

MOVING A MEETING DAY OF A LODGE OR CHAPTER

Rule 139 governs the moving of the day of meeting of a Lodge or Chapter. It gives rise to a great number of unnecessary inquiries to the Provincial Office. It is, in fact, very simple, and the chart below explains how you should proceed.

WE ARE DUE TO MEET ON	SHOULD WE MOVE THE MEETING?	HOW SHOULD WE PROCEED?	
A SUNDAY CHRISTMAS DAY, or GOOD FRIDAY	You <u>MUST</u> move the meeting	Move the meeting by up to SEVEN days either way without Dispensation	Move the meeting by more than SEVEN days by requesting a Dispensation
ANY OTHER PUBLIC HOLIDAY	You <u>MAY</u> move the meeting, but you do not have to	Move the meeting IF YOU WISH by up to SEVEN days either way without Dispensation	Move the meeting IF YOU WISH by more than SEVEN days by requesting a Dispensation
A DAY OTHER THAN THE ABOVE WHICH PROVES TO BE INCONVENIENT	You <u>MAY</u> move the meeting for a reason acceptable to the Provincial Grand Master	You <u>MUST</u> apply for a Dispensation IN ALL CASES	

Dispensations cannot be issued to move a meeting more than 28 days, either way.

This rule only governs the moving of a regular meeting to another date. If that meeting is your Installation, then the Installation Ceremony also moves to the revised date.

However, separate rules come into play in the unfortunate circumstance of the Master Elect, or Principal(s) Elect, not being available for the day of Installation, and advice on this subject is available on this website.

<https://www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk/members/provincial-office/dispensation-request/>