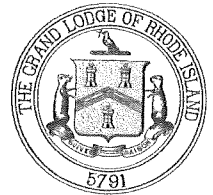




THE GRAND LODGE
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My Dear Brethren,

In light of Governor McKee's Mask Mandate for the State of Rhode Island, effective on Monday, December 20, 2021, I wish to reiterate the actions to be followed that were outlined in my letter of May 20, 2021.

"The only restriction in place is that if you are NOT fully vaccinated, you must continue to wear a mask in Lodge." (Fully vaccinated includes the Booster if you are eligible). "I charge all of you, on your Masonic Honor, to be truthful regarding your vaccination status." If however you are fully vaccinated and wish to wear a mask, by all means do so.

Regarding the passing of the word, "if anyone involved in the passing of the word are NOT fully vaccinated, all parties must continue to use the sign of Fidelity in lieu of the five points of fellowship."

Proper sanitation COVID Protocols are in still in effect for individuals and Lodge Rooms.

I would add that although social distancing is not required, it is highly recommended.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Ellston
Grand Master

Signed

Ronald P. Reed
Grand Secretary
By order of the Grand Master