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## To All Ohio Eastern Star Members

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Let us hope that a pandemic such as our world has experienced in the last year will not reappear for at least another one hundred years (or more). After a year of closures and virtual meetings, it is tempting to rationalize that with masks, handwashing, sanitizers, vaccines, large spaces, and no refreshments of any kind, we can return to meeting with all officers present, even though our county may remain Red or Purple.

I truly sympathize, and also find it difficult to continue without in-person Chapter Meetings. However, after careful consideration and advice from others more experienced in such matters than I, it has become clear that chapters are to meet in their *own* chapters with no more than the designated number of officers / members present as directed by the "color" of their Chapter's county.

Therefore, until further notice, if the county is "Purple," the Chapter cannot meet in person but has the option of meeting virtually. If the county is "Red," and plans to meet in person, the Chapter cannot exceed ten in attendance. If the county is "Orange" or "Yellow," the Chapter can accommodate the usual attendance as long as social distancing can be maintained. In addition, remember that Covid-19 protocols are to be carefully observed at all times. Masks must be worn, social distancing must be practiced, hand sanitizer must be available at the Registration Area as well as in the Chapter Room.

Thank You for your vigilance in keeping our members safe and be assured that we WILL be together again soon!

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