



**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,

As your Grand Master these past 17 months I, along with the executive officers, have had to make some extremely hard decisions along this bumpy road of covid-19. The decision as to our reopening is no exception. Your Grand Lodge officers have had numerous meetings to discuss the best course of action for lodges to be able to resume their activities safely. I will now explain to you our rationale for these directives.

As in most decisions you cannot please everyone all of the time. This is one of those times. As you can imagine we have received many suggestions on how we can get back to work, some from the fully vaccinated, and some from those that do not wish to be vaccinated.

During our many Zoom visits with lodges, as well as polling our DDGMs and temple societies, it is clear that a large majority of our members favour opening lodges for brethren who are fully vaccinated. Many of our older and health-compromised brethren say they will not attend lodge if all are not vaccinated. For those who are not vaccinated, their consensus is that we should not meet at all until we are all able to meet. Herein lies our dilemma.

We have determined that our best course of action at this point is to have lodge meetings resume, but only for brethren who are fully vaccinated with two doses, have proof of that vaccination and wear a mask. For those brethren who are not vaccinated, we will continue to actively monitor the situation.

Please read, in full, the attached rulings.

Fraternally,

Donald W. MacKenzie
Grand Master

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by email