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To the Secretaries of the Daughter Lodges

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Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just returned from a week in Southern England and, although not incommunicado, have had restricted access to my P.C. The precautions that the Lodges and individuals are taking seem very sensible, given the current circumstances.

However, the M.W.G.M.M. is returning from South Africa, today, and the Government will be issuing an Emergency Bill, in the Commons, which, if passed will become the law of the land; thereafter.

Given the content of the two above events, it will probably mean that some of the decisions made by us will be “taken out of our hands”. I’m thinking, specifically about quarantine, the closure of public buildings and the restrictions on public gatherings.

In the meantime, please find attached “blanket dispensations” covering the cancellation of Meetings / Events and some other current requirements of Provincial Grand Lodge. There will be no need to write to me, individually, about these dispensations; please proceed with them, but please keep me and Brother Graeme Russell, Provincial Webmaster, closely advised for recording and communication purposes.

Once the content of Paragraph Two becomes apparent, this week, I will communicate the Provincial Grand Lodge advice and the instructions to the Lodge Secretaries from Grand Lodge and the Government.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Nicol Scobbie  
Provincial Grand Secretary