



# GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

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## MATRIX OF AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

To all Lodges,

As stated in my November 3, 2020 directive adopting a matrix of activities that may be conducted by Masons in Washington, there will be changes. In light of the new restrictions imposed by the State, the matrix of authorized activities has been modified effective November 17, 2020 at 12:01 A.M. A copy of the revised matrix is attached and is posted on Grandview.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris J. Coffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris J. Coffman  
Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington

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



**Matrix of Lodge Activities**

Revised - November 17, 2020

Activity	In-Person		Virtually		Specific Clarification / Conditions
	YES	NO	YES	NO	
Lodge Stated or Special Communications		X		X	Lodge Communications are NOT allowed until further notice. When Lodge Communications are allowed, Grand Master's Directive dated 10/28/20 outlines the requirements that will be imposed.
Lodge Executive Committee		X	X		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In-person meetings will not be allowed. *</li> <li>2. All usual and customary bills for utilities, taxes, fees, and services that are normally acted upon by the Lodge can be approved with the consent of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer.</li> <li>3. Approval of the payment of bills may be accomplished by telephone, email, video conferencing or other means.</li> <li>4. All decisions to pay these usual and customary bills shall be recorded by the Secretary and reported to the Lodge at the next Stated Communication.</li> <li>5. Expenditures for charitable purposes shall be considered usual and customary.</li> </ol>
Other Lodge Committee meetings		X	X		In-person meetings are not allowed. Meetings may be held by telephone, video conferencing, or other means.

Lodge Elections and Installations		X		X	Per the Grand Master's Decree dated September 16, 2020 Lodge elections and Installations are cancelled. In the event of an EMERGENT need, exceptions may be allowed but only upon written request to and approval from the Grand Master.
Temple Board Meeting(s)		X	X		In-person meetings are not allowed. Meetings may be held by telephone, video conferencing, or other means.
Work parties to perform NECESSARY repairs to Masonic buildings and property (e.g., cemeteries, parks) and the property of our Brothers and their widows.	X		N/A	N/A	Necessary or emergent repair to buildings or property. Must follow all Safe Start Washington guidance. * High risk persons are encouraged not to attend.
Work parties to perform lawn or landscaping maintenance.	X		N/A	N/A	Lawn and necessary landscaping services for Lodge building, Brothers and widows are allowed. Must follow all Safe Start Washington guidance. * High risk persons are encouraged not to attend.
Lodge Sponsored Social Activities i.e. pool party, Festive Board, Table Lodge, Picnic, Campout, Dinner		X	X		In-person social activities are not allowed. There are many programs that can be conducted virtually. Use your imagination.
District or Regional Lodge Officer and Member Association meetings.		X	X		In-person activities are not allowed. Can be conducted virtually and are encouraged.
Masonic Funeral Service, including recording of the service for a virtual celebration of life.	X		X		Limited by what the State allows by the county and for funeral activities. * Recording or live feed for a virtual attendance is encouraged. High risk persons are encouraged not to attend.
Ritual Practice		X		X	In-person practices are not allowed.
One on one assistance to a Brother to assist with or demonstrate proficiency or practice ritual.		X	X		As previously allowed , if done virtually, both participants must determine that the platform used is secure and that their physical location is secure. This use of virtual meetings is specifically limited to two Brothers.

Meetings of appendant bodies. (Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, Eastern Star, Amarthan.) Masons attending.		X	X		Masons may NOT attend in-person meetings.
Youth Groups Masons attending		X	X		Masons may NOT attend in-person meetings.
Educational and other events not specified above held at an "event center" or other public venue.		X	X		Masons may NOT attend in-person meetings.
Use of Masonic Buildings	?		?		Any use of a Masonic building must be approved by the Building corporation and should comply with all requirements of Safe Start Washington.*

*This Matrix is not all inclusive. If you have a question as to whether the activity is allowed you are encouraged to consult with the Grand Master.*

*State guidance must be followed in all in-person activities. Social gatherings, which applies to all Masonic meetings, are NOT ALLOWED.*

**\* State guidance. The following link should be referenced to determine what is or is not allowed per the State guidance:**

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov>

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start>

<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/county-status-and-safe-start-application-process>

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/COVID%2019%20November%20Statewide%20Restrictions.pdf>