

# THE GRAND LODGE

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Brethren,

Once more, I hope this communication finds you safe and well. As most of you are aware, on June 24, 2020, Governor Cooper extended the duration of Executive Order No. 141 — commonly referred to as Phase II — to July 17. As anxious as I am, like many of our brethren, to return to lodge and other Masonic activities, I believe it remains prudent that we remain cautious in returning to our usual activities. Inasmuch, per my order of May 13, 2020, **we shall continue to operate at a minimum through July 17.**

As a reminder, those limited in-lodge activities include:

1. At the Master's discretion and with due consideration of the health and well-being of his members, up to ten (10) officers of the Lodge may utilize the lodge facility for ritual practices.
2. Coaches and candidates, if they choose and at the Master's discretion, may meet in lodges for in-person coaching.

Please note, if the Master of a lodge chooses to allow the permitted activities within the lodge, the following restrictions and requirements must be met:

- If the lodge building is managed by a temple board, the Master of the lodge must receive their permission to meet in the building prior to doing so
- Lodge practices are limited to officers of the lodge and one Past Master or Certified Lecturer. At no time shall more than ten (10) people be present in the lodge facility at the same time
- During lodge practices, it is recommended that all members present wear face masks and take sufficient precautions to ensure adequate social distancing is maintained
- No business may be transacted during these practice sessions
- At the conclusion of the practice, the members present will take care to disinfect any objects or surfaces touched during the practice
- If a coach and candidate wish to use the lodge facility for in-person coaching, they must first receive permission from the Master of the lodge to do so
- If coaching sessions are permitted at the lodge, it is recommended that both the coach and candidate wear face masks throughout the session
- At the conclusion of the coaching session, the coach shall be responsible for disinfecting any objects or surfaces touched during the session

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Also, in preparation for when lodges are permitted to resume regular business meetings, I expect the Masters of our lodges to ensure their lodges have adequate disinfectant, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer available in the lodge and that all surfaces which members may come into contact with are regularly disinfected prior to and following any gathering in the lodge. Each lodge should establish a disinfectant protocol, similar to the guidelines previously issued and attached to this letter for reference.

Also, the Master should take an inventory of the number of pairs of white gloves they have available, as many members may wish to wear gloves once meetings are permitted to resume. If a lodge does not have a sufficient number of pairs of gloves available, they may want to consider purchasing additional pairs as soon as possible. I have checked with the owner of Dean & Associates Masonic Supplies — <https://bluelodgeaprons.net/> — and he has confirmed that they currently have gloves in stock.

And, be it known that masks and gloves will be required to be worn during meetings once Masonic meetings and functions resume.

Finally, regardless of whether your lodges choose to meet for the allowed purposes or not, I want to encourage each of you to continue your outreach activities to your brethren and widows.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the information presented here, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or contact our Grand Lodge office.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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Grand Master 2020

