

## **MORE THAN ONE CEREMONY IN A DAY**

It is perfectly in order for a Lodge or Chapter to conduct more than one ceremony in a day. Indeed for some Lodges, this is standard practice. (If one of the ceremonies is the Installation, it is usual for it to come last).

However, Lodges doing so must bear in mind the dignity of the Craft and the reasonable convenience of the members.

No ceremonial must be curtailed or accelerated in an undignified way.

All necessary Officers or qualified substitute Officers must be present.

No candidate may receive his next Degree until four weeks (twenty-eight days) have elapsed since receiving his previous Degree. So no candidate may receive more than one Degree on the same day.

The particular demands of working ceremonies with more than one candidate should be carefully considered both in terms of space and the movements required by the ceremony. If in doubt, consult the Province by e-mail.

In some cases, if a Lodge has a large number of candidates moving through the Degrees, it might be better to have two ceremonies rather than one ceremony with too many candidates for comfort.

A Dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master is required if a Lodge wishes to confer the same Degree on more than two candidates on the same day, even if it is intended to conduct more than one ceremony in order to do so.

A multiplicity of candidates or ceremonies should not be allowed to result in an over-long Festive Board following the ceremonies, so that Brethren are inconvenienced or unduly late leaving for home.