



**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
of ANCIENT, FREE *and* ACCEPTED MASONS of  
BRITISH COLUMBIA *and* YUKON**

*Office of the Grand Master*  
M.W. Bro. Donald W. MacKenzie

23 December 2021

**Re: Grand Master's Ruling cancelling all lodge meetings effective 23 December 2021.**

My Brothers,

Please know that my only Christmas wish is for a return to better times; a return to attending lodge and district meetings and ultimately, the good health of each and every brother.

This is not the Christmas message I had planned on delivering. I know many districts and lodges were actively planning meetings and events for January and February 2022. I have heard of the excitement of brethren who had an opportunity to participate in lodge meetings and the anticipation of others who would be attending lodge meetings soon.

The covid-19 variant "Omicron" is the most recent global challenge; specifically for our Provincial Ministry of Health and our Provincial Health Officer as they continue their valiant efforts to keep us healthy and safe.

New Provincial Health Officer's Orders became effective at 11:59 pm. Wednesday, 22 December 2021. The Executive Officers and I are obligated to ensure our members are in compliance and we actively contribute to their health and safety.

Today we have to take a step back. I ask that you read the New Provincial Health Officer's Orders that became effective today in its entirety and more than one or two times. Those Orders are available through this link:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

and click on Province-wide restrictions

I have determined my Ruling dated 15 November 2021 must be rescinded and replaced. Effective immediately masonic meetings and events both indoor and outdoor are suspended until further notice. We are seeing a record number of new cases daily and I believe curtailing all in-person masonic activities is the best course of action for our membership, their family and friends at this time.

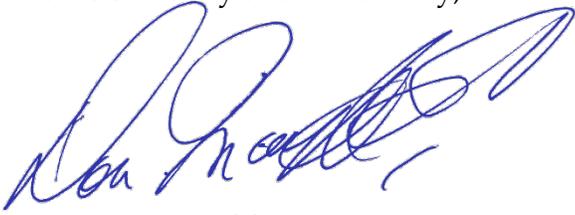
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The Provincial Health Officer stated the latest Orders will be reviewed by 18 January 2022. I will also cause a review of my Ruling as soon as possible following Dr. Henry's review and apprise you of our next course of action.

As trying as these times are, our collective goal is the safety and health of the brethren in our fraternity. Once again we must call upon the Virtue, Patience, to be our staunch ally.

Again, please know that my only Christmas wish is for a return to better times; a return to attending lodge and district meetings and ultimately, the good health of each and every Brother, their families and friends. Personally, my trust is the GAOTHU will keep you and your family healthy during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



MW Bro. Donald W. MacKenzie  
*Grand Master*

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*by email*