



October 3, 2020

Decision: 2020/2021 - 001

Subject: Covid 19

This decision must be sent out to all Chapters and Councils within the jurisdiction of Utah for dissemination to their members and shall become effective on the date of this letter.

Whereas the safety and health of the Brethren and Companions of the York Rite are the first priority during this pandemic and due to the continued rise in confirmed cases of Covid 19 within the state of Utah, as well as to show solidarity with the Constituent Commandries of the Grand Commandery of Utah who at the current time are unable to meet by restrictions placed.

It is our decision that all constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah and all Cryptic Councils of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Utah remain closed until January 1, 2021 or until this order is rescinded by the respective heads of the same.

Meetings are encouraged and may continue to take place via video conferencing.

We wish you all the best and ask that you stay safe and healthy. Continue to practice brotherly love and charity. Check in on our companions to ensure their wellbeing and welfare are attended to.

Fraternal yours,

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