



**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

8 April 2022

My Brothers,

As of 12:01 am this morning the requirement for proof of vaccination for gatherings and events was rescinded in British Columbia. What does that mean for Freemasonry? Brethren are no longer required to wear a mask or prove they are vaccinated. While this appears to be a signal that we can go about our business, it is not quite that simple.

Some of the brethren may feel uncomfortable attending meetings or events without knowing everyone in attendance has been vaccinated. The compassion of Freemasonry must prevail as it may take some additional time before these brothers feel safe before they begin attending meetings again.

Also, some of the brethren may feel uncomfortable attending a meeting or event without wearing a mask. Once more, please be considerate of their sense of personal safety.

In both situations, if these brothers believe others are making them uncomfortable, they will not return to lodge. Your lodge and Freemasonry as a whole will miss their kindred spirits. Be kind, be patient, and above all, value their continued fellowship. I encourage each and every brother to emotionally embrace all of the brethren returning to lodge meetings.

After all is said and done, please consider getting your vaccination or booster shot.

Thank you my brothers, I hope to see you when I visit the districts in our jurisdiction. In closing—as it is not my wish to catch any Worshipful Master off guard—during my upcoming travels (see my attached itinerary) there may be an unexpected “knock” on your lodge door.

As always, lodges in the Yukon will follow territorial health orders.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

MW Bro. Donald W. MacKenzie
Grand Master

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by email



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GRAND MASTER 2020-2022

2022 ITINERARY

As of 2022/04/08

Thursday, 7 April	7:30 pm 6:00 pm	District 3 <i>Banquet</i>	Mount St. Paul's Lodge No. 109 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Kamloops
Friday, 8 April	7:30 pm 6:00 pm	District 9 <i>Banquet</i>	Prince Charles Lodge No. 153 <i>Ladies Programme after Banquet</i>	Kelowna
Saturday, 9 April	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	District 10 <i>Banquet</i>	Peachland Lodge No. 56 <i>Ladies Programme noon to 3:00 pm</i>	Peachland
Monday, 11 April	7:00 pm	District 13	Heritage Lodge No. 63 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Vancouver
Tuesday, 19 April	7:30 pm 6:00 pm	District 23 <i>Banquet</i>	St. James Lodge No. 80 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Langley <i>Eureka Hall</i>
Friday, 29 April	6:00 pm	150th Celebrations	Grand Master's Reception	Vancouver <i>1464 7th Ave W</i>
Saturday, 30 April	12:30 pm 6:00 pm	"	Masonic Marker Dedication Grand Master's Banquet	"
Sunday, 1 May	10:00 am	"	Foundation Stone Ceremony	"
Thursday, 12 May	7:00 pm 6:00 pm	District 2 <i>Banquet</i>	Westminster Lodge No. 174 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Langley <i>Eureka Hall</i>
Saturday, 14 May	10:00 am 1:00 am	District 14 <i>Masonic Marker</i>	Meridian Lodge No. 108 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Vancouver <i>Kerrisdale Hall</i>
Saturday, 4 June	11:00 am	Open Air Degree	Euclid Lodge No. 158 <i>No Ladies Programme</i>	Parksville
23-25 June 2022		Grand Lodge	Annual Communication	Kimberley

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