



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

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To: Provincial Grand Masters
Cc: District Grand Masters
Proxy District Grand Master (Lodges Under Direct Supervision)
Grand Superintendents
Provincial Grand Secretaries
District Grand Secretaries

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Dear Provincial Grand Master

Please circulate to your Province in the absence of having this read in open Lodge.

Masonic Social Media & Scottish Parliament Election

I refer to the above subject and request your assistance to maintain proper Masonic decorum on social media platforms during the build up to the Scottish Parliamentary Elections on 6 May 2021.

Political electioneering has only just commenced and I am already receiving notification of concerns regarding the use of social media.

As you are aware there are several Scottish Masonic forums on various digital platforms, the most common being Facebook. I suggest that any Scottish Masonic social media platform is regarded as an extension of the Lodge and therefor has no place for political commentary. I would expect platform administrators to endorse and implement this position.

All members of society enjoy the right to freedom of speech and Freemasons are no different. Brethren, however, should be aware, when communicating and expressing an opinion on their own social media accounts, they are subject to the law of the land and their conduct should at all times be that expected of a member of the Scottish Constitution.

Finally, a word of advice, always remember that your digital footprint never disappears and will be there for all to see when the dust settles on any online exchange of views. If in any doubt regarding the content of a post the best course of action will be to press the delete button and leave "*keyboard warriors*" to their own devices.

The busiest Committees in Grand Lodge are the Disciplinary Committee and the Disciplinary Review Committee. Let us not add to their burden over the next few weeks.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally

William M. S. Semple
Grand Secretary

