



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE  
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

## Coronavirus Bulletin 16

2nd December 2020

Dear Bro Secretary / Scribe E,

I trust you are well. I would be grateful if you will note the following points and distribute this bulletin to all your members including honorary members:

**A Joint Message from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master i/c and the Grand Superintendent**

From today, 2nd December 2020, the Province will come out of the latest National Lockdown and will be subject to the following revised Tier restrictions:

- a. **Hampshire: Tier 2 (High):** These restrictions include a prohibition on meetings being held indoors other than of the same household or support bubble. This therefore makes it inappropriate to hold a Lodge or Chapter meeting.
- b. **Isle of Wight: Tier 1 (Medium):** These restrictions state that you must not socialise in groups larger than 6 people, indoors or outdoors, other than where a legal exemption applies. On the Isle of Wight therefore, Lodge and Chapter meetings may proceed providing these restrictions are observed.

**In order to observe the NHS guidelines and to protect the health and wellbeing of our brethren, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master i/c and the Grand Superintendent, under their implied powers, hereby suspend regular and other face to face masonic meetings throughout the Province (excluding the Isle of Wight).** This suspension will be reviewed in early January 2021.

During this period of suspension, it will not be necessary to issue summonses for regular meetings but an entry should be recorded in the minute book against the regular meeting date noting the circumstances of the suspension of the meeting.

Lodges and Chapters on the Isle of Wight must continue to issue summonses and meet as usual, observing Tier 1 restrictions, unless they have formally given notice to suspend masonic activities for a period of time, up to a maximum of 3 months (see Bulletin 14, item 1).

It is to be hoped that the recent announcements of successful vaccine trials will result in us reaching the light at the end of the tunnel and enable us to return to more usual masonic activities during 2021.

In the meantime, Brethren and Companions, please stay safe and well until we are able to meet once again.

Fraternal Regards  
Frank Milner  
Provincial Grand Secretary