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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL LODGES - CANCELLATION OF ALL MASONIC EVENTS

Brethren,

Due to the continuing health and safety concern over the COVID-19 outbreak, I am directing that all Masonic activities cease immediately including but not limited to Lodge meetings, District Meetings, Lodge Leadership Retreat and any other Grand Lodge or Lodge associated activities. This directive will remain in effect through March 31, 2020. A separate message regarding how we will handle refunds and future dates for the Lodge Leadership Retreat will be coming out shortly. Please do not call the Grand Lodge office.

Furthermore, the Grand Lodge office will remain open, however, the office will be closed to visitors. You will be able to contact the Grand Secretary and staff via phone or email.

This is a very difficult decision for any Grand Master to make and I have not made it lightly. However, the health and well-being of the Brethren of our Fraternity is my number one priority. Remain safe and vigilant and we will get through this crisis together.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Charles E. Wood
Grand Master
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