



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons West Yorkshire

15th June 2021

To all Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners
of Lodges operating in the Mark Province of West Yorkshire

Extension to Local Suspension of Masonic Meetings

Mark Province of West Yorkshire

I wrote to you on 19th April 2021, extending the local suspension of all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Meetings in the Province until at least 21st June, the date then set by Her Majesty's Government for the lifting of all Covid restrictions in England.

On 14th June, the Prime Minister announced that due to concerns relating to the spread of the Delta variant of the virus, the date set for the lifting of all restrictions will be deferred until 19th July.

Having once again taken all local considerations into account, including the current infection rate in West Yorkshire, the rollout of Covid vaccinations, and the fact that many Masonic Halls will remain closed throughout the summer, I have decided to continue to take a cautious approach.

I have therefore agreed with the Grand Secretary that a Local Suspension will remain in place for all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges meeting in the Mark Province of West Yorkshire, until at least 19th July 2021, or until such time Her Majesty's Government lifts all Covid restrictions.

Lodges scheduled to meet in the interim may still hold Virtual Business Meetings if they have important business to conduct, or Virtual Lodge Meetings to maintain Social contact. Lodge Secretaries and Scribes should consult with the Provincial Grand Secretary as necessary.

I do hope that you will agree with my decision to continue to take a cautious approach, and I will write to you again in July to confirm the situation at that time.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Bro James Steggle G.M.R.A.C

Provincial Grand Master