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GRAND SECRETARY

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To
Secretaries of all Daughter Lodges

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Bro.,

It has come to notice that many Lodges request for dispensation from the Regional Grand Masters concerned for Initiation/Passing/Raising more than two candidates at a time. A point was raised in this connection in the Board of General Purposes some time ago that such Initiation/Passing/Raising of more than two candidates reduced the impact of the ceremony on the candidates with adverse consequences. At the same time, it was noted that under Rule 143 of Book of Constitutions, the Regional Grand Masters has powers to grant dispensation for conferring any one degree on more than two candidates, keeping in mind the special circumstances in which the application is made. However, it was observed that often such dispensations are given in a routine manner.

Of course it is not necessary to interfere with such powers conferred on the Regional Grand Masters, but that Lodges may be impressed upon to restrict the number of candidates for initiation/passing/raising to not more than two candidates at a time and that if more candidates are allowed through dispensation granted by the Regional Grand Master, the ceremony may be so conducted in suitable lots, as to ensure that the impact of the ceremony on the candidates is in no way diminished due to such additional candidates.

The Regional Grand Lodges are also being instructed to submit to Grand Lodge a bi-monthly report of the Dispensations issued by them along with the reasons thereof.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(VISHAL BAKSHI)
Grand Secretary