

27 May 2020

Brethren,

## REOPENING OF LODGES UNDER COVID-19 LEVEL 2

I am now pleased to advise that Lodges may reopen from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 subject to complying with Covid-19 Level 2 government restrictions <a href="www.covid19.govt.nz">www.covid19.govt.nz</a> and having a risk Mitigation Plan in place as outlined in our guiding principles and resources for Lodges available at <a href="www.freemasonsnz.org/covid-19">www.freemasonsnz.org/covid-19</a>

Under Level 2, restrictions still apply - with numbers limited to 100, continued social distancing, hand hygiene, contact tracing in place and if you decide to have Refectory you will need to take special care to comply with the requirements.

Each Lodge will make its own decision on when and how to reopen, based on having its own mitigation plan and appropriate steps in place to ensure that our more vulnerable brethren are catered for and kept fully engaged.

Your Divisional Grand Master holds dispensation powers from myself to support you in making the right decision for the brethren in your Lodge, including not reopening immediately if you so choose.

Please keep them and your District Grand Masters fully informed on your Lodge's intentions and remember they are here to assist and guide your Lodge.

Please fully utilise the resources provided by National Office for all members and Lodges at www.freemasonsnz.org/covid-19

I thank you for the commitment to create a safe country and the efforts made by each of you so far.

My personal best wishes and thanks to all Brethren.

Yours fraternally,

Graham Wrigley

**Grand Master**