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To: All Provincial/Divisional/District Heads of Orders and Regional Grand Prefects in England

Dear Sir and Brother

Government announcement of changes to the rules relating to social gatherings in England

Yesterday's announcement of a reduction in the number of people allowed to meet socially in England has, quite understandably, created a great deal of concern and speculation among our members about its likely effect on Freemasonry.

Existing guidelines permit masonic meetings to take place provided no more than 30 people are present but what is not yet clear is whether the changes that take effect next week will reduce this number or whether we will benefit from an exemption.

Until the new legislation is published, meetings will continue to take place under the existing arrangements. As soon as we have been able to establish the definitive position (hopefully in the next few days), we will issue a joint statement with the United Grand Lodge of England setting out what should happen after 14 September 2020.

In the meantime, please reassure your Brethren that we (and UGLE) are doing all we can to safeguard the continuance of meetings within the permitted limits.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

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