



Province of Yorkshire, West Riding and Provincial Grand Chapter

From the RW Provincial Grand Master and ME Grand Superintendent

Re the Statement from the MW The Grand Master

Brethren and Companions,

I hope that you will have seen the brief statement issued by The Grand Master at lunchtime today which states that :

“In view of the latest Government advice on the coronavirus pandemic, all Lodge and Chapter meetings within England and Wales are suspended for a period of four months with immediate effect .”

This will have significant implications and will raise many questions and queries from members. We will over the coming days and weeks endeavour to provide you with advice and guidance as best we can and without bombarding you.

As in our previous communication if you have any specific queries please direct these to the dedicated advice email address

advice@wrprovince.co.uk

We will do our best to answer your questions as quickly as possible but you will appreciate that this is an unprecedented situation and it may take us a little time to work through the answers. Please be patient!

The Grand Superintendent and myself have, in conjunction with the Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree set up a small Contingency Planning Group comprising our respective Deputies and the Provincial Grand Secretaries and Scribe E. The group is meeting by video conference three times a week until further notice and will be issuing regular bulletins and maintaining a document of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our respective websites.

For the time being please bear with us while we work our way through this and, above all, please ensure that if you need any help or support, or if you know a Brother or dependent in such need you contact your Lodge Almoner or call:

the confidential helpline **03449 020220**

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