

THE
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of North Carolina



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The Grand Lodge of
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
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GRAND MASTER'S ORDER NO.: 10

THAT WHEREAS, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw and Grand Master R. David Wicker, Jr., entered certain Orders designed to establish the conditions and safety protocols for Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations to adhere to during in-person meetings and food service during fundraising events;

AND WHEREAS, with the implementation and adherence to said safety protocols and the continued availability of Covid 19 vaccinations, the new cases of Covid 19, as well as the hospitalizations and deaths associated therewith, continues to trend downward;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that the implementation of the Covid 19 vaccinations have been successful in greatly reducing risk of contracting Covid 19, but said risk has not been entirely eliminated;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that further consideration should be given to the issue of the current safety protocols for Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations during in-person meetings;

AND WHEREAS, it appears that Masonic Lodges and affiliated Masonic organizations should be able to resume in-person meetings without the need of all the safety protocols currently in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Covid Orders 9, 10 and 11 issued by Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw should be and the same are hereby rescinded;

IT IS FURTHER that Covid Orders 4 and 9 issued by Grand Master R. David Wicker, Jr. should be and the same is hereby rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in lieu of the prior safety protocols, the following guidelines shall be followed unless or until amended, modified or rescinded by further order of the Grand Master:

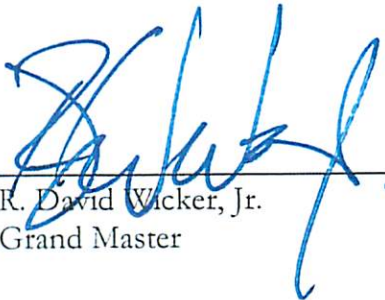
1. The Master of the Lodge, or presiding officer of any appendant Masonic body shall ensure that his lodge or body has an adequate amount of disinfectant, cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer available in the lodge prior to each meeting;
2. Prior to entry into a lodge building or meeting hall, ALL members and other attendees shall submit to and sign a health questionnaire. Each questionnaire shall be maintained by the Secretary for not less than 45 days. This is to ensure that notice can be given to everyone in attendance should someone attending the meeting later test positive for Covid 19. The taking of temperatures of all attendees is no longer required;
3. The Master of the Lodge, or presiding officer of any appendant Masonic body, shall have the discretion to require all in attendance to properly wear a cloth face covering during any Masonic function. Those who are in attendance shall comply with the order of the Master or presiding officer with this regard;
4. Any member or other attendee shall have the right to wear a cloth face covering during a Masonic Function, even if not required to do so by the Master of the Lodge or presiding officer of any appendant Masonic body;
5. Anyone exhibiting the physical symptoms of or having tested positive for Covid 19 within the last ten (10) days shall not attend any Masonic event;
6. Any Masonic Lodge or any appendant Masonic body that has a confirmed Covid 19 exposure shall (1) immediately notify all members present at the time of the exposure per information contained on the health questionnaire, (2) immediately contact the District Deputy Grand Master or the proper District Officer for any appendant Masonic body who shall in turn contact the Grand Lodge Office or their respective governing body and (3) see that the Lodge or meeting hall is properly cleaned and sanitized prior to any future use;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Grand Presiding Officer of each and every appendant body or other Masonic organization in this Grand Jurisdiction shall require their respective bodies and organizations to adhere to the conditions and protocols set out in this Order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective at high twelve on Wednesday, May 19, 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 19th day of May, 2021.





R. David Wicker, Jr.
Grand Master