PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF LINCOLNSHIRE

R W Bro Stephen C. Hallberg **RAMGR** Provincial Grand Master



13th March 2020 12.20 hours

COVID- 19 PANDEMIC

Dear Sir & Brother

The Mark Province of Lincolnshire with immediate effect will mirror the actions of the Craft Province of Lincolnshire and fully comply with the advice given by United Grand Lodge of England (copy attached). In effect this means <u>postponement of all Provincial events</u> for a <u>period up to the 1st June 2020, including Provincial Grand Lodge on 28th March 2020.</u> This will hopefully be re-arranged as soon as considered safe to do so.

All Lodges must consider their meetings in light of the advice given, and the expectation is that advice will be complied with i.e. **no person aged over 65 OR having illnesses mentioned** in the UGLE advice should attend meetings. In view of the age profile this will invariably result in meetings having to be cancelled and advice sought from the Provincial Secretary as to the procedure to follow.

Whilst it is appreciated this will cause significant difficulties to all meetings the overarching priority is the health and wellbeing of our members. Lodges should where possible try to support those who provide catering and maintain relationships built over many years.

It is appreciated that the current situation will cause considerable concern, but it is an unprecedented situation calling for an unprecedented response.

Further updates will be issued in due course and whilst the Province is looking forward to an improvement, it may be necessary to extend the period of postponements as the situation develops.

Provincial events which will be cancelled will follow.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,

Provincial Grand Master

S. C. Hallberg