



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London

A message from the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

To all Lodge Secretaries and Scribes

Following Parliamentary approval of the new Coronavirus Tier Restrictions, I write to advise you of the following instructions issued by the Prov.G.M.: -

The Suspension of all Mark and R.A.M. Meetings in the Province of London, are now lifted.

With immediate effect, it is permissible for Lodge Meetings to resume, subject to the following conditions, which are in line with the Tier 2 Restrictions affecting London: -

- Lodges may only meet at Mark Masons Hall, 86 St James's Street, or other Covid compliant approved Masonic Venues.
- Lodge Secretaries intending to hold a Lodge Meeting, MUST advise the Provincial Grand Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the intended date.
- Meeting numbers must comply with the Rule of 6 (which includes the Tyler or Warder).
- Face coverings must be worn at all times when indoors and social distancing of 2 metres must be observed at all times.
- Brethren who reside in a Tier 3 restricted geographical area may NOT attend a London Mark or R.A.M. meeting, either as a Member or as a Visitor.
- Ceremonies, where worked, should comply with the previously issued Adapted Ceremonies Guidelines.
- Where a Lodge elects not to meet on the regular date as allowed by its By-laws due to the Lodge not being able to be quorate, the meeting will be declared as abandoned on the day and recorded as such in the minute book.
- Virtual Business Meetings by Zoom etc. in lieu of Lodge Meetings may continue under the permissions and procedures currently in place.
- Social Meetings by Zoom etc. may continue and indeed are to be encouraged.
- Masonic Festive Boards remain proscribed and should not be held.

The over-riding concern of the Prov.G.M. is that Brethren should remain well and feel safe. No-one should feel compelled to travel to MMH for a Lodge Meeting and those attending are encouraged to take all possible precautions to ensure the well-being of themselves and those they are in regular and close contact with.

Tom