

## **GRAND LODGE OF IDAHO** ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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TO: All Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho

FROM: Steven L. Hall, MWGM, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

DATE: July 13, 2020

## EDICT NO. 4 - 2020 153rd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Brethren,

With so many variable factors to take into consideration and with the uncertainty of the COVID -19 Pandemic it is my decision that the 153rd Annual Communication for Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho will be conducted in an abbreviated manner, consistent with Masonic Code & Digest of Idaho, to limit exposure to the Coronavirus, COVID - 19 and to comply with the Executive Stay Healthy Order No issued by Governor Little on May 30, 2020 with updated Proclamation Order dated July 10, 2020. Any changes with the Governor's orders or course of the pandemic effecting our plans for this Annual Communication, may result in further adjustments.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee in council with the Jurisprudence Committee have formulated a Plan to hold a limited Annual Communication that completes the essential business as direct by the Masonic Code & Digest of Idaho to minimize the risk of infection and ensure the health and safety of our Masonic family.

The abbreviated 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Communication plan includes:

- The abbreviated 153rd Annual Grand Lodge will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on September 17, 2020 by a minimum number of Grand Lodge Officers at Meridian Lodge No. 47 and then be called from labor to refreshment.
- A ZOOM video conference of the 153rd Annual Communication will start at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2020 with only the preregistered voting members of Grand Lodge of Idaho on the video conference.
- All Legislation and Resolutions (except 2020-2021 budget and election of Grand Lodge Officers) will be held over until the 154th Annual Communication.
- Grand Officer Reports and Committee Reports will be received and accepted, but not read at the 153rd Communication. The Grand Master may select parts or all of some reports to be presented in the record.
- Each voting member of the Grand Lodge of Idaho will need have an electronic device capable of audio and video to log in to the ZOOM meeting.
- No one will be admitted to the meeting if they are not pre-registered before September 11, 2020
- There will be no proxy voting. Each IP address registered will only have one vote.
- Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2020-2021 will follow at Meridian Lodge No. 47

The decision to limit the operation of the 153rd Annual Communication was not made lightly, but with the utmost concern for the health and safety of our Masonic family.

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As per my previous EDICTs, there will be No Masonic functions or meetings of any kind other than the modified Communication previously stated.

This Edict remains in effect until rescinded, or until my term ends, whichever occurs first.

Given under the seal of the Grand Master of Idaho

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020

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M.W. Steven L. Hall **Grand Master** 

Grand Lodge A.F. & AM of Idaho

Attested to by

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R.W. Monte Bollar **Grand Secretary** 

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