



# *The Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross*

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Dear Brother Secretary,

## **Returning to Masonic Activity**

Following on from letters dated 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 from Grand Secretary, Brother William M S Semple, Lodges within the Province of Fife and Kinross are reminded of the following requirements and good practices to ensure compliance with current legislation issued by the Scottish Government.

**Covid Risk Assessment:** A Risk Assessment should be completed in the style of the attached example by each Lodge, subject to the following;

Where Lodges own their premises and share them with other Lodges or other Masonic organisations, a jointly agreed risk assessment is acceptable. Lodges who rent Council premises should seek guidance from the building landlords. Lodges who are part of a Trust should enter into a risk assessment agreement compiled by the Trust.

**Face Coverings:** Face coverings are to be worn in all communal areas. Face coverings may be removed if 1 metre distancing is maintained when seated in the Lodge, bar area or when eating / drinking.

**Track and Trace:** Contact details should be recorded for Test and Protect. Lodges may wish to use a QR Code displayed at entrance door to assist. You can download the Check In Scotland app from the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#). In any case, Secretaries should ensure that a record of those in attendance, along with their contact details, is kept.

**Dispensations:** Lodges who decide that they do not wish to resume meetings should apply to Provincial Grand Lodge via Provincial Grand Secretary in the usual manner for a Dispensation.

The request should clearly intimate the proposed date of resumption of meetings or which meetings they wish to omit if the Lodge decides to reduce the frequency of meetings for a period.

**It is imperative that Lodges apply to Provincial Grand Lodge for Dispensations so that correct and accurate records can be kept.**

Lodges wishing assistance with any of the foregoing should contact their allocated Commissioned Office Bearer or Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Master would take this opportunity to remind Brethren and Lodges that there is no pressure to return to meetings and that any decision made by them will be supported.

For those Lodges who decide to return to Masonic activity, it is suggested that they concentrate on business meetings, rehearse Degree work and that visiting is kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rankin Clarkson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rankin Clarkson,  
Provincial Grand Secretary.