

# Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Lancashire

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## COVID 19 – Provincial Meeting and Royal Ark Mariner Assembly 2020

Brethren,

You will all be aware of the edict from UGLE and Mark Masons Hall suspending all Masonic activities for 4 months from the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

This of course covers the normal date for the Provincial meeting which was scheduled to take place at Southport Conference Centre on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to this suspension the Provincial meeting cannot be held.

After considering the various options to rearrange the meeting for a date in September or October and taking into account the uncertain advice currently being disseminated from Government, it has been decided that we will not reschedule the 2020 Provincial meeting for later in the year in its usual format.

The next Provincial meeting will therefore be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at Southport.

If the CORVID 19 crisis has been resolved later this year and Masonic meetings are reinstated, a smaller meeting may be arranged at a Masonic Hall at which the Appointments and Promotions will be conferred and myself invested as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in place of V.W.Bro. Ian Nairn who has requested that he retire with effect of the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

All the newly appointed and promoted Provincial Officers who would have received their honours at Southport on the 6<sup>th</sup> May will be entitled to use the designated rank after the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly is scheduled to be held on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020. After the problems arising last year at Garstang, arrangements have been made to hold the meeting at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool.

It is hoped that the suspension of Masonic activities will have been lifted by this date but I will advise you of any updates in due course.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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