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“Remember the Past, Embrace the Present and Secure the Future Together”

Directive - JRE 2021-9

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 the Grand Architect of the Universe continues to bless you and your families with an abundance of health and joy.

Directive JRE-2021-1 directed all lodges to resume face-to-face meetings on September 1st, 2021. If you were unable to comply with that Directive for any reason, you were to request a dispensation not to meet in person. As of September 3, 2021, I have received only nine requests out of 47 Lodges. Eight were asking to meet virtually, and one requested to change their meeting date. Each of those dispensations was granted.

It is my prayer that all members of the MWPHGL of Ohio stay safe. I hereby direct that all lodges are still open for in-person meetings to do degree work, prove proficiency, and adequately conduct the business of both your Lodge and that of the Grand Lodge. It is not my wish to put anyone in harm's way. If you are not comfortable with meeting in person, please stay home. My trust is that you are making every effort to hold stated meetings in person. If any Lodge does not have enough members (quorum) to meet, they may request for dispensation to meet virtually.

This Grand Lodge will continue to align itself with the CDC and State guidelines. We must wear our masks, practice appropriate sanitizing of our meeting places, sanitizing our hands, and maintain safe social distancing. I still encourage all members to get the COVID vaccine.

As guidance from the CDC and the State of Ohio changes, we will maintain flexibility with our recommendations and directives.

It is my prayer that all members of the MWPHGL of Ohio stay safe and stay well.

Given under my hand and private seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master hereto attached at Akron, Ohio this 7th day of September A.D. 2021, A.L. 6021.

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

Respectfully and Fraternally

Jerry R. Ellerson

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