

Grand High Priest Instruction No. 6 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 #5 have also been relaxed as follows:

1. The first rule is that safety always comes first. When in doubt, act on the side of safety.
2. Vaccinated Companions may choose not to wear a mask.
3. Non-vaccinated Companions must continue to wear a mask.
4. The High Priest may choose a greater degree of safety restriction for their Chapter. However, they may not choose a lesser degree of safety restrictions as set from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Virginia.
5. It is recommended that Chapter Rooms be cleaned between each usage.
6. Meals may be served before or after meetings. However, a designated person, with gloves and mask on, should be appointed to serve the food.

Specific to the Royal Arch Degree

1. The Human Arch may be formed. However, the use of staffs should be included. The provides minimal contact while performing the same function. Companions form in two lines with Companions opposite one another. Companions hold one end of the staff in order to simulate the human arch.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia at the City of Richmond this 6th day of July A.D. 2021. A.I. 2551.



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Mark Todd Fennypacker, Sr

Grand High Priest *Pro Tempore*

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Wayne H. Anderson

Grand Secretary