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### Directive CCC-2021-2

To MW Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Brethren of the Subordinate Lodges of the MWPHGL of Ohio,  
Greetings.

I pray that this communication finds you enjoying good health and the blessings of our Heavenly Father. To say the past 15 months has been a challenging time would be a true understatement. This has been an unprecedented time, the likes of which we have not seen in our lifetime and we have been sailing through very difficult and uncharted waters. In light of the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, face covering, social distancing, hand washing, and other preventative protocols have been in place. As a result, most of our meetings, state-wide conferences and traditional Observances have been, and continue to be, conducted “virtually” rather than in-person.

I want to thank and commend you Brothers, individually and collectively, for being steadfast in your support of our ongoing efforts to meet virtually and to continue to serve our communities. You all have been doing extraordinary work to keep our Lodges, Chapters, and all of our various Masonic Houses functioning well and being that beacon of light and support to so many that have been struggling.

We thank God for the ongoing efforts to administer the COVID-19 vaccines and strongly urge all of our members to avail themselves of the opportunity to get the vaccine if you have not already done so. As a result of these ongoing efforts, and your steadfast adherence to the established COVID-19 prevention protocols, mandated statewide mask wearing and other restrictions have been lifted as of June 2, 2021. In light of this we have authorized Degree Work to be conducted in person District-wide. That process will continue through the month of July.



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Lodge meetings, Chapter meetings and the meetings of all other Appendant and Concordant Bodies will, however, continue to be conducted virtually through July 31, 2021.

After the August recess, provided there is no spike in COVID-19 cases that warrant restrictions being again imposed by the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health, the CDC or other Federal, State or Local Agencies or Health Officials, I hereby Authorize and Direct the resumption of in-person Lodge meetings, effective September 1, 2021.

However Brethren, it is imperative that we remain vigilant. We are not completely in the clear and COVID free. With recent strands of COVID becoming prevalent in most of our States around the country, and with the recent and continuing surge in interstate traveling, the potential for exposure still exists. With that in mind, the protocols established as a prerequisite requirement for any Degree Work done in person will remain in effect and will be equally applicable for in-person Lodge meetings that begin in September, unless and until otherwise Directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Please take advantage of the August recess to thoroughly sanitize your Lodge Halls.

We pray that you and your families continue to be safe and vigilant in defending yourself against infection and that you get your shot if you have not already done so. May God continue to bless you and your families, and cover you with his hand of protection.

Take due and timely notice of the foregoing and govern yourselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the private seal of the Grand Master this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, AD 2021, AL 6021. I remain

Respectfully and Fraternally,

*Chester C. Christie*

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**64<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master**

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