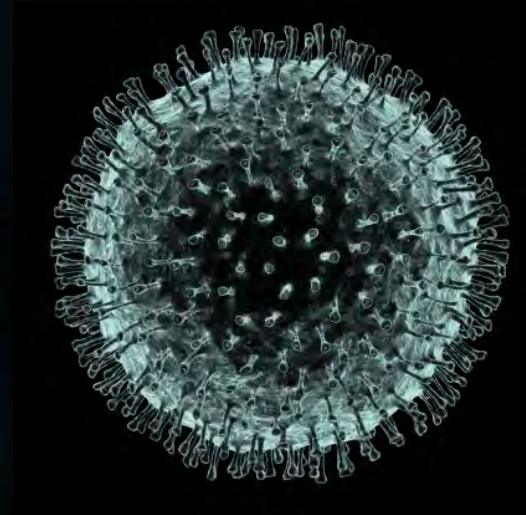




# GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY

## COVID-19 RESPONSE & LODGE RE-OPENING PLAN

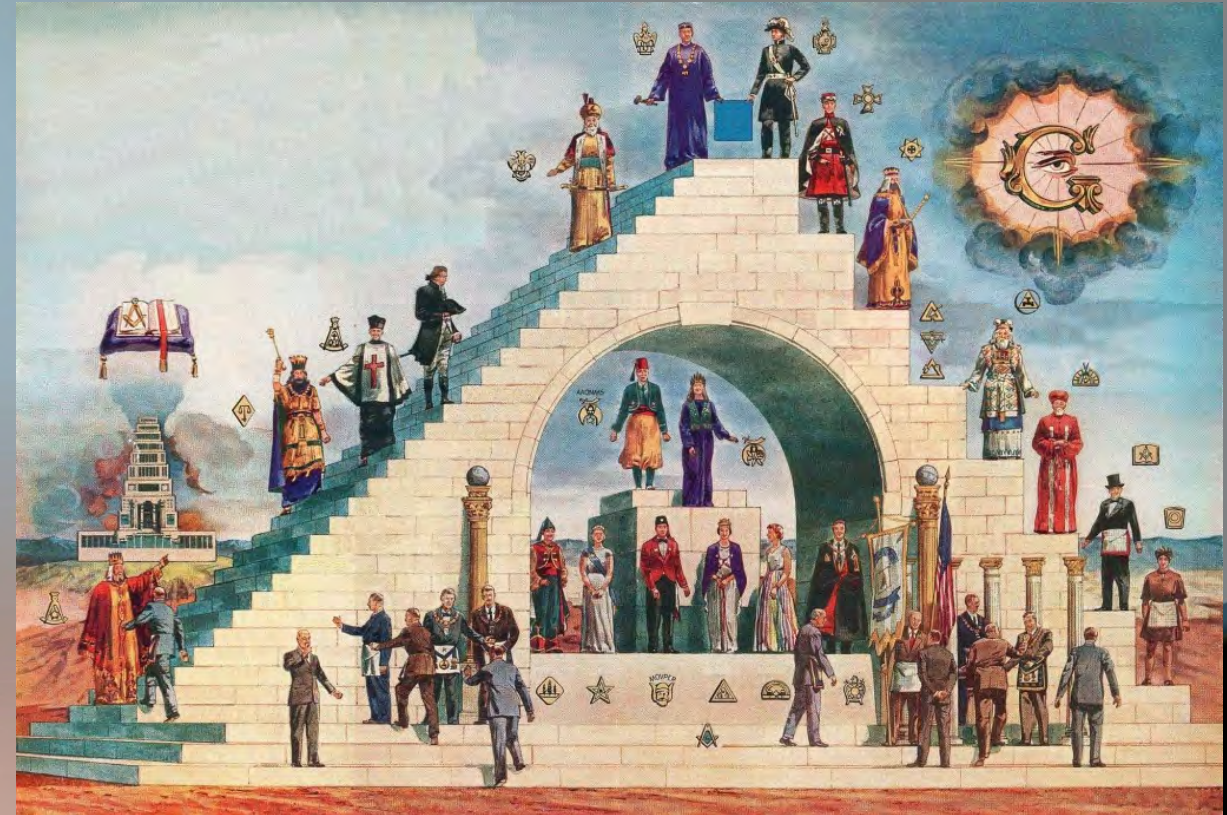
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# Create an amiable situation to allow Lodges to meet and conduct their business while adhering to Kentucky Government Guidelines and CDC Recommendations

- Where we are
- Where we want to be
- How to get there



## **Where we are now...**

- Currently no meetings in Lodges or Outdoor Lodge functions
- 5 primary officers able to communicate to decide whether to remit or suspend members for non-payment of dues
- Masonic funerals are allowed based on State and Funeral Home guidelines



## CDC Guidelines

- Avoid physical contact with people
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Do not invite guests to your home
- Avoid groups and crowds
- Wear face covering/ mask
- Consider option of video chats opposed to meeting in person
- Symptom monitoring

## Governor Guidelines/ KY Response

- Clean & disinfect surfaces, toilets, tables, doorknobs, light switches, desks, faucets,
- Social Distancing/ 6ft apart
- Masks recommended
- Groups of less than 50
- Wear gloves when cleaning
- Symptom monitoring
- No communal meals

## Guidance for Gatherings of Up To Fifty (50) People

Under Governor Beshear's new executive order, groups of up to fifty (50) people may begin gathering on June 29, 2020.

- If you are a member of a group particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 (individuals with conditions identified by the CDC as higher risk or those over 65 years old), public health experts recommend that you continue to avoid any in-person gatherings and remain Healthy At Home.
- If you host or attend a gathering of up to fifty (50) people under circumstances not otherwise explicitly addressed by other Healthy at Work guidance, please follow this document.



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- Communicate to individuals to stay home if sick and not attend a group event;
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- Wash or sanitize hands frequently;

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- Not share food, drink, containers, plates, napkins, or utensils. Groups Should:
- Remain Healthy at Home to the greatest extent practicable and socialize via Internet, telephone, and other means that allow people to engage in appropriate social distancing;
- Limit the gathering size to the smallest number of people practicable;
- Hold the gathering outside whenever possible;

- Discourage people from sharing items in any gathering, including tools, sporting equipment, vehicles, cooking/grilling ware, and other high-touch objects;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth; and o Post signs (physical and/or electronic) whenever practicable that discourage handshakes, “high-fives,” and other direct person-to-person contact during the gathering as a way of decreasing the social pressure to engage in these common behaviors.



Do you feel sick?



If you are sick or have been in  
the last 24 hours,  
please **DO NOT ENTER.**

To prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.



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# HEALTHY AT WORK

[HealthyatWork.Ky.Gov](https://HealthyatWork.Ky.Gov)



Please help us all stay healthy at work by practicing the following:



- **DO NOT ENTER** THE PREMISES IF YOU HAVE FELT SICK IN THE LAST 24 HOURS
- **REMAIN SIX (6) FEET APART** WHENEVER POSSIBLE
- **WEAR A CLOTH MASK** WHENEVER YOU'RE AROUND OTHERS, IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO
- **WASH HANDS** AND USE HAND SANITIZER FREQUENTLY
- **DO NOT GATHER** IN COMMON AREAS
- **CHECK YOUR TEMPERATURE** AND FOR ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS DAILY AND GET TESTED IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS
- REPORT ANY COMPLIANCE CONCERNS TO THE HEALTHY AT WORK OFFICER OR **(833) KYSAFER**

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### **Groups Should:**

- Remain Healthy at Home to the greatest extent practicable and socialize via Internet, telephone, and other means that allow people to socially distance;
- Limit the gathering size to the smallest number of people practicable;
- Hold the gathering outside whenever possible;
- Sanitize bathrooms and other high-touch surfaces frequently, ideally before and after each use whenever possible;
- Discourage people from sharing items including tools, sporting equipment, vehicles, cooking/grilling ware, and other high-touch objects;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth; and
- Post signs whenever practicable to discourage handshakes, "high-fives," and other direct person-to-person contact to reduce social pressure to engage in these common behaviors.

# Attending Lodge



## **Taking care of our elderly members...**

- For members that are 65 years of age or older, masks will be required or we ask that you stay at home.
- ELEVATORS IN YOUR LODGES SHOULD ONLY CARRY ONE MEMBER AT A TIME UNLESS YOU SHARE YOUR HOUSEHOLD WITH THEM, SUCH AS FAMILY MEMBERS.

# BALLOTING

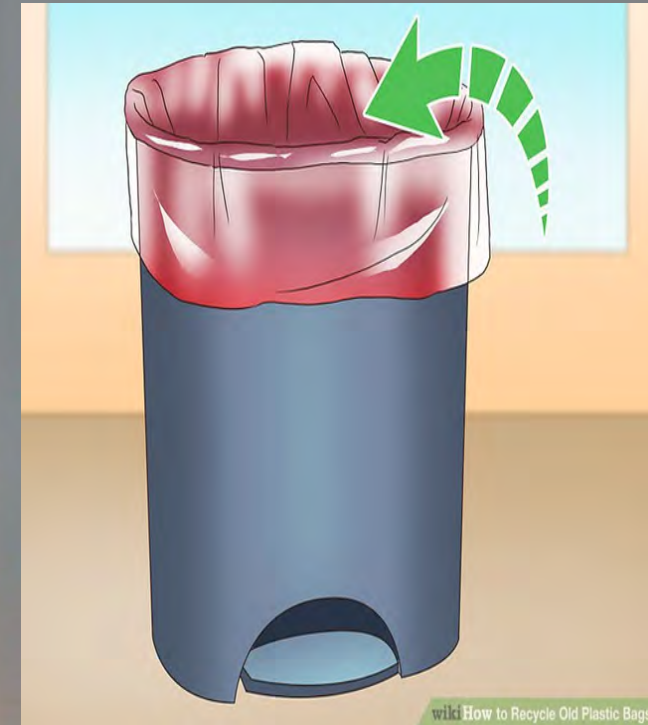


# BALLOTING

- To abide by the guidelines in place concerning cross contamination, it is required that you wear a glove or gloves any time there is a vote using the ballot box. Anyone handling the ballot box, must wear a glove on each hand, those who are just balloting may wear a glove on the one hand they use to ballot with. This can be accomplished with plastic food preparation gloves, which are relatively inexpensive.

## BALLOTING, CONTINUED

Please have a trash can with a disposable bag can readily accessible to put gloves in once you have cast your ballot. This should be done immediately after your ballot to prevent cross contamination, AND be disposed of by a member wearing gloves.





**MEALS**

# Serving meals...

Meals and refreshments will be allowed under the following guidelines, until further notice.

- Pre-packaged food or snacks are highly recommended
- No buffets. All meals are to be plated with dedicated servers, wearing masks and gloves.





- Disposable plates and utensils are recommended. If regular silverware and utensils are used, they should be wrapped in individual packets to ensure cross contamination does not occur.
- Condiments should be individually packaged and distributed by a dedicated server.
- No one allowed in the kitchen except those preparing food.

**At no time shall any meal or snack be self-serve**

## After meals

Please have a trash can with a disposable bag can readily accessible to put gloves in once you have had your meal. This should be done immediately after the meal to prevent cross contamination AND be disposed of by a member wearing gloves.



wikiHow to Recycle Old Plastic Bags



# DEGREE WORK

## Meetings for purpose of degrees...

- There will be no stated or called meetings for the purpose of conferring any of the degrees of Freemasonry until further notice. At such time, when a plan has been devised or circumstances have changed which would allow it, the craft will be promptly notified.



# Proficiencies

- Proficiencies may be returned at the discretion of the Lodge, however, no grips are to be given and social distancing guidelines must be followed.

## Signing the register...

- One member of the lodge will be designated to sign member's and visitor's names into the register. He must wear gloves in order to reduce the possibility of cross contamination.



## **Grips/ Handshakes...**

- No grips or handshakes or personal contact between the members of the lodge due to social distancing guidelines.
- Hand sanitizer to be available for use

# DISCLAIMER



## Masks & Illnesses...

- It is not required but is highly recommended that you wear a mask.
- Again, if you are sick, have underlying medical conditions or believe that coming to lodge, may jeopardize your health in any way, please remain at home.

- If you have any concerns about re-opening your lodge, please contact your District Deputy Grand Master, the Area Officer, or the Grand Master



**Thank you!**