

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

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Changing Covid rules with effect from 19 July 2021 – Local Suspensions

Dear Brethren,

Following the announcement of The Prime Minister that from 19th July, England would move to Step 4 of the roadmap for exiting Covid -19 restrictions, as well as the subsequent letter from the Grand Secretary dated 16th July 2021 'Changing Covid rules with effect from 19th July 2021'.

I would remind you that my letter of 4th December 2020 placed the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in Berkshire in SUSPENSION until further notice. That suspension is still in force and must be adhered too and with the Covid 19 situation in England constantly changing I am not as yet minded to proceed with a general lifting of the suspension.


However, I am willing, on an individual Lodge basis, to grant a temporary lifting of the suspension for Lodges wishing to have a face to face meeting. I must stress that whilst welcoming the changes that are taking place next week, we must all remember that there will be some who will not view the situation so positively therefore every effort must be made to accommodate those who are more cautious by always taking a pragmatic and common-sense approach.

The lifting of the temporary suspension will be granted, on an individual Lodge basis, by a request to the Provincial Grand Secretary, so that meetings can take place. Permission to proceed with your meeting will be on the basis that the content of the Grand Secretaries letter as well as all Government and meeting venue regulations are adhered to and complied with.

Should you decide to proceed with a face to face meeting please ensure no individuals feel pressurised into attending and that those who do attend exercise caution and personal responsibility.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

Richard J Olliver

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