



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hertfordshire

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Dear Brother Secretary

CORONAVIRUS Provincial Grand Lodge Update

On behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, I am issuing the following update on the situation and guidelines for our Province which are set out below, but firstly the PGM completely supports all the advice which has been provided from Mark Grand Lodge, other Masonic bodies as already circulated, plus the Government guidelines. He wants all Lodges to carry on as near normal as possible.

I have spoken to Grand Lodge this morning to clarify some points with respect to meetings. Their advice is that wherever possible, that a meeting goes ahead on the regular date with the summons issued, subject to the advice already given and the wishes of the members. If numbers are very low then the requirements of BoC Regulation 125 will apply when a minimum of three plus a Tyler can hold the meeting to preserve continuity, with an entry in the minute accordingly. Should this occur you must notify myself.

In the case of an installation, if the Lodge wish to postpone the meeting a dispensation must be applied for by email from myself, advising the new date [BoC 105]. The elections may have to be the same day.

If a summons has already been issued the instructions as my circular yesterday will apply. Once again, if taking this action please let me know.

The PGM also considers if the members wish to hold a meeting, no rehearsal should take place to avoid unnecessary contact. The PGM's LOI's will be cancelled until further notice.

The Provincial executive have decided that there will be no representation or Provincial Officers / VGOs in attendance at Lodge meetings with immediate effect.

The two banner dedications scheduled for May are being postponed until later in the year and the Mark Demonstration, also in May, has been cancelled. A decision on the RAM Demonstration will be made later.

The Provincial meeting scheduled for 14 July is under review and a decision made in the future; the issue of the Calling Notice for the meeting is on hold.

It is essential that all communications relating to this matter are addressed to myself, together with any further clarifications or additional information required. Should the situation change I will advise.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

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Provincial Grand Secretary