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## Grand Master Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update and Directive

To The membership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM, Jurisdiction of Oklahoma, concordant and appendant bodies that resides in the State of Oklahoma.

On behalf of the Staff, I am reaching out to assure you that the safety and well-being of all the membership and employees remain our highest priority.

We are closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, including guidance from the State and local health organizations, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO).

I would like to share a few updates that may help you to feel at ease with the Grand Lodge while this situation continues to unfold.

First, I have corresponded with all Deputies to ensure our members are using the necessary guidance in dealing with and how to protect against transmission of this virus, including handwashing protocols and enhanced cleaning of high-touch areas in our surroundings, homes and offices. I am asking all staff to closely monitor Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates and immediately share with your membership.

Second, I am asking all leaders to monitor the spread of the Coronavirus within your lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies, guild, consistory, assemblies, temples, courts and communities. We are committed to put the health and wellbeing of the employees, every member and their family above everything else. To that end all non-essential meetings and activities are suspended or cancelled through April 15th, 2020.

AN ESSENTIAL MEETING is a once a month, quarterly to transact the business of your organization and only the required officers necessary to conduct business.

A NON-ESSENTIAL MEETING any other meetings that is not essential to the organization.

It is equally important that all facilities and meeting places are properly sanitized.

I am asking all leaders immediately communicate this message to your staff and members. We must take this opportunity to protect our staff, the membership and family. Please encourage everyone to educate themselves on the facts about this virus.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated

Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

For additional information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), please read the latest report from the Centers for Disease Control at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>, or your local health department website.

Thank you for remaining a loyal member of this Jurisdiction. We will keep you updated if there are any changes to our operations during this fluid situation and look forward to continuing to meet your masonic needs.

Fraternally Yours,

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