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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of Oklahoma

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M. : W. : Robert G. Davis  
Grand Master, 2021

**Decision No. 1**

**Waiving the 6 month period to join Masonic Bodies**

Dear Brethren:

This decision is required to be read at the first Stated Communication of your lodge after receipt.

Oklahoma is noted among American Grand Lodges for the strong unity which exists in the organizations which comprise the Masonic family in our State. This is no accident. Oklahomans are naturally friendly. Whatever our challenges and successes, we have always faced them together. It is only fitting that a truly fraternal society should stand together as one.

Every Masonic Body in Oklahoma has something worthwhile to offer our brotherhood. Our Masonic Family presents our membership with continuing Masonic Light, fraternalism, charitable opportunities, friendships, fun, and connections that no other private society of men presently offers. It is important that our newly raised Master Masons be given the earliest opportunity to learn and grow in Freemasonry. When one of our new brothers becomes acquainted with the larger brotherhood of men which exists beyond the limits of their own lodge, many of them attach themselves to the fraternity for a lifetime. Our Masonic Bodies work very hard to provide the best Masonic experience a man can have on his fraternal journey. It is the role of the Grand Lodge to aid and assist the success of all the Bodies it officially recognizes in Oklahoma. To do this, we need not create artificial barriers which stand in the way of any Brother's personal growth and self-improvement.

Section 805 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution and Laws specifies a waiting period of 6 months to petition other Masonic Bodies, unless the Master Mason proficiency has been passed.

**Therefore, it is my decision**, pursuant to Section 202 B.1.e, giving the Grand Master the authority to waive all time requirements relating to petitions and applications specified in the Constitution and laws or the Uniform Code of this Grand Lodge; **I hereby waive the 6 month waiting period requirement for any Master Mason joining another Masonic Body during my term of office.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robert G. Davis -*

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**Decision No. 2**

**Waiving the work lecture in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degree by substituting the Perpetual Path Program Educational Videos.**

Dear Brethren,

This decision is required to be read at the first stated meeting of your lodge after receipt.

The Perpetual Path Program is continuing to be a very successful program.

The educational video's being used for proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degree have proven to be an outstanding means of teaching these new Brothers knowledge about each degree and Masonry in general. These videos are restricted for use during Perpetual Path conferrals only.

In order to continue to strengthen Oklahoma Masonry I am issuing the following decision which will permit those who are Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts to complete their degree(s) through the Perpetual Path Program provided that they comply with all of the requirements of that program. This decision is in effect during my term of office as Grand Master which commenced on November 14, 2020.

Therefore it is my decision:

Pursuant to Section 202 B.12., I have the authority to waive under Section U 505 the requirement of passing an examination on the Work Lecture in open lodge.

I hereby waive the requirement for turning in the work Lecture (Categorical lecture) in open lodge and substitute the requirement of viewing the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Educational Videos by all Perpetual Path candidates.

Respectively Submitted,

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### Decision No. 3

#### Lodge Attendance, Installations, Pandemic precautions

Dear Brethren:

This decision is required to be read at the first Stated Communication of your lodge after receipt.

It is obvious that the COVID19 virus is not going away on its own. Oklahoma is experiencing unprecedented daily numbers of those who have tested positive; and the virus is advancing in every county of our State. It will continue to compromise normal lodge activities until it is brought under control. Fortunately, vaccines are rapidly approaching the end of their testing phases, and it is projected large numbers of the population will have opportunities to participate in a vaccination program by April, 2021. In the interim, we must have the highest respect for the virus's debilitating nature, and continue to be cautious in all our fraternal contacts.

At the same time, we know much more about the virus now than we did when it first hit. We know that certain safety precautions can provide us considerable protection. And we know that every member of our fraternity has free will to decide for himself the degree of safety he requires. Attendance in Masonic activities is not mandatory. As Grand Master, I expect the lodge leadership and attending Brethren of every lodge to exercise good judgment and common sense as it pertains to the health and wellbeing of their lodge brothers.

Yet, we cannot continue to leave our lodges dark for another year. Every month that a lodge does not meet has an impact on its survivability.

Therefore, Pursuant to Section 202A.3, Uniform Code, it is my decision that the following actions in regard to lodge practices be adhered to:

1. Lodges will adhere to the Constitution and Code in conducting their election and installation of lodge officers in December. All elections and installations will be done in lodge meetings. There will be no digital installations. All Lodge officer installations held in December, 2020, will be closed to the public. Installing teams may travel to assist lodges with installations. Otherwise, Past Masters of each lodge will conduct the installation of its lodge officers.

2. Lodges are to comply with the Constitution and Code and their Lodge by-laws by holding their Stated Communications every month during the 2021 Lodge year. The only exception will be if federal, state, and municipal regulations prevent such assemblies of private groups.
3. Social distancing with a minimum of 6' of physical separation between brothers will remain in effect in all lodge gatherings. Social distancing is defined as a point within a circle, with a 6' radius.
4. No more than 25 members may be present at any lodge function unless the seating capacity of the lodge room is such that a 6' separation will allow higher attendance. In such cases, the lodge will be required to request a dispensation from the Grand Master stating in writing the dimensions of the lodge room, the total number of fixed seats that are available in addition to the officer stations, and the requested limit in lodge attendance, with social distancing.
5. Sanitizers must be readily available for members to use in the dining areas, parlors, and in the Lodge Room where Stated Communications are held and Degree work is performed. Sanitizers will be placed on the altar to be used in balloting and in performing duties about the altar during degrees.
6. Masks must be worn in any situation where social distancing cannot be enforced.
7. For Lodges that have dining rooms large enough to accommodate meals and refreshments with social distancing, such meals and refreshments are permitted. This applies only to Stated Communications, degree work, and committee meetings where only Masons are present. No more than 2 people can sit at each 8' table; and when the tables are arranged in rows, there must be 6' of separation between the rows.
8. District meetings and public fundraisers held in a lodge building will continue to be prohibited until the Grand Master notifies lodges that these restrictions may be lifted. Fund raisers and feeds conducted away from the lodge premises where larger crowds can be accommodated with proper social distancing are permitted.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert G. Davis,  
Grand Master

Issued this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020