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EDICT FROM THE GRAND EAST
TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

Amended 6/15/2021 Edict to include information on process of advancement.

June 16, 2021

In accordance with the Governor of Oregon's executive orders and guidelines, members of all constituent Lodges and Appendant and Concordant Bodies within this Grand Jurisdiction are not required to have its members wear masks or maintain requisite social distance with those who are fully vaccinated provided that they confirm they are fully vaccinated too. That status may be confirmed by word of mouth on one's honor; no written confirmation is required and no written records of confirmation will be maintained. Any member who cannot confirm that they are fully vaccinated are welcome to attend all meetings but they are required under Oregon law to wear a mask and maintain requisite social distance from all others and at all times while on the premises.

Whereas Section 242 of the Masonic Code on "Failure to Appear for Advancement", states that any Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason who has exceeded their two year period for advancement shall be dropped from the rolls, and Section 246.2 of the Masonic Code states that any Master Mason shall pass the Candidate's Lecture within six months from the date of being raised or be dropped from the rolls, and Whereas the coronavirus caused an irregular interruption and harm to candidates in the Masonic Degree process not attributed to the candidates, I, as Grand Master, do hereby heal all Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons in accordance with Section 20.17 of the Masonic Code.

This healing grants an extension to all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons until June 2, 2022 to complete their proficiency in accordance with Masonic Code Section 246. All Master Masons are hereby healed by extending their time to complete their proficiency until December 2, 2021.

Be it known that any Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason who has exceeded the required time period prior to March 13, 2020 are not included in this healing process and must request a Petition for Advancement from their Lodge and reapply for membership.

Degree work is permitted in all constituent Lodges and Appendant and Concordant Bodies within this Grand Jurisdiction provided that: (1) all members participating in the Degree must be fully vaccinated, including the candidate. This requirement may not be relaxed except for those who deliver a lecture or charge, but they must maintain the six-foot physical distance from all other participants in the Degree if they are not fully vaccinated; and (2) all items used in the Degree must be sanitized prior to use.

Food and beverage service is permitted in connection with all such meetings and Degrees - only if it complies fully with the rules set at that time by the local county where the food and beverage service is being provided. This Edict will remain in force until further notice.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

M.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins, Grand Master
The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon
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