



**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

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Brethren,

I wish to advise you that my previous directive regarding no tyled meetings until the Provincial Health Authority moves the province forward remains in place. Rest assured, this decision will be reviewed frequently.

Secondly, the Yukon Territory has removed most restrictions, thus allowing for the resumption of lodge activities there.

As I have stated before, our jurisdiction is not driving the bus; we are passengers, trusting that the route before us will be safe. Earlier this week the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) announced new measures to slow the spread of the covid-19 "Delta" variant. The Provincial and Territorial Health Officers will continue to set health parameters.

The Grand Line has been advised that the Provincial and Territorial Health Authority orders are binding in law and are constitutional. They are not up for debate. Brethren, we are obligated to follow these orders.

What this means is that the province remains in Step 3 with additional conditions. Most notable among the orders is that a vaccination certificate documenting two inoculations is required to enter indoor events. Of the 11 examples of indoor events provided, one in particular applies to our lodge meetings.

Our fraternity falls into the category of "organized indoor events (weddings, parties, conferences, meetings, workshops)".

Each Health Authority and perhaps village, town, city, municipality, &c. may have additional orders. What I can say is this: my previous directive remains in place: lodges in British Columbia remain closed for tyled meetings (*i.e.* balloting, conferring degrees, installation of officers and Boards of Installed Masters). All other meetings must follow the Provincial Health Officer's orders.

Each Worshipful Master, after consulting with the members of his lodge, is responsible for their lodge's safety plan and reviewing that it is up-to-date with the provincial/ territorial /local health authorities. The reason for our decision to hold the Worshipful Master responsible is to ensure that the lodge is compliant with any local provisions that may come about to address local concerns.

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Once we are able to resume our meetings in British Columbia, dispensation fees will be waived for changing regular communication dates, however requests for dispensations must still be submitted to our Grand Secretary in writing. Those in the Yukon Territory must also request dispensation to change meeting dates of regular communications.

My dispensation of 21 June 2021 to all lodges warranted under this jurisdiction to waive individual lodge bylaws and reschedule annual elections and installations of officers has been extended. This dispensation will now expire on 21 June 2022, and does not preclude the requirement for proper notice.

Your Grand Line and Grand Lodge Officers are as eager as you are to resume attending communications and district events. When these activities occur please maintain a safe and healthy environment for each other.

On behalf of the Grand Line and all of the Grand Lodge officers, thank you for your patience and support.

Fraternally,



Donald W. MacKenzie  
*Grand Master*

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*by email*