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Directive - JRE 2021-12

To: The Most Worshipful 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 and all of the Prince Hall Family of Appendant, Concordant, and affiliated Bodies

Greetings

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

On September 1, 2021, I authorized the resumption of in person meetings. Over the last 30 days I have watched the number of new daily COVID cases increase to an alarming rate. The Governor has ordered the National Guard in to assist the hospitals in Northeast Ohio, some of the Hospitals have ordered refrigerated trailers to act as makeshift morgues. In view of these circumstances and after consulting with our Chief Medical Doctor Dr. Keith Melvin and the Trustees I am here by ordering all Lodges to return to Virtual meetings only starting January 1st, 2022, until February 28th, 2022. The middle of February we will reevaluate the situation and prayerfully reopen March 1st, 2022. If there are social events already scheduled, you may attend at your own discretion. We will continue to align our self with the CDC and State guidelines. I encourage all members to get the COVID vaccine. This is ordered out of an abundance of caution and trying to be pro-active instead of being reactive.

It is my prayer that all members of the MWPHGL of Ohio stay safe and stay well. May God continue to bless you and your families. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Given under my hand and private seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Master hereto attached at Akron, Ohio this 21st day of December 21, 2021, A.D. 2021, A.L. 6021.

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

Respectfully and Fraternally

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