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

Directive JRE-2021-1

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

I pray that the Grand Architect of the universe has blessed you and your families with an abundance of health and joy.

Over the past two years, we have been separated by one of the most horrific pandemics this country has seen in decades. We must continue to be resolute in combating COVID-19 and maintaining our health and the health of our loved ones. Governor Mike DeWine has eased some public safety restrictions, and all State mandates must be followed. I strongly urge each of you to get the vaccination if you haven't already done so. After consulting with our Grand Lodge medical staff and the Grand Lodge Trustees, I hereby authorize the resumption of in-person meetings, effective September 1st, 2021.

In-person meetings will resume with the following safeguards and restrictions:

1. During any/all meetings, maintain appropriate social distance.
2. Meeting halls and lodges must be sanitized before each meeting.
3. Face-masks must be worn at all times upon entering any meeting.
4. Hands should be washed/ sanitized regularly.

As we resume in-person meetings, it is the responsibility of the individuals and the group to adhere to these guidelines. As the safety directives/ guidelines of CDC and other health and government officials change with more knowledge, so shall this Grand Lodge. Take due notice of the required meeting attendance record and the modification for the COVID-19 waiver.

Youth organizations owing allegiance to the MWPHGL of Ohio shall resume in-person meetings under the same guidelines and safety protocols.

If you cannot comply with this Directive for some reason, you must request a dispensation not to meet in person. The guidelines for cleaning the meeting room must be followed, and face masks must be worn during all meetings. My God continues to bless and protect you, your families, and The MWPHGL of Ohio.

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

Respectfully and Fraternally

Jerry R. Ellerson

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