



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear Bro Secretary,

I trust you are well. I would be grateful if you will note the following points and distribute this bulletin to all your members including honorary members:

1. Lodge Suspensions

Following the recent announcement, Lodges may now choose to suspend masonic activities for a period not exceeding 3 months. In order to qualify, the Worshipful Master must have received written requests from no less than two-thirds of the Lodge members and have served written notice (by letter or email), to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master i/c (via myself). The notice should include the statement: *“with the written agreement of not less than two-thirds of the subscribing members of Lodge, No.”*.

On written acknowledgement from the ProvGSec, the Lodge may then begin the suspension period.

2. Rule of 6 and the Tyler

There has been some debate about the Tyler and his inclusion / exclusion in the Rule of 6. For your information, this is the directive received from UGLE:

Provided that the Tyler is never in the ante-room or the Lodge room with more than five other Brethren, he does not need to be counted as one of the six Brethren now permitted, so it is still possible to work a first or second degree if the Lodge wishes to do so.

3. 2nd Degree Ritual (adapted)

An adapted version of the Emulation 2nd degree ritual is now available from the Area Ceremonial Support Officers.

4. Lodge Secretaries Zoom Meeting

I intend to hold a Zoom meeting with up to 20 Lodge Secretaries to discuss any current issues – I will then publish the resulting Q&As in the next bulletin. If you wish to be included, please email me at frank.milner@hantsmasons.org (first come – first served).

5. QR Codes for Masonic Centres

In support of the Government 'Track and Trace' app, Masonic Centres will be displaying QR codes. If you have the NHS app on your phone, please ensure that you scan the code on arrival.

If you have any further questions regarding the resumption of meetings, please email the Provincial Office and I will share my response in a future bulletin. All previous bulletins are posted on the Provincial website.

Fraternal Regards
Frank Milner
Provincial Grand Secretary