



Masonic Grand Lodge of Rhode Island

To All Rhode Island Masons,

On July 1, 2020, the Board of Directors for the Masonic Youth Foundation held an emergency board meeting to discuss the opening of the pool this coming season. After much discussion and debate on the issue with the Covid-19 pandemic and the response to the pandemic by State Government making up much of the discussion. The board made the very difficult decision to keep the pool closed for the 2020 season. This decision was not taken lightly and is fully supported by the Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island, M.W. Gary S. Kaufman and the Potentate of the Rhode Island Shriners, Ill. Alan J. Kinsley.

The board realizes the pool is one of the biggest attractions to the park, but it is not the only one. Did you know that the Masonic Youth Center is believed to be the only park of its kind for Masons, Eastern Star, Rainbow and DeMolay in the country?! Where else can you enjoy such quiet, serene surroundings, the beautiful view of Greenwich Cove, the relaxing afternoon breeze and not have to worry about traffic and paying for parking? There are many other features the Youth Center has to offer, such as: beach volleyball, tennis, basketball, horseshoes and bocce to name a few. There's no better place to set up your favorite beach chair under a shady tree and take a nice, relaxing, afternoon nap! Or pack up your family and your favorite food and come down late some day after work and enjoy the park while you eat dinner.

Beginning this weekend, a minimal amount of picnic tables will be placed throughout the park and we are working on securing new grills to be utilized soon. We would like to remind our guests to bring your own cleaning and sanitizing supplies if you plan on using one of the picnic tables. We strongly encourage you to use table coverings as well when using these tables. When you visit the Youth Center, kindly follow social distancing protocols and use a facial cover when outside of your circle of family and friends.

As a reminder, all members and guests are briefly screened at the entrance for Covid-19. Also, the name and phone number of one person per vehicle is collected for contact tracing purposes.

The overall health and safety of our staff, members and guests is the highest priority of the Board of Directors. We want all that visit the Youth Center to be safe and worry free.

Respectfully,

Executive Board, Rhode Island Masonic Youth Foundation

Gary S. Kaufman, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island

Alan J. Kinsley, Potentate - Rhode Island Shrine