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Dear Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren

I have been closely monitoring the situation in our country, our state, and in our local communities regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Things are changing daily, sometime hourly. We at Grand Lodge will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed if more action needs to be taken.

I have received many phone calls from brothers who are concerned about how this will affect our organization. There are several things we can do at this time to help prevent the spread of this virus.

1. Follow the guidelines from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and our state and local officials

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet)
- Most importantly, if you are sick or not feeling well, please stay at home.
- If you are at risk by reason of age, chronic health issues, or infirmity, please use your own judgement as to whether you should attend meetings or functions.

2. As Grand Master, I have decided to grant special dispensation at this time to any lodge choosing to suspend or cancel a meeting for reason of the COVID-19 virus. Simply send an email from the Secretary or Worshipful Master to the Grand Secretary giving the lodge name & number and the affected date or dates. In the event that your lodge cancels their meetings or activities, please make sure to notify all members and everyone concerned.

3. If you decide to continue to hold meetings, please add these guidelines to the list above.

- Use a fist bump or elbow bump in place of a hand shake
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when sick
- If someone becomes sick, ask them to leave as soon as possible.
- Stay in touch with lodge brothers who are absent (text, e-mail, phone)

Our fraternity has been through trying times before and we will all get through this together.

God bless each of you and your families.

May Peace and Harmony Prevail

Bobby J Peters

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Grand Master