



GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

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Decree Relating to Lodge Elections and Installations

To all Lodges:

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic Lodges have not been able to hold Stated Communications since March.

Many Brothers have asked about their Lodge Elections and Installations. Because Lodges are unable to hold Stated Communications at this time, it is not possible for a Lodge to hold its election or installation of officers during 2020. Therefore, I decree:

1. Lodge elections and installations as specified in WMC Sec. 15.05 and Sec. 15.08 B.L. are hereby cancelled for the 2020-2021 year or until such time as we are able to safely meet in person.
2. Per WMC 15.12 B.L., Brothers will remain in office until their successor is installed. Therefore, the current officers will remain in place until we can again meet in person and safely hold elections and installations.

If a Lodge has an emergent need to hold an election (such as the death of an elected officer), then that Lodge may contact the Grand Lodge Office and request special dispensation.

This decree expires on June 13, 2021 or earlier, if this decree is withdrawn by me.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future

Chris J. Coffman
Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington

cc: Clinton M. Brown, Jr., Grand Secretary
Jurisprudence

