able to return to meetings, there was an enthusiasm and appetite to do so among most of our members. We hope that you are now finding things more aligned with Freemasonry as we knew it in the pre-Pandemic era and, as usual, the team at Mark Masons' Hall will be happy to assist and advise Provinces, Districts, Divisions and Unattached Units if you are unsure as to what process should be followed.

Your faithfully

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