

# The Grand Lodge of Texas

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ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS, Greg Abbott**, the Governor of the State of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poised an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas, which proclamation was renewed on multiple occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued a series of COVID-19-specific Executive Orders that among other items established occupancy limits, mandated the wearing of masks, and established guidelines for gatherings throughout Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2021, the Governor issued a revised order (GA-34) withdrawing most restrictions previously imposed upon individuals, businesses, and other establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's revised order strongly encourages individuals to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; and

**WHEREAS**, some counties, cities and local governing authorities have issued COVID-19 orders regarding the conduct of individuals, businesses, and other establishments within their respective territorial jurisdictions; and.

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to pose a substantial risk to the safety and welfare of the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas and its subordinate lodges.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, I ISSUE THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION:**

The Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Texas and their members:

1. Shall abide by and follow all COVID-19 prevention orders and regulations issued by federal, state, county, city, and local authorities for individuals, businesses, and other establishments having jurisdiction over the lodge or member.
2. Should follow, but are not required to follow, all COVID-19 health recommendations issued by federal, state, county or local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the lodge or member.
3. Each Constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Texas may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary and reasonable to ensure its members and visitors comply with COVID-19 prevention orders, regulations, and recommendations issued by federal, state, county or local governing authorities having jurisdiction over the lodge or member.

This Proclamation supersedes the Proclamation issued on January 27<sup>th</sup> and is effective from and after the date indicated below and shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn, modified, superseded, or rendered moot by installation of a succeeding Grand Master.

Signed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth C. Curry  
Grand Master 2021