



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador

March 16, 2020

To All Members of the Scottish Craft in
Newfoundland and Labrador

Dear Sir and Brother:

Re: Covid-19

After careful consideration, and having consulted with senior members of District Grand Lodge, I have come to the decision that the responsible action to take under the present circumstances is to cancel all meetings, both Regular and Committee as well as all social functions and any other gatherings whatsoever within the District.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled. I shall continue to monitor the situation closely and will cancel or modify this order as soon as I consider it appropriate to do so. During this period in the absence of regular lodge meetings all decisions of a routine nature such as the payment of rent and electricity and the like, shall be entrusted to the trustees of the Daughter Lodges as defined in Laws 182-4 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

This action may be inconvenient to some Lodges but we must act for the greater good of ourselves, particularly those many older members who are at greater risk, and to society as a whole, by reducing the opportunity for the virus to spread.

Our members have close contact with the Lodges of our Sister Constitution in this District it is my understanding that the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador have also suspended Masonic activities. I strongly advise against any visits to them during this period until this ban is lifted.

This notice is, in and of itself, the dispensation required to put it into effect.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. Scott Bartlett
District Grand Master
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