



FROM THE GRAND EAST

May 17, 2021

EDICT

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

Dear Brethren,

This edict is a result of recent changes in guidelines issued from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (quoted below) as of May 13th, 2021.

Update from the CDC: that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Associated Press: Gov. Kate Brown has announced that the state will immediately follow guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which ease indoor mask-wearing and social distancing for fully vaccinated people.

Therefore, when a Constituent Lodge, Appendant or Concordant Body holds a meeting, and a member presents themselves as fully vaccinated, that member does not need to wear a mask or social distance from others who likewise are confirmed to be fully vaccinated. If a member is attending and is not fully vaccinated, that member shall wear a mask and maintain social distancing from others. The exception shall be if a member has a legitimate medical reason that prevents them from wearing a mask per CDC guidelines. They must still social distance. Members are asked to **voluntarily** present a document indicating their vaccination status as fully vaccinated. If for good reason the member is unable or unwilling to comply at that time it shall be on their honor that they are fully vaccinated.

Degrees are allowed if the following conditions are met:

- ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE DEGREE MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED INCLUDING THE CANDIDATE(S)
- All items used in the Degree must be sanitized prior to use

Food service is not allowed unless the service is performed following the Oregon Health Authority guidelines pertaining to restaurants.

All previous edicts pertaining to COVID-19 restrictions are rescinded as of this date.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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