

THE  
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of Ancient, Free and  
Accepted Masons  
of North Carolina



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GRAND MASTER'S ORDER NO.: 4  
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**THAT WHEREAS** due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, on October 2, 2020, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw issued Order No. 10 amending his prior Order No. 9 with regard to the opening of lodges and other Masonic affiliated organizations to in-person meetings subject to certain conditions and safety protocols, in part, said Order No. 10 providing that “20. No meals shall be prepared or served in the lodge building.”;

**AND WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2020, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw issued Order No. 11 which provided additional conditions and safety protocols for lodges and other Masonic affiliated organizations to adhere to during in-person meetings, and further providing that “23. Lodges may serve pre-packaged foods inside lodge facilities or offer fully catered meals to the brethren in attendance. At no time shall any lodge member prepare or serve meals, unless the member is a part of the catering service hired by the lodge. (amended as of 11/6/2020)”;

**AND WHEREAS**, it has come to my attention that there may be some confusion in the Craft with regard to the application of Paragraph 23 of Past Grand Master Bradshaw’s Order No. 11 as it pertains “meals inside lodge facilities” as it relates to fundraising events;

**AND WHEREAS**, I have reviewed Past Grand Master Bradshaw’s Orders No. 10 and 11, each in their entirety, as well as considering the full context of each said Order, and find each to be sound and reasonable for the purpose of maintaining and protecting the health and safety of the members of the Craft, as well as others with whom members of the Craft may come into contact;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Past Grand Master Bradshaw's Order No. 11 should be and the same is hereby amended to permit lodges and other Masonic affiliated organizations to conduct fundraising activities that include the preparation and sale of food items including, but not limited to, Barbeque Pork, Barbeque Chicken, Ham, Turkey, Brunswick Stew, etc.;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that such fundraising activities that include the preparation and sale of food items shall be permitted only under the following terms and conditions:

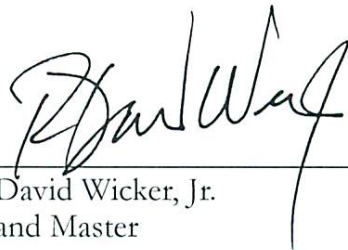
1. All persons involved in the fundraising event shall complete the Covid screening sheet that is currently in use, as well as having their temperature taken prior to engaging in the event. Any person exhibiting any Covid type symptoms shall not participate in the fundraising event.
2. The facilities used during the fundraising event shall be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after each such event.
3. During the entire fundraising event, there shall be an adequate supply of disinfectant, cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer present and available for use at all times.
4. There shall be no dine-in component to any such fundraising event. All food items sold shall be boxed for takeout for off premises consumption.
5. To avoid any possibility of cross contamination with and/or by the public, all persons preparing and boxing food items shall not interact with the public. All persons delivering the boxed food items to the public and taking payment for same shall not be involved in the preparation, cooking, or boxing of any food items.
6. Everyone participating in the fundraising event shall properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times. Cloth face masks, surgical masks, and N95 respirators are acceptable. Plastic face shields are not permitted unless they are used in combination with a cloth face covering.
7. Everyone participating in the fundraising event shall wear food grade gloves at all times, including persons interacting with the public.
8. All persons participating in the fundraising event must maintain social distancing, including separating the food preparation stations six (6) feet apart.
9. All sales shall be outside sales. The public shall not be permitted to enter into the lodge building or other facility where activities associated with the fundraising event are taking place, including, but not limited to where any food item is being prepared, cooked, boxed or packaged for sale.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, other than as set out herein, Orders No. 10 and 11 entered by Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw shall remain in full force and effect, pending further orders of the Grand Master.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this order shall become effective at high twelve on January 29, 2021, and shall remain in effect unless and until modified by subsequent order of the Grand Master.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Oxford, North Carolina on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.



  
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R. David Wicker, Jr.  
Grand Master