



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

Coronavirus Bulletin 7

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Dear Bro Secretary,

I trust that you and your family continue to keep safe. I'd be grateful if you will please note the following and distribute the information to your members:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate VW Bro Jonathan Whitaker on his appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge.

1. Toast List

I'm aware that this is a little academic as we are not meeting at the moment, but a new Toast List has been published on the Provincial Website. You may notice that W Bro David Perkis, who is Deputy PGM Designate, is not included, as he has not yet been officially invested.

2. Letter from the MW Pro Grand Master

Please see the attached letter that you may or may not have already seen. I'd be grateful if you will pass this on to those Lodge members who do not have access to the Information Service.

3. Election and Installation of Worshipful Master

I have had a number of enquiries regarding the election and/or installation of the Worshipful Master from Lodges who would normally undertake these activities during the suspension period. To be clear, no election or installation may take place outside a regular lodge meeting (i.e. by email or video conference is not permitted). Once we have been advised of a lifting or partial lifting of the suspension, we will publish further guidance on this subject. In the meantime the current WM and his Officers remain in place.

As the Lodge GPC is an advisory body with no executive powers, it is perfectly in order for it to meet by Zoom or other video conferencing methods.

4. Covid-19 Support

Throughout the pandemic, there has been a significant amount of support from across the Province - from individual brethren, lodges and from our masonic charities:

- a. We have successfully submitted three applications to the Covid-19 Response Group including a joint application with the Province of Dorset for funds to support the 'Veterans in Action' charity that are using their network of Land Rovers and volunteers to deliver food to vulnerable members of the community.

- b. The Provincial Masonic Charitable Trust (MCT) has made the following grants:

Cases	Number	Approved Funding
Non- Covid grants	16	£15.8k
Covid-19 related grants	20	£25.7k *
Totals	36	£41.5k

- c. A summary of Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) activities is as follows:

Category	Financial	Health	Family	Totals
Cases (YTD)	62	31	34	127
Value of grants	£180.1k	£33.4k	£15.6k	£229.1k
Since Lockdown on 23 rd March				
Cases **	27	14	19	60
Value (Rounded)	£99.6k	£20.8k	£6.8k	£127.1k

*£25.7k of support has been approved by the MCT Trustees. Not all of this has yet been disbursed.

**With the MCF data, at this time it isn't possible to distinguish those cases specifically awarded financial support as a result of Covid-19. However, the increase in financial support, in terms of numbers supported and the amounts awarded, since the Lockdown, is noticeable.

- d. Covid-19 Relief Chest grants were reported in the previous Bulletin and have increased significantly since then and we are now close to the £10,000 allocation. Thank you to all those who have submitted applications for grants in favour of worthy causes across the Province.

Keep safe!

Fraternal Regards
 Frank Milner
 Provincial Grand Secretary