

THE GRAND LODGE

of Ancient, Free and
Accepted Masons
of North Carolina



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GRAND MASTER 2022

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Brethren,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. For two full years we were vigilant in our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I want to thank each of you for your patience and fortitude in following the orders and guidance of our Past Grand Masters in addition to local, state, and national government and health officials. The COVID-19 virus is not gone, but at the moment its power is much diminished thanks to science and, of course, the guiding hand of the Great Architect. With this information in hand, I believe it is time to ease the restrictions heretofore required of us to prevent the spread of the virus and now take on more personal responsibility in dealing with this virus and interacting with each other.

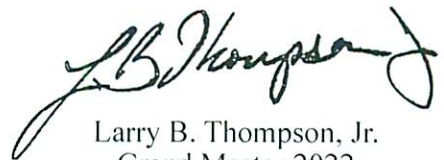
Therefore, it is my ORDER, that as of March 1, 2022, all health precautions and safety measures previously ordered be repealed, and that the Masters of our various lodges be empowered to promote the health, safety, and well-being of their members at their own discretion.

Each lodge and each Mason shall govern himself accordingly. I will reemphasize that those who are able to be vaccinated should consider doing so. Those who are sick shall not attend lodge. And those who wish to wear a mask shall not be impeded from doing so. By way of this order, it is now the decision of each lodge Master to determine whether the members of his lodge shall continue to follow the health precautions heretofore required by all lodges in this state. It is every Mason's duty to follow the Orders of the Master of his lodge without exception.

Now, brethren, let us take advantage of this time to recommit to our mission as Masons to care for the elderly, provide for children, and improve our communities. Let's make 2022 the year of Masonic revival!

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Salisbury, North Carolina, on this 28th day of February, 2022.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. B. Thompson, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry B. Thompson, Jr.
Grand Master 2022

