



# W.K. Bray Lodge No. 410

*Free and Accepted Masons*

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**W.K. Bray, Lodge Number 410 Master's log - Date: June 1st, 2020:**

*Day 72 in quarantine. After nearly eleven weeks in lockdown there appears to be some loosening of the government restrictions that had been placed on everyone a few months back. According to news reports, the number of people infected from the virus has been increasingly diminishing - slowly but steadily. I'm hearing that some businesses are being permitted to re-open and some people are beginning to go back to work. I have also heard that many people no longer look the same - that because of the closure of so many businesses there has been a complete disruption in salon and barber services; and the vast majority of the population now have wild and crazy hair as they have been unable to get their hair cut. I have been unaffected by this given that I have the proper equipment and knowledge to administer myself a respectable trimming.*

*I've recently left the safety of my quarantine confines and ventured out in public to secure some necessities; it was my observation that the world has changed rather dramatically. It seems that everywhere I went people donned face masks. There is a new public policy called social distancing in which everyone must remain at a distance of at least six feet apart in all public venues, including grocery and convenience stores. I have discovered that you can still obtain food from many of your favorite restaurants, but it has to be through either take out or delivery - there is no dining-in currently permitted anywhere, at least in Pennsylvania. I have to wonder how long this is going to last. I keep hearing the term "New Normal", but there is really nothing normal about this ever changing new world in which we seem to be now living.*

My Brothers,

Greetings from my humble abode. I hope this month's letter finds you all well and surviving the apocalypse. I also hope you enjoyed the opening exposé; I kinda figured I'd have a little fun with it. If you feel anything like I do, I'm sure by now you are as much over this as I am. There are some updates that have come out of the Grand Lodge which I would like to present.

First, the RWGM has recently issued another letter with some guidance on how we are to proceed with various activities. The letter, which can be found attached with June's notice basically states that all Masonic activities are subject to the restrictions and limitations implemented by the state's red, yellow and green guidelines. This means that we will have to follow the standards imposed by the governor's orders as they occur - county by county. For a better understanding of the RWGM's terms as they apply to us, please refer to his letter.

Second, as per the RWGM, we are now to have four virtual meetings a year through some kind of online social platform (I.E. - zoom or Google meetings). These meetings will not be ritualistic in nature and as I understand it thus far, will be more for "socializing" and "fellowship" while still maintaining the safety of social distancing. I will offer more details once I receive clarification of the specifics. Know that we are working on setting this up right now.

This month's notice has been printed and sent out to those who receive it through the traditional method. If, however, you would like to receive it by way of email instead, please contact myself or our lodge secretary Bro. Eric Carlson. We would be most happy to assist you.

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Again, I would like to remind you that the officers of WK Bray, lodge no. 410 are here for you. Should you at anytime need anything, as always, we are here to serve you, the members of WK Bray. I would also ask that you to take a moment to reach out to your brothers - especially our older brothers who because of the isolation may be feeling particularly lonely.

On a side note, I would like you to know that if anyone is in desperate need of a haircut and your regular barber is unavailable, I would be happy to help you. I'm not a professional barber by any means, but if you desire a haircut I would be happy to help - free of charge.

I am looking forward to things being back to normal; and I hope it happens soon, but until then, I hope you and your families remain healthy and safe.

Fraternal regards from a social distance,

**Bro. JD Ritter**

*Worshipful Master*