



Grand Chapter of Virginia O. E. S.

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This letter must be read in its entirety. The attachments serve only as a reference.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope that each of you is healthy, well and ready to start attending Eastern Star meetings. Effective immediately, the Subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, at the discretion of each Worthy Matron, are allowed to resume in-person Chapter meetings.

If your Chapter meets in a Masonic Lodge, it is the responsibility of the Worthy Matron to contact the Worshipful Master to make sure the Lodge is open and to notify him that your Chapter is resuming its meetings. Please ask him for a list of guidelines for cleaning after each meeting.

Subordinate Chapter Guidelines

1. You must follow all state health regulations as well as all cleaning guidelines established by each Lodge.
2. Masks, social distancing, and temperature checks are required. Infrared no contact thermometers are available at many retailers like Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc.
3. You must have a quorum to open your chapter; therefore, I suggest that you contact your membership to ensure a quorum before going to the Lodge. Once you enter the building, then you are responsible for cleaning.
4. There will be no singing at the meetings.
5. There will be no food allowed, before or after meetings.

Please find attached the State Guidelines and communications from the Grand Master of Virginia and the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

CORONAVIRUS EDICT

This Special Edict is effective immediately, only during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Listed below are the following changes to the Constitution:

1. ARTICLE V: Time and Location of Meeting

The Grand Chapter of Virginia 116th Session has been cancelled and rescheduled to May 16-19, 2021 in Roanoke, VA.

2. ARTICLE V: Time and Location of Meeting

At the request of the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Chapter of Virginia 117th Session will be rescheduled to May 22-25, 2022 in Roanoke, VA, which is one week after the required date. The Coronavirus Pandemic caused the 117th Session to be moved to 2022 creating a conflict with another event scheduled at the same time. Hence, with the contract signed and deposits paid, the only choice was to accept the next available date.

3. ARTICLE XVI; Section 2: Schools of Instruction

Any required Schools of Instruction are waived.

The following changes to the Rules and Regulations are effective immediately:

1. Installation of Officers; Section 3(a)

Any Subordinate Chapter whose Officers have been duly elected and appointed for the 2020-2021 year are deemed regularly installed. The Installation of Officer Ceremony is waived.

2. Installation of Officers; Section 3(a)

Any Subordinate Chapter, which needs to elect and appoint 2020-2021 Officers, will do so at its first stated meeting when meetings resume. Those Officers are hereby regularly installed. The Installation of Officer Ceremony is waived.

3. Meetings; Section 25

The requirement to meet 10 times per year is waived. The Worthy Matron will decide if it is safe to hold in-person Chapter meetings.

4. Meetings; Section 25

Chapters that go dark during the year may choose to meet during those months without dispensation and without fee.

5. Dispensations; Section 27

All dispensations and fees are waived.

If questions that are not specifically addressed in this communication arise, contact your Worthy Matron first, and she may contact me directly at 276.340.4187 or by email at rhall0420@gmail.com.

May the Lord bless you with a smile on your face and love in your heart.

Sincerely & fraternally,



Robbin C. Hall
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