

# The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina



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## EDICT NO. ONE ADDENDUM

My Brethren:

I have heard and read many of your questions as to why we have to wear face masks in our Lodges during our Regular and Special Communications.

Having read the Governor's recent Order empowering parents to decide whether their children will or will not wear face masks in school and eliminating the state-wide face mask mandates, I hereby amend my Edict No. One as follows:

**The Worshipful Master and Brethren of our Lodges shall determine if face masks are to be worn during the Lodge's Regular Communications or Special Communications. If a Lodge decides that face masks do not have to be worn, individual Brethren may still be allowed to wear a face mask if they so desire. During degree work in the Lodges, there are times when the candidate(s) is/are being touched by their conductor, therefore face masks and gloves are to be worn by both the candidate and conductor for the time being.**

I would like to clarify that my Edict No. One allows meals to be served at the Lodge provided no buffets and the servers wear face masks and gloves.

I am very encouraged by the Degree Work and Masonic Activity in our Lodges around the state during May. Thank you, my Brethren, for your love of and faithfulness to your Lodge and this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

*Ronald C. Mitchum*  
Grand Master