

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE**  
of  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA**



**Victor C. Major, 33°**  
27<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master

***"Bridging the gaps of the Past, with an eye on our Future, while protecting our Brand"***

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I pray that all is well with you and your families. In times like these, we need to continue to lift one another in prayer, and truly remain as Brothers and Sisters.

Due to the rising cases of COVID-19, including the variants of the disease, the principal officers met and decided to **"take a pause"** on all face-to-face masonic activities in the Jurisdiction of South Carolina. The pause will begin on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. We will reassess the situation on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to determine if we will go back to face-to-face activities on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Below are the basic guidelines during the current pause:

**Allowed:**

- Video Conferencing and/or conference call meetings. When using video conferencing and/or conference calls, voting is permitted; however, petitions can only have a vote to receive the petition. Balloting on the petition must take place face-to-face.
- Small business meetings are allowed for up to 5 members in the case physical presence is necessary to take care of emergency business matters.
- Renting of Lodge & Facilities (must have a waiver from the Grand Lodge signed by each individual participant for each separate event). Also, must have rider insurance, paid for by the renter; and provide a copy to the MWPHGLSC.
- Burial/Funeral Services: Grand Lodge social distance policy must be followed. Brothers can be pallbearers. Brothers can attend funerals; however, the traditional masonic last rites should not take place, and social distancing must be followed. A resolution should be prepared and read by one of the three principal officers.

**Not Allowed:**

- Face-to-Face activities
- Church Visitations
- Cornerstone Ceremonies
- Degree Work

We know that this maybe a trying time; however, we believe that we will make it through this pandemic. As we continue to progress, let us remember this quote: **"No man is perfect, but a trying man is everything!"**

We ask that you adhere to the above guidelines and govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

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