

# The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio

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Brethren All,

Effectively immediately, I declare all Lodge activities, including but not limited to Stated Meetings, Annual Inspections, Ceremonies, Grand Master Receptions, the Grand Masters Class event and Special Meetings of all Ohio Lodges holding allegiance under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio to be **CANCELLED** through **May 10, 2020**. The following directives will support continued business during this period where meetings are restricted:

- All usual and customary bills for utilities, taxes, and services acted upon by the Lodge can be approved with consent of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer during this period. Phone or email are acceptable modes of communication and should be recorded by the Secretary.
- No Lodge will be disciplined for not meeting the minimum required meetings according to our Code this Masonic year due to this national pandemic.

“Step Into The Light” Brethren. I suggest you use your time now to promote and care for each other. Call your Lodge brethren and widows to lend a hand. Even if we are not able to visit with each other, we can drop off any needed groceries or prescriptions where needed. The time is now more than ever to live our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

This letter applies to all masonic lodges, their craft clubs, committees, Temple Companies, social events, and district associations. These guidelines and directives apply to all Ohio Masons including appendent Ohio Masonic orders.

We will continue to provide regular updates to these guidelines as changes develop. Meetings and events will be rescheduled at a future time.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith W. Newton'.

Keith W. Newton  
Grand Master