

# Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Lancashire

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**To:**

**Members of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in Province of West Lancashire.**

Dear Sir and Brother

## **Notice of a Suspension of All Masonic Activity in West Lancashire**

Following yesterdays parliamentary approval of the new Coronavirus Tier Restrictions the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has with immediate effect ended the general suspension of Masonic activities introduced on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**In view of the new tier 2 & 3 Government restriction imposed in the Province of West Lancashire due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in conjunction with the Grand Secretary have decided all Lodges meeting within the Province of West Lancashire are again suspended with immediate effect until further notice.**

Lodges subject to suspension are not required to issue a summons for meetings that would otherwise have taken place, but a copy of this suspension letter must be placed in the Minute Book to ensure that continuous working of the Lodge is not interrupted.

Virtual Business Meeting can be held during the suspension. Lodge Secretaries and Scribes need only follow the Seven-Step process for a Virtual Business Meeting.

A letter requesting permission to hold a Virtual Business Meeting along with a Paper of Business and Dispensation application form, to hold a meeting without a warrant, should be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting. This will allow a week to issue the necessary permission and enable you to give your members the required 14 days' notice a Virtual Business Meeting is to take place.

These are unprecedented times requiring unprecedented action and I feel sure you will agree that the suspension of all masonic activity is the right thing to do. We are facing a considerable challenge because of the further spread of the coronavirus and will do so for some time to come. So, it's important that we do as much as we can to safeguard one another, maintain contact with one another by phone and email, and ensure that when the current lockdown measures are over, we can resume the practice and enjoyment of our freemasonry.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Andrew W. Dickson  
Provincial Grand Secretary