

Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin



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Grand Master's Edict

To be Read at the Next Stated Communication of Your Lodge

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 pandemic is resurging in many areas in the State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS: The virus has a greater and more severe effect on older adults which make up a significant portion of Wisconsin Masonry.

WHEREAS: Many more Wisconsin Lodges will be going active after being closed or dark during July and August.

WHEREAS: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other areas of social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

WHEREAS: The use of face masks and social distancing have proved to be effective in limiting the spread of the Coronavirus.

WHEREAS: The Governor of Wisconsin issued a statewide order requiring Wisconsinites to wear a face mask when inside most public buildings.

Pursuant to Article 2.05 of the Wisconsin Masonic Code (2019)

I THEREFORE AMEND THE EDICT OF JUNE 6, 2020 BECOMING EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020:

The wearing of masks is required before entering a lodge building. The practice of using social distancing is highly recommended whenever possible even while wearing a face covering.

The amendment also includes any organization which meets in the building including appendant bodies and non-masonic tenants or gatherings.

There are some exceptions to this face mask amendment which would include allowing the mask to be removed:

- Eating or drinking.
- People who have trouble breathing.
- People who have medical conditions that prevent them from wearing masks.

In all cases where mask wearing is exempt for this amendment, social distancing of 6-foot spacing should absolutely be practiced.

This amendment does not supersede Governor Evers mandate, but will remain in place, if necessary, after the State mandate expires on September 28, 2020.

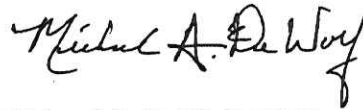
Given under my hand this 3rd day of August 2020 at Dousman, Wisconsin.



M.: W.: Kenneth C. Gorgen
Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin



Attest:



Michael A. DeWolf, PGM
Grand Secretary