



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

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FROM: Heads of Scottish Masonic Orders

TO: Grand Committee
Provincial Grand Masters
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TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

Return to Masonic Activity

Dear Sir and Brother

The Heads of Scottish Masonic Orders met on Wednesday 11 August 2021, and discussed in general the fact that the United Kingdom continued to emerge from lockdown. In particular the focus was on the Scottish Governments most recent announcement which provided that all protection levels had been rescinded from Monday 9 August 2021.

As a result of these significant recent developments, the Heads of Orders were unanimous that Masonic activity in Scotland may resume with immediate effect.

In reaching this milestone decision it was acknowledged that Brethren will be keen to intensify planning and preparation for a resumption of Masonic meetings as we emerge from the summer recess. To this end all Scottish Orders will jointly issue further considerations during the week commencing Monday 16 August 2021.

Further considerations will be based on ensuring Masonic meetings adhere to existing and future Scottish Government guidelines. In addition, the Heads of Orders made clear that Brethren should not feel pressurised to attend meetings and the current dispensation in respect of the Constitution and Laws No. 122 will continue for the coming season 2021 – 2022.

It was agreed that the health situation in Scotland was still fluid and required monitoring in the short term, as a result the Heads of Orders will continue to meet every 6 weeks to ensure compliance with government guidelines or legislation, and react as appropriate to any future risk.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally

William M. S. Semple
Grand Secretary

