

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut



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Issued By: Stephen W. Petri, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Issued To: All Lodges under the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut
For Use On: Monday, June 1, 2020 until Tuesday, June 30, 2020
Purpose of Edict: Meetings Suspended Until June 30, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Lamont issued a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declaration, Governor Lamont has issued twenty-four (24) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher for individuals who are 60 years of age or older and for those who have chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, all social and recreational gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the functions and operations of Connecticut Freemasonry do not meet the standards for “Phase 1” (One) of the State’s “REOPEN CONNECTICUT” program to exempt it from the social and recreational gathering limitations imposed by Governor Lamont.

Now therefore, I, Most Worshipful Brother Stephen W. Petri, do hereby cancel all previously agreed upon scheduled events requiring the attendance of the officers of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Connecticut through to June 30, 2020 or until cancelled by me; and

Now therefore, All Lodges and Brothers of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut are directed to cancel any Masonic activities through to June 30, 2020 or until cancelled by me, that would come in conflict with the Governor of Connecticut’s Executive orders, which have been put in place to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and protect the general population.

With the need to have social distancing, feelings of isolation can occur. Masons are encouraged to keep in contact with their brothers and to continue providing of Brotherly Relief, taking appropriate precautions to avoid injury to oneself and the brother in need.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of May A.D. 2020,
in the city of Wallingford, Connecticut


M.W. Grand Master

