

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
In Virginia



Executive Order No. 2 Amended
2021-2022

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 continue to be at a greater risk during the current COVID pandemic and many are choosing not to receive the vaccine that is 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. If the High Priest decided that it is not practical to have an in-person meeting, they may choose to conduct a Zoom meeting or a hybrid meeting. (Hybrid meetings offer in-person and online attendance.)
2. At all in-person Royal Arch meetings and gathering, the following health and safety protocols should be followed:
 - a. Social distancing rules should be maintained throughout the event and seating, whenever possible, should be arranged to maintain social distancing.
 - b. Hand sanitizers should be made available to everyone present.
 - c. Masks or appropriate face coverings should be worn by everyone attending the events and within the facility. Face masks should be made available to those not in possession of one. Fully vaccinated (Those with two shots and the booster) may elect to not wear a mask. If a person refuses to wear a

mask and is not fully vaccinated, they should be asked to refrain from attending events.

- d. Food, if being served before or after a meeting, should not be served buffet style. A designated person or persons should plate food. Social distancing rules should be utilized when face coverings are removed to eat.
3. The High Priest and any designated Companions should enforce these protocols.
4. As conditions change, these guidelines will be updated.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in
Virginia at the City of Richmond this 29th
day of December, A.D. 2021, A.I. 2551.



Attest:



Mark Todd Pernypacker, Sr.
Grand High Priest



Wayne H. Anderson
Grand Secretary