

# The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



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## District Lodge Directive


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Due to Phase II guidelines issued by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards, a 50-person limit is in place to maintain social distancing. After review, we have determined that several of the District Lodges could meet and stay within these guidelines.

Therefore, I am issuing the following directive to **allow** our District Lodges to resume meeting, with restrictions as follows:

- District Lodge Meetings should only have the following attendees (**not to exceed 50 attendees**):
  1. Three (3) Principle Officers of each Lodge in the District
  2. District Deputy Grand Master of that District
  3. District Grand Lecturer of that District
  4. District Lodge Officers of that District
- Meals will be allowed with the following guidelines:  
Buffet style service is discouraged and a designated server(s) is recommended. Servers will use gloves and masks for food and beverage service.
- Strict social distancing rules, as established in Governor Edwards' "Open Safely", will be followed, including the following:
  1. All Masons will maintain social distancing.
  2. Masons are strongly urged, but are not required, to wear face masks.
  3. Lodges are encouraged to have hand sanitizer available in the Lodge building.
  4. Temperature checks are highly recommended before each meeting.
  5. Most importantly, all Louisiana Masons are strongly encouraged NOT to attend District Lodges if they have any signs of illness or do not feel comfortable, at the present time, with attending. Masons must self-screen for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 before attending any Lodge meeting. Those individuals considered to be "at-risk", including those who are 65 or older, and especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; weakened immune system or other risk factors are encouraged not to attend Lodge. You are the sole decision-maker as to whether you should attend Lodge.

Fraternally,



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Grand Master

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