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To: Members of All Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall

Dear Sir and Brother

Further guidance on the wearing of Face Masks at Masonic meetings

Many of you will be aware that further guidance issued by the Government on the mandatory wearing of face masks (for those not exempt) comes into force tomorrow, Saturday 8 August.

This advice supersedes previous advice given on the wearing of face masks while attending Masonic premises and during Masonic meetings, until further notice.

For the benefit of all Brethren attending meetings, and to maintain the reputation of Freemasonry in general, please ensure you that you always wear a face mask/covering while on Masonic business.

Full Government guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Where amended ceremonial procedures may suggest words are mouthed at certain points, this now becomes impracticable and should be replaced by a whisper, audible enough for the Officer receiving the words to hear, but not the Candidate. This shouldn't pose too great a problem as social distance will be maintained at these points of the ceremony.

Your co-operation in observing this requirement is appreciated.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

R.W.Bro. Ryan A Williams, P.G.J.W.
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