## Mark Masons' Hall 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

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## To: All Members in the United Kingdom

Dear Sir and Brother

## Schedule of Fees for the Financial Year commencing 1 September 2021.

When the Grand Secretary wrote to you last July about reductions in Annual Dues, Registration & Joining Fees agreed by the Management Board, he explained that the purpose behind these concessions was to support our members, improve retention and aid recruitment.

We could not have forecast that the pandemic would still be affecting our daily lives to the extent that it is some six months on, and even though there may be grounds for optimism that things will improve this year, we recognise that, for many, the financial impact will last long after the pandemic is over.

The Management Board has therefore been considering what further help we can make available to our members and has agreed that:

- Annual Dues payable next September for the financial year 2020/2021, will be discounted by £10 per member. Annual Dues for Installed Masters' Units, where a reduced rate already applies, will be discounted by £5 per member.
- The 50% reduction on the standard rate of registration for a Brother on his admission agreed last year will be extended to cover the 2021/2022 Masonic year.
- And the 50% reduction in the fee payable for a Joining Brother previously registered agreed last July will also be extended to cover the 2021/2022 Masonic year.

We are making this announcement now because many Brethren are already experiencing financial difficulties whilst some maybe considering whether to stay simply due to the cost. We hope that the reductions agreed last year and those we have revealed today will enable as many Brethren as possible who are considering their future, to remain with us.

Further details of recommendations from the Management Board on how the surplus that the reduction will generate may be used to help those who need it most, will follow later.

The above changes will come into effect on 1 September 2021 and a copy of the updated Schedule of Fees will be posted on Keystone Online towards the end of this financial year.

Your support for our Orders throughout these difficult times is very much appreciated and the members of the Management Board hope that today's announcement will be warmly welcomed by you all.

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

M.W.Bro. Raymond J Smith

Pro Grand Master

Chairman, Management Board