

CANCELLING, ABANDONING OR ADJOURNING A MEETING

A Lodge must attempt to hold all its regular meetings as specified in its By-Laws, in order to maintain its continuity.

A meeting cannot be 'cancelled' and the word must never be used in Lodge minutes. If a Lodge meeting could not take place, it should be declared 'abandoned'. This implies that the Lodge attempted to meet but a quorum was not possible. (This does happen, particularly in the north of our Province, as a result of bad weather).

It has to be clear from the minutes that the Lodge attempted to meet.

The use of the word 'cancelled' could jeopardise the continuity of the Lodge when it comes to Centenaries and other Anniversaries.

The proceedings of a Lodge may never be 'postponed'. Individual matters of business may be deferred to another meeting, but even if a Lodge is 'called off' during a meeting, it must be 'called on' again at the same meeting and closed in due form.