

THE
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of Ancient, Free and
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of North Carolina



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GRAND MASTER'S ORDER NO.: 7

THAT WHEREAS, on October 2, 2020, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw issued Order No. 10 amending his prior Order No. 9 with regard to the opening of Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations to in-person meetings subject to certain conditions and safety protocols, in part, said Order No. 10 providing that “No meals shall be prepared or served in the lodge building.”;

AND WHEREAS, on November 6, 2020, Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw issued Order No. 11 which provided additional conditions and safety protocols for Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations to adhere to during in-person meetings, and further providing that “Lodges may serve pre-packaged foods inside lodge facilities or offer fully catered meals to the brethren in attendance. At no time shall any lodge member prepare or serve meals, unless the member is a part of the catering service hired by the lodge.”;

AND WHEREAS, with the implementation of safety protocols and the recent availability of Covid-19 vaccinations, the new cases of Covid-19 have continued to trend downward and further consideration should be given to the issue of the preparation and service of meals at 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 fully comply with the appropriate safety protocols, the service of meals should be able to safely resume within this Grand Jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 11 issued by Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw should be and the same is hereby amended and modified, and the preparation and service of meals at Masonic Lodges and other affiliated Masonic organizations shall be and the same are hereby permitted under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Master of any Masonic Lodge or the presiding officer of any affiliated Masonic organization meeting within this Grand Jurisdiction shall have the sole discretion to allow the preparation and service of meals at their stated and emergent communications, gatherings and/or meetings, subject to and in full compliance with the protocols hereinafter set out;
2. In the sole discretion of the Master of the Masonic Lodge or the presiding officer of any affiliated Masonic organization, the said Masonic Lodge or affiliated Masonic organization shall have the option to continue the service of pre-packaged foods or offer fully catered meals to those in attendance as set out in Past Grand Master P. Shaun Bradshaw's Order No. 11;
3. If, in the sole discretion of the Master of the Masonic Lodge or the presiding officer of any affiliated Masonic organization, meals are to be prepared and served within the Lodge, said meals shall be prepared and served pursuant to the following safety guidelines and protocols:
 - a. All persons involved with the preparation or service of the meal shall first complete, date, and sign the Covid-19 screening sheet that is currently in use;
 - b. All persons involved with the preparation or the service of the meal shall have their temperature taken prior to engaging in said activity, and anyone with a temperature in excess of 99.5 degrees shall not participate in the preparation or the service of said meal, said temperature reading shall be recorded on the executed Covid-19 screening sheet;
 - c. Any person exhibiting any Covid-19 type symptoms shall not participate in the preparation or service of the meal;
 - d. The facilities used during the preparation of the meal shall be cleaned and sanitized prior to and after each such use;
 - e. At all times during the preparation, service, and consumption of the meal, there shall be an adequate supply of disinfectant, cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizer present throughout the kitchen, dining facilities, and Lodge building, and available for use by each and every person present;
 - f. During the preparation and service of the meal, each and every person involved with said preparation and service shall first wash and sanitize their hands and at all times thereafter, wear food grade gloves;
 - g. At all times during the preparation and service of the meal, each and every person involved with said preparation and service shall properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth. Cloth face masks, surgical masks, and N-95 respirators are acceptable. Plastic face shields are **NOT** permitted unless used in combination with a cloth face covering over the nose and mouth;

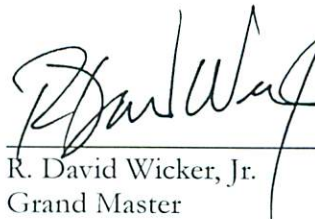
- h. Members and guests who are not involved in the preparation and service of the meal shall **NOT** be permitted to enter into the kitchen area or into any area where food or beverages are being prepared;
- i. All food served shall either be (1) boxed in takeout containers and set out in a manner as to prevent cross-contamination by the members and guests present or (2) served by a designated individual wearing the hereinabove described personal protective equipment, such that the members and guests in attendance do not come into contact with any utensils used for the service of food. Self-service in a buffet style line shall **NOT** be permitted at any time or under any circumstances;
- j. All beverages served shall be either (1) in prepackaged containers (cans or bottles) and set out in a manner as to prevent cross-contamination by the members and guests present or (2) served by a designated individual in the way and manner as hereinabove described in subparagraph 3(i)(2). The self-service or refills of beverages from a common container shall **NOT** be permitted at any time or under any circumstances;
- k. All eating utensils (forks, knives, and spoons) shall be pre-wrapped and available to those in attendance in such manner as to prevent anyone from coming into contact with the eating utensils of another;
- l. All condiments, including salt, pepper, mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, sugar, sweetener, etc..., are not permitted unless provided in individual packaging such that they are not shared by the members and guests in attendance;
- m. During the consumption of meals, social distancing requirements shall remain in effect, and the seating at tables shall be six (6) feet apart;
- n. At the conclusion of any meal or at any other time while the members or guests are not actively eating or drinking, said members and guests shall be required to properly wear an appropriate face covering at all times.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, other than as modified and amended herein, Orders No. 10 and 11 previously 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 Monday, March 1, 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 February, 2021.





R. David Wicker, Jr.
Grand Master