

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Lancashire

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To all Lodge Secretaries and Scribes to be forwarded to all members

COVID 19 UPDATE

In accordance with the directions from Mark Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master has advised that:-

- Although it is a personal choice, it is recommended that no one over 65 or with underlying health issues should attend any meetings.
- Major events will be postponed i.e.:- Festivals, Team Visits
- Individual Lodges have four options in the current climate of uncertainty:-
 1. Go ahead with the meeting if sufficient Brethren have confirmed attendance and wish to do so.
 2. Apply for a Dispensation to postpone the meeting and hold it at a future date.
 3. Open the Lodge meeting with a minimum number of members present which must be an Installed Master and 3 other Lodge members and a Tyler, pass the Minutes of the previous meeting and defer all other business and Close the Lodge.
Thus the minutes will ensure continuity of the Lodge over the years and not prejudice its period of existence. Such a meeting could be held in any convenient place and not necessarily in a Masonic Hall providing there is the necessary quorum present and named in the minutes. It would not be necessary to have a meal.
 4. If it is not possible to get an Installed Master and 3 other Lodge members and a Tyler together, no business may be transacted and the meeting should be abandoned and a Note entered in the Minute Book stating that:-

The Regular [Installation] meeting of the Lodge on [date] was duly called but abandoned due to the incidence of coronavirus.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE – 6th MAY 2020

The situation regarding the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held on the 6th May is under review and the Executive will take into consideration any Government Directives.

It may be cancelled or postponed but it is hoped that things may improve so that the Recipients who are receiving promotion will not be disappointed.

You will be kept informed as soon as a decision is made within the next 2 weeks but it is open to any brother over the age of 65 years to miss the event this year without any detriment to them.

If there are any questions or queries please contact me.

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Provincial Grand Secretary