

**MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE  
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TO: Grand Lodge Officers Present and Past, Grand Chapter Officers, Present and Past, District Deputy Grand Masters and their Assistants, Brethren of the Craft, Sisters of the Order, All Appendant & Adopted Bodies of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, Free and Accepted Masons, Inc.

Greetings:

As we continue to face the very difficult challenges of COVID-19, the Coronavirus, we must continue to pray for our families, neighbors, and friends. Although the vaccine is in place, the booster shots have started to provide additional protection for those vaccinated, and some improvement has occurred with the COVID -19 situation, we must continue to use common sense steps outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the Governor of Virginia to mitigate in the prevention and protection of contracting the virus. As Most Worshipful Grand Master (MWGM) of this Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia (MWP HGLVA), I want to thank each of you for your diligence in staying safe and healthy in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic. The safety of the Craft is and always will be a priority for this MWP HGL.

The MWP HGLVA will continue to follow the Governor's guidelines, with the note that we will continue to use common sense with following and all restrictions. To reiterate, the MWP HGLVA will continue to stay open in conjunction with the mandates of the State of Virginia. I will also state that we are not back to normal yet. As MWGM, I urge the Craft and others to continue to **wear masks, wash your hands frequently and remain physically (6 feet) apart.** This virus has not changed or gone anywhere, and we can see that in the numbers. I send you an optimistic and cautious warning. If there is a surge in COVID-19 cases, we

will follow the guidelines of the Governor whenever necessary. I also want to advise everyone, if you do not feel that going to a meeting is in your best interest, you should notify the leaders of your particular organization that you do not feel safe and will not be attending. If you think that you are sick and do not need to be around other members, **it is your duty to stay at home.**

Special request for Lodge fundraisers must still be approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master. These requests **must** be explained and submitted in writing and **must** provide the specific written details of the fundraiser(s). Written criteria for fundraiser approval is still a requirement along with the following criteria:

- Washing your hands often.
- Staying at least 6 feet apart from others.
- Always wearing a mask in public settings.

**Approval for these fundraisers will ONLY be given in special cases by me, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Donald S. Wilson.**

Any result of non-compliance of these rules or not receiving approval from the Most Worshipful Grand Master will be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including suspension of Masonic privileges.

I am in continuous prayer for the safety of you and your families to stay safe and healthy as we continue to navigate these difficult times. No matter what circumstances you encounter, GOD is faithful, GOD is good, GOD will keep you, and GOD will bless you and work all things for your good in his GLORY.

**TAKE DUE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.**

Fraternally,

*Donald S. Wilson*  
Donald S. Wilson  
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Attest:



Stevie R. Gray  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary