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To: All Secretaries or equivalent of Masonic Orders Administered from Mark Masons' Hall and within the European Union.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In these exceptional times for Freemasonry the work of the Almoner is going to be of greater value than ever and there will no doubt be many calls on their time to report on the health and well-being of the Brethren and, in some cases, their close relatives.

Whilst undertaking this work it is important that Almoners do so within the confines of what is permissible under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) rules.

In short, written reports cannot contain details of a Brother's health unless his consent has been given.

As our own GDPR Code of Conduct is still undergoing review, we revert to the guidance issued by the United Grand Lodge of England, a copy of which is attached herewith.

These guidelines should in no way deter Almoners and Brethren from contacting each other and exercising the fraternal friendship and care which is such an important characteristic of Freemasonry.

Please could you forward a copy of this letter and attachment to all the members of your Lodge (or equivalent) so that every member is aware of the restrictions on sharing personal health information.

Our thanks go to you and your Almoners for the continued hard work and support of the Brethren and the Order.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

Dan Heath

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