

Coronavirus update 1

Dear all

I thought it might be useful to try and give regular updates to you as we move through the next few months.

Now that meetings are suspended its vital we stay in touch and ensure we look out for the more vulnerable amongst us.

I have had several emails from brethren with ideas on how to achieve this and I thank them for their suggestions. However I think we should not try to implement to many solutions and as many of us are in several other Orders we could end up with many disparate initiatives. As we are all members of the Craft I think for the time being we should give our support to the Craft and to this end I am aware of an excellent initiative they are currently working up where the use of masonic centre could be used to distribute food to our vulnerable members. I will keep you informed as this progresses.

My decision to assist the Craft does not of course stop any of you developing your own initiatives to help local communities or lodge members.

Lodge Almoners also play an important part in looking after the health of our members and I urge them to keep in touch with members and to identify where we as a Province may be able to help those who may need some form of assistance. As always the Provincial Grand Almoner is the first port of call and his contact details can be found on the website.

Can I also ask Lodge Secretaries and Scribes to use this down period to ensure member records are up to date, changes of addresses, emails etc are report to the Provincial Secretary, all returns and Lodge accounts are submitted.

With regard as to how we return to business as normal will be communicated to you once we have received instructions from Grand Lodge.

Lastly please try to continue to support our welfare fund by purchasing bonus balls and key ring/ trolley tokens.

Thank you

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