

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

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RE: EDICT 2021-6 Cancellation of Pandemic Restrictions

This Edict Supersedes Edicts 2021-1, 2021-3, 2021-4 and 2021-5.

WHEREAS, The Ohio Public Health Advisory System page has been cancelled at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/>, and as cases decline and vaccinations increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **RICHARD A. DICKERSCHIED**, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, hereby decree that:

All Stated and Special Meetings:

- Are to be conducted In-person and be convened per Masonic Code.
- The only exception are educational meetings on a virtual platform to be conducted using **The Ohio Grand Lodge Virtual Meeting Guidelines**

The Ohio Grand Lodge Virtual Meeting Guidelines per this Edict are:

- Virtual meetings can only be opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree using the virtual opening/closing ritual approved by the Ritual Committee which is posted in Grand View under "Virtual Meeting Resources".
- Virtual degree conferral is not permitted. Grand Lodge of Ohio Masonic Ritual as printed in our ritual book may not be discussed in a virtual setting.
- In-person meetings in combination with virtual streaming/meeting platforms are prohibited.

Expectations for members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio during this pandemic:

- ❖ DO NOT feel obligated to attend lodge, or any event, until YOU are comfortable doing so.
- ❖ If you have a temperature or do not feel well, please stay home.
- ❖ Respect each other's decision pertaining to personal contact and brotherly love should always prevail.

I FURTHER DIRECT this Edict is required to be distributed immediately, read, and entered upon the minutes at the next Stated Meeting of each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and all Lodges should govern themselves accordingly. This Edict is to be in effect from 12:01am on the Seventh day of June 2021, until midnight on October 15, 2021 unless retracted, extended, or amended by another edict.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Master of Masons in Ohio in the city of Springfield, Ohio, this Seventh day of June, A.D. 2021, A.L. 6021.

Fraternally,

Richard A. Dickerscheid
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio F&AM

