



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear Bro Secretary,

I would be grateful if you will please note the following and circulate to your members including Honorary Members and also to your Visiting Officer.

1. Additional Temporary Emergency Measures for Covid-19

Further to the notice in the UGLE First Risings #14 on 15th February, the following notes will hopefully provide some clarification on this matter:

- a. These emergency measures are intended to allow a change in Worshipful Master between 1st March and 31st December 2021 in the following circumstances:
 - i. When the WM has already completed 2 years in Office and is about to enter his 3rd or 4th year in the Chair and the WM or the Lodge wish the WM to change (e.g. in order to avoid stagnation). If it is decided that the WM is to carry on past his 2nd year, a dispensation is required (Rule 115).
 - ii. The WM has either died or resigned from the Lodge and the Senior Warden is currently required to summon the Lodge (as per Rule 119(a)).
- b. These emergency measures override the requirements of Rule 108(a) which restricts the postponement of a Lodge Installation meeting to a maximum of 5 weeks – so, for example, if the lodge by-laws state 4th March as the Installation date, but the Lodge is unable to meet (because of Covid-19 Restrictions) until 4th June, the Lodge will be eligible to apply for a dispensation to Elect and Install a new WM at the same meeting on 4th June.

In this example, the WM will consequently serve for only 9 months until the next Election and in such cases, the WM, and Wardens will be deemed to have served a full year.

- c. Lodges whose Installation date falls before 1st March 2021 are not affected by these emergency measures and should proceed within the guidelines of the Book of Constitutions.

2. Zetland Court Fundraising Appeal

We have received the following appeal from the Chairman of the Association of Friends of Zetland Court:

At this time of year, we should be inviting you to buy Grand Draw tickets and join us for the annual Summer Fete, our biggest fundraiser each year. Sadly because of continuing restrictions and uncertainties, we have had to take the decision, again, that the Fete cannot take place and with Lodges unable to meet, it would be extremely difficult to sell tickets.

Zetland Court managed to stay Covid free until just before Christmas when, unfortunately, they were hit. It made for an extremely difficult time for the already hard worked staff and a miserable time for the

residents being isolated in their rooms for their own safety. The Home manager believes the worst has now passed and is trying to create a more usual environment for the residents.

The pandemic has severely impacted our ability to run any events or undertake fundraising.

We are appealing to Lodges to make a donation to the Association of Friends to allow us to continue our work for the residents. We have not been able to provide the variety of entertainment, coming into the Home, but are still able to provide materials for craft activities and prizes for quizzes and games run by the staff. We have been able to provide some upgraded televisions and I-pads for residents to be able to speak to their loved ones and help building visitor pods to allow indirect visiting. As restrictions ease, we are hoping to be able to provide more to improve the quality of life of the residents.

Donations can be made by cheque, payable to "AFZC" sent to 69 Harland Road, Bournemouth, BH6 4DW. Or by bank transfer to AFZC. Sort code: 54-30-03 Account No: 05716594. Please include your Lodge number with your donation as we are going to create a record of donations made during this challenging time.

So far this year we have been fortunate to have received support from South West Area and the MCT and matched funding of this from the MCF. But your donations are vital to continue our work. You have always been generous with your support and we hope that, despite the current circumstances, you will be able to support us again this year.

*Julian Redston
Chairman of the Association of Friends of Zetland Court*

Fraternal Regards
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Provincial Grand Secretary