



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hertfordshire

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Dear Brother Secretary

### **CORONAVIRUS Provincial Grand Lodge Update**

Please find attached the latest update from Mark Grand Lodge dated 23 March, which outlines the processes to be adopted as we go forward and [hopefully] get back to normal Masonic activities in the future. It is not essential you circulate this information.

I will elaborate on some of the points given by Grand Lodge, both for Mark & RAM Lodges. In the Province it is preferred that the first regular meeting back is the installation if this had been abandoned due to the suspension. When advised normal activities will resume, and you are planning the meeting, please ensure you apply to me for a dispensation, if required, in enough time allowing the minimum three weeks Grand Lodge need to issue; there will be a large number of requests they have to handle by this stage. If an installation meeting the earliest you advise me the more likely of having a representative from the Province in attendance.

If you do decide to have an additional meeting, for either Installation or normal work, again please let me know with maximum notice so they can be included on the Provincial rota with representation if necessary.

We will be working on the Provincial rota during August for issue in September, provided indications of a resumption are positive.

If you require any further information on the contents of the attached letter as far as your Lodges are involved, please let me know, but I think it is all reasonably clear.

There are two other points we wish to stress. First, that during the general suspension Lodges must ensure subscriptions from your membership are collected in accordance with your By-Laws. The second is that any normal charges [per capita] that are to be paid to the Masonic centre where you would have met during the suspension are still paid – our venues need to stay in business, and your subscriptions should cover these sums.

Finally it is important that your Lodges keep in touch with your members during this period and if any are having problems ensure your Lodge Almoner is made aware so assistance can be given, with the Provincial Almoner informed if necessary.

Please take care during these exceptional circumstances.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

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Provincial Grand Secretary