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FROM THE GRAND EAST

EDICT
TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

December 17, 2020

RE: Stated Meeting Occupancy Restrictions

TO: All Oregon Masonic Lodges, Appendant and Concordant Bodies

Greetings Brethren all,

My purpose in issuing this Edict is to clarify some of the confusion about meetings and occupancy under current restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Using the latest Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidelines, I have determined the following:

All Lodges, Appendant and Concordant Bodies in Oregon, that hold an in-person Stated Meeting, must adhere to the six (6) person limit. According to the OHA guidelines, they recommend a two-household limit. This is OHA's recommendation, not mine.

AS LONG AS YOU ARE WEARING MASKS, USING HAND SANITIZER AND SOCIAL DISTANCED (6 FEET APART) I WILL ALLOW IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF 6 OR LESS FROM MULTIPLE HOUSEHOLDS.

This paragraph pertains to Constituent Lodges only. Lodges shall not engage in any official activities online i.e., via *Zoom* or any other similar platform. Official activities include Stated Meetings, degrees, elections, and installations. Official activities must occur in-person only.

Any remaining installations to be performed will adhere to the 6 maximum attendees including participants at one time, in the same room.

Food service in Masonic Lodges is prohibited.

The prohibition of Degree work is reaffirmed in this Edict and pertains to all Lodges, Appendant and Concordant Bodies in Oregon.

This Edict will remain in effect until such time as modified or rescinded.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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Grand Master, Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon