



Grand Master of Masons
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Brother,

The Council of Administration and I have been closely monitoring the situation in our country, our state, and our local communities regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Your Grand Lodge leadership has received many communications from brothers who are genuinely concerned about how this national crisis will impact our organization.

Be advised that through the edict attached, I am suspending all in person Masonic Meetings and Degree Work as well as all Masonic Community Events, including meetings at lodge halls by appendant and concordant bodies, until further notice. The edict does not include masonic funeral rites although coordination with the family should be taken to limit attendance to no more than the required participants. As this crisis persists in our state or if there are additional orders from governing authorities, your Grand Lodge leadership will reevaluate the situation and make further decisions.

Please visit the following web site and observe the guidelines from the CDC. These can significantly mitigate some of the common risk factors.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and our state and local officials.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet)
- Most importantly, if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay at home.

Our fraternity and our communities are going through a very difficult time. Throughout our long history, Masonry has endured many hardships, some of which were even greater than today's. With patience and love for each other and our families we will get through this crisis together and as a result we will be an even stronger brotherhood.

May God bless and protect each of you and your families, may brotherly love prevail, and may every moral and social virtue cement us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

MW Anthony W. (Tony) Borum, Grand Master
M.:W.: Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas



EDICT OF THE GRAND MASTER
March 21, 2020

To the Masters, Officers, and Members of all Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas:

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of Kansas permits each Grand Master to issue Special Edicts during his term in office:

AND WHEREAS: A public health crisis exists known as the Coronavirus COVID-19 which is transmitted by human contact and is a health risk to all individuals, but more especially those with compromised immune systems:


AND WHEREAS: It is our duty to protect the well-being of our lodge members and their families and to always comply with Federal, State, and local assembly laws and directives:

THEREFORE: It is my order that all Lodges in this jurisdiction immediately suspend all lodge meetings, masonic community events, and degree work for as long as this edict remains in force Including appendant and concordant body meetings taking place in a lodge hall.

FURTHERMORE: I hereby give the financial lodge officers the authority to pay ordinary and customary bills to sustain their lodge.

ADDITIONALLY: Masonic funerals may be performed, when requested, using cautionary guidelines for gatherings.

Given under my hand and seal of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas.


M.:W.: Anthony W. (Tony) Borum
Grand Master, 2020-2021