

# THE GRAND LODGE

of Ancient, Free and  
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Brethren,

Once more, I hope this communication finds you safe and well. As most of you are aware, on July 14, 2020, Governor Cooper extended the duration of Executive Order No. 141 — commonly referred to as Phase II — to August 7. 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 August 7.**

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 so long as the previously issued restrictions and requirements are met.
2. Coaches and candidates, if they choose and at the Master's discretion, may meet in lodges for in-person coaching.

However, given the circumstances, **I will entertain petitions for dispensation to hold outdoor degree work** for all three degrees as well as examinations on catechisms, so long as the location is approved by the District Deputy Grand Master and ALL health recommendations and orders are followed to the letter. DDGMs must forward their written approval for the location (via email or USPS) to the Grand Lodge before any dispensation will be granted.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul S. Bradshaw".

Shaun Bradshaw  
Grand Master 2020

