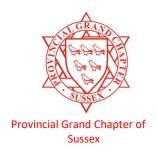


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Further Suspension of Masonic Meetings (Craft and Chapter) in Sussex

Brethren and Companions,

On Thursday 3rd December next the whole of Sussex will come out of the latest National Lockdown against the Covid-19 pandemic and become subject to revised Tier 2 (High Risk) restrictions. These restrictions include (subject to specific exceptions which do not apply to such as Freemasonry) a prohibition on meetings being held indoors other than of the same household or support bubble. This therefore makes it impossible, under the restrictions coming into force, to hold a Lodge or Chapter meeting without breaking the law.

For the avoidance of any doubt or colourable schemes to evade these restrictions, and to prevent any inadvertent breaches of the law, I, as Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent, under the implied power vested in me to ensure the safety of the members of the Craft and the Royal Arch within my jurisdiction, as well as that of members of the public, hereby suspend regular and other face to face masonic or masonic-related meetings within the Province of Sussex for so long as the Province is designated as being subject to Tier 2 (or Tier 3) restrictions.

In the event of the restrictions being lifted in respect of part only of the Province this suspension shall continue to apply to that part of the Province remaining subject to Tier 2 (or Tier 3) restrictions.

During the 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 masonic meetings within the area of the regular meeting place of the Lodge or Chapter.

It is to be hoped that the recent announcements of apparently successful vaccine trials against this dreadful disease will result in us reaching the light at the end of the tunnel and returning to more usual masonic activity in the latter half of 2021.

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

With sincere fraternal regards,

Christopher L. Moore ProvGM/GSupt