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Coronavirus Update 10

Dear All,

I along with the other Local Heads of Orders administered from Mark Masons Hall received a letter from the Grand Secretary yesterday and have included below an extract from that letter relevant to Tier two Coronavirus restrictions.

"Tier 2: The new law also allows Masonic Meetings to be held in areas falling within Tier 2 as 'permitted organised gatherings' described above. Local Heads of Order may exercise their judgement as to whether to allow Meetings under Tier 2 restrictions to take place within their jurisdiction. To minimise the risk of transmission of the virus, the maximum permitted attendance at a Meeting is Six to include the Tyler (or equivalent)"

You will no doubt also have been informed of the decision that Craft and Holy Royal Arch Meetings continue to be suspended.

Whilst my understanding is that some restaurant style dining can take place inside, it is restricted to family members and other personal bubbles only. Which by definition would preclude any dining after a Masonic Meeting.

Taking into account, the thoughts of some of the other local Heads of Orders I have decided that all Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Meetings will remain suspended for the immediate future. This decision will be reviewed in the New Year.

I strongly believe this is the most sensible approach at this time to ensure our Members remain as safe as possible.

Zoom Meetings both formal and informal can of course continue and are a good medium of conducting some lodge business as well as staying in touch with each other

Stay well and safe

Thank you

Terry