



*Provincial Grand Lodge of  
Mark Master Masons of Kent*

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Resumption of Masonry - Local Suspension**

Dear Brethren,

As we progress towards the recommencement of our masonic activity in Kent, my senior executive and I have been considering the practicalities of the resumption and balancing these against our top priority of the welfare of our members'.

We have also given due consideration to the restrictions that are expected to remain in place, specifically around the limits set out by both the Government and GLMMM regarding the numbers of attendees that will be allowed to get together. We also appreciate that not all of our masonic centres are quite ready or able to open their facilities in the coming weeks. Consequently, I have decided that the **Local Suspension** of all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner face to face meetings in the Province of Kent, will **not** be lifted until at least the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

We hope that this will provide some certainty regarding future plans and that it will enable individual units to better prepare for the resumption of masonry. By then we are also very hopeful that a sufficient number of our members will feel confident in being able to return to meetings, and that our centres will be able to accommodate unit requirements.

We will publish detailed guidance in late May to assist units further. This will cover the key areas of: Care and Welfare, Membership matters, Administrative requirements, and Ritual and Ceremonial considerations.

If you have any questions regarding what this means for you or your Lodge, please contact the Provincial Grand Secretary for further advice. During the suspension you are encouraged to utilise Virtual Business Meetings and also virtual social get togethers.

Please do look after yourselves and keep in touch with the elderly and more vulnerable members of your Lodges to ensure they are okay.

Yours aye,

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**R.W.Bro. Archibald I. Torrance**  
**Provincial Grand Master**  
**Mark Province of Kent**

**Beckenham**  
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