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To

Secretaries, all daughter Craft Lodges

Dear Sir & RW/VW/W/ Brother

It has been brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge that some Lodges have been 'Resuming' the Lodge directly from the Third Degree to the First Degree, which is not permitted.

Your attention is drawn to Special Note XV of the Craft Ritual (28th Edition published in November 2019) that states:


"When the Lodge is open in all three Degrees or in any higher Degree, the Lodge may be resumed in any of the lower Degrees, for the convenient working of the labour of the day. However, it should be noted that, when the Lodge has been resumed in a lower Degree, it continues to be open in the higher Degrees. Therefore, it is necessary and compulsory to close the Lodge in the higher Degrees, before closing the Lodge. To illustrate, if a Lodge opened in all Degrees has been resumed in the first Degree for labour of the day, it has to be resumed in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees, before the Lodge is closed."

Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges must ensure that this stipulation of the Craft Ritual is strictly followed.

I also take this opportunity to wish you, the Worshipful Master and all the members of your Lodge a Happy and Healthy New Year 2022.

With Best Wishes

Yours Fraternaly


VISHAL BAKSHI
Grand Secretary

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