

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
In Virginia



Executive Order No. 2
2020-2021

[This Executive Order shall be read in its entirety as soon as possible but NOT LATER THAN THE NEXT STATED CONVOCATION of your Chapter.]

Whereas many of our Companions are at greater risk during the current COVID pandemic and there is not yet a vaccine that is widely available; and,

Whereas individuals may be contagious even before they exhibit COVID symptoms; and,

Whereas medical guidelines and safety protocols have indicated that an exposure occurs when a person is within six feet of a COVID-19 positive individual for fifteen minutes or longer, and the fifteen minutes are cumulative during the day, not fifteen continuous minutes; and,

Whereas we have an obligation to keep our Companions safe;

Now, therefore, by my authority as Grand High Priest, and in order to ensure the health and well-being of our Companions and their families, I direct that the following actions be taken.

1. As set forth in Executive Order #1, if the High Priest decides that it is not practical to have an in-person meeting, he shall conduct a Zoom Chapter meeting, with every Companion able to join from his home or office.
2. At all in-person Royal Arch meetings and gatherings, the following health and safety protocols shall be followed:
 - The completion of the health statement form (**attached**) and temperature scan by everyone who enters the meeting facility must be done and documented.
 - Social distancing rules will be maintained throughout the event and seating shall be arranged to enforce this separation.
 - Individual hand sanitizers will be provided for everyone present.
 - Masks or appropriate face coverings will be worn by everyone at all times while in the meeting facility. There are NO medical or personal rights exceptions. If an individual is unable to comply, he will be asked to leave.
 - Food, if being served before or after the meeting shall be individual boxed meals, and seating shall be arranged in the dining area to enforce social distancing when masks and face coverings are removed. (See attached Food Safety Checklist.)

3. The High Priest is responsible for enforcing these requirements and shall appoint one or more Companions to assist him in ensuring that these health and safety protocols are followed and that the Chapter room and dining areas are set up to ensure social distancing.
4. Updated guidance will be issued as circumstances change.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Richmond this 21st day of November, A.D. 2020, A.I. 2550.



Attest:

(sig) Edmund Cohen
Edmund Cohen
Grand High Priest

(sig) Wayne H. Anderson
Wayne H. Anderson
Grand Secretary

Attachments: as stated