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## EDICT

### LODGE DEGREES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

June 30, 2020

Fraternal Greetings,

Unfortunately, we are seeing signs that the coronavirus pandemic is not going away. There has been a daily escalation of positive cases in the counties of Oregon that had not previously been affected. New mandates from the governor have been issued and various counties are in a more stringent condition than ever before.

Therefore, after careful consideration and council from the Grand Lodge Trustees, I have determined that it is in the best interests of our fraternity to issue this order halting all degree work as of July 1, 2020, until further notice. It is through an abundance of caution that this decision is made. As I have said before, there is nothing we do in Masonry that is so important that someone's health or life should be put in jeopardy.

I realize this decision will not be well received by some Lodges as they have a backlog of candidates needing degrees which have most likely already been scheduled. I ask for your patience, understanding, and compliance during this very difficult time. Please stay in touch with your candidates and help them understand that this delay is for everyone's well-being. The Trustees of the Grand Lodge and I will continue to monitor changes very carefully, and I will inform you just as soon as it is prudent to lift this restriction.

Please stay safe and help keep others safe, as we work together in harmony to make this pandemic a thing of the past.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael J. McGuyer'.

M.W.B. Michael J. McGuyer  
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon