

THE
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of Ancient, Free and
Accepted Masons
of North Carolina



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The Grand Lodge of
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GRAND MASTER'S ORDER NO.: 9

THAT WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw issued Order No. 11 (amending Order No. 10) which provided certain conditions and safety protocols for Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations to adhere to during in-person meetings, providing in part:

“1. Up to one hundred (100) members of a lodge (or 30% of the maximum capacity of the lodge, if less than 100) may utilize the lodge facility for stated and/or emergent communications.”;

“25. Petitions for candidates may be received by the lodge **and secret ballots are permitted unless a member is denied entry into the meeting** due to the lodge reaching its maximum capacity (the lesser of 100 members or 30% of the maximum capacity of the lodge room)...”;

“26. Masters are encouraged to keep meetings to 1 hour or less.”;

AND WHEREAS, with the implementation of safety protocols and the recent availability of Covid 19 vaccinations, the new cases of Covid 19 continue to trend downward and further consideration should be given to the issue of the maximum capacity of the use of the lodge room during the meetings of Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that so long as the Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations continue to fully comply with the appropriate safety protocols, the maximum capacity of the use of the lodge room during the meetings of Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction can safely be expanded to 50% of the maximum capacity of the lodge room and that the 1 hour limitation on meeting times is no longer necessary;


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 11 issued by Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw, as it relates to the maximum capacity of the use of the lodge room, should be and the same is hereby amended, and the maximum capacity of the use of the lodge room during the meetings of Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction should be and the same is hereby increased to 50% of the maximum capacity of the lodge room or meeting hall;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Order No. 11 issued by Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw, as it relates to the 1 hour time limitation of lodge meetings of Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations within this Grand Jurisdiction should be and the same is hereby rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, other than as previously amended and/or modified by prior Orders and as amended 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 Friday, April 30, 2021, and shall remain in effect unless and until amended or modified by subsequent order of the Grand Master;

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Oxford, North Carolina, on this the 26th day of April, 2021.



R. David Wicker, Jr.
Grand Master

