

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
of
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA



Victor C. Major, 33°

27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

"Bridging the gaps of the Past, with an eye on our Future, while protecting our Brand"

April 7, 2022

I pray that all is well with you and your families.

On January 10, 2022, the Jurisdiction of South Carolina entered a "pause" due to the rising cases of COVID-19 at that time. The principle officers have met, and determined that we will end our "pause" on April 18, 2022. We ask that you follow the guidelines below:

What will be Allowed:

1. Meetings will be no longer than 1.5 hrs.
2. Masks are required 100% of the time.
3. There are to be no repasts after meetings.
4. Temperatures must be taken before each meeting.
5. Hybrid style meetings are allowed until June 30, 2022. After June 30th, we will return to full regular meetings.
 - a. Video Conference/Phone Call Conference is allowed.
 - b. Officers should attend in person; while everyone else has the option to attend in-person or virtual. Worshipful Masters are to open the meeting prior to starting any video conferencing/phone calls. After the opening is completed and all ritualistic actions are finished and concealed, then and only then can the virtual conference/phone calls be turned on. After the completion of the meeting, the video conference/phone call is to be turned off, and then the ritualistic closing should take place. Absolutely **NO** ritualistic actions should take place while the video conference/phone call is on.
 - c. During this hybrid time (April – June), the 1st and 2nd degrees are allowed at the lodge. You can also conduct these degrees on another night other than your regularly scheduled meeting nights.
 - d. The 3rd degree will be conducted district wide.
 - e. After June 30, 2022, all regularly constituted lodge meetings should be held as regular meetings without the use of any video conference/phone call (this does not include committee meetings).
6. Lodges who rent their building, will need to have an insurance rider in place for all renters. If you need further explanation/assistance with a rider, please reach out to the Grand Lodge legal team or your district deputies.

Not Allowed:

1. Only the designated virtual conference/phone call started by or under the directive of the Worshipful Master is to be used in any hybrid meetings. No separate virtual platform/social media streaming is allowed during the meeting.
2. Anyone found streaming a meeting from his personal device, that was not designated as the sole means of communicating virtually, will be held accountable by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.
3. **No** degree work can be conducted virtually. All virtual streaming should be off prior to the start of any degree work.

Let us remember; this is About our People, Our Culture, Our Character, and About Doing This Thing We call Masonry the Right Way.

"Yesterday Is Gone, Tomorrow has Not Yet Come, We have only Today.... Let Us Begin."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your District Deputy, or Special Deputy. We ask that you adhere to the guidelines and govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely,

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27th Most Worshipful Grand Master

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