

## **Grand High Priest Instruction No. 5 2020-2021**

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

Whereas, the Governor of Virginia has relaxed more of the Covid-19 restrictions as of May 28, 2021, more of the restrictions listed in the Grand High Priest Instruction #4 have also been relaxed as follows:

1. Degrees are to be conferred according to the authorized ritual with the following exceptions:
2. Maximize distance between companions whenever possible.
3. Use face masks at all times as required and face shields are encouraged.
4. Keep hand sanitizer available at all times.
5. Always use common sense.
6. All candidates on the degree teams and all candidates must wear masks and disposable gloves at all times.
7. When saluting the Holy Bible, the candidate is not to touch the Bible with his lips. (Simulate).
8. **Specific to the Royal Arch Degree:**
  - a. No hoodwinks are to be used unless they are disposable or washable.
  - b. Harness between candidates must be lengthen for social distancing.
  - c. Arches farther apart, use staffs (rods) instead of locking arms.

If there are any questions or concerns or a need for clarification, please me at 757-650-9358 (cell or text) or by email [darcoent@verizon.net](mailto:darcoent@verizon.net).

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### **MEAL RESUMPTION**

While normal meal service can now resume, there continues to be the need for an added degree of caution for a time. Servers must wear gloves and masks. Condiments should be individually wrapped. Drinks should be served in individual portions such as a can of soda or a bottle of water. One person, with gloves and masks, should be designated to dispense coffee and ice.

Disposable plates and utensils and napkins are to be utilized. Utensils should be individually wrapped. If desserts are served, they should be individually wrapped. If this is not possible, a designated person, with gloves and mask, should serve the desserts. If meals are served buffet style a designate person, with gloves and masks, should dispense the food. Provided each person wears gloves and masks, individuals may also serve themselves. Direct contact is to be kept at a minimum. Hand sanitizer is to be made readily available and should be utilized in the dining area.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Richmond this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 2021. A.I. 2551.



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Mark Todd Pennypacker, Sr  
Grand High Priest *Pro Tempore*

ATTEST:

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Wayne H. Anderson  
Grand Secretary