**To Our Members:**

**COVID-19** has dramatically slowed our fast-paced, connected world. Things may feel uncertain and unsettling at this time. Your Board of Directors are genuinely concerned about the safety and well-being of our Lodge Member’s and your families, and we understand the challenges this situation has created. Therefore, we are actively monitoring developments, and we are engaged with Grand Lodge as well as local government officials to respond to the situation. We will provide timely updates as more information becomes available via Facebook posting and our Webpage.

With respect to the upcoming Lodge Activities, Meetings, Initiations and Installations of Officers, It has been suggested that we proceed with good judgment and common sense.

**Member Access**: The Lodge has been closed until further notice.

**Meetings:**  Since the Lodge is closed, all officers will communicate by phone or text. We will not have any face to face meetings.

**Initiation:** We had our last scheduled Initiation in March. The next scheduled initiation was not until May. As a one-time opportunity, the Grand Lodge has suggested that the Exalted Ruler or Lodge Secretary contact each candidate who has received a favorable vote to become a member of our Lodge. If the candidate still wants to become a member, we should collect the appropriate dues for 2020-2021 and put them on the rolls by midnight March 31, 2020. When the Lodge is finally able to reopen, the member can be initiated with that incoming class.

**Installations:**  Since the Lodge is closed and will be unable to conduct an Initiation of Officers by April 15, 2020, the Initiation of Officers will become effective April 15, 2020. The new Officers will assume their office on April 15. The Installation of Officers Ceremony will have to be held when the Lodge reopens.

**Wildwood and Grand Lodge Conventions:**  The state has been in contact with the Wildwood Convention representatives and the convention coordinator for the convention. They are monitoring the situation. Should the situation warrant, the state will review all facets of each convention and if needed will not hesitate to recommend the convention be canceled out of caution and safety. Currently, they are hoping for the best and that such action will not be needed. Their goal is to make any decision as early as possible to give everyone plenty of time to plan and/or cancel the hotel and travel plans.

**Financial Reporting System (FRS):**  Finalizing and closing the Lodge fiscal year is extremely important and more so this year with a new financial reporting system coming online. The closure of the Lodge will make this task, closing out the year, a bit easier as we have far less activity to account for and far less distractions.

While we have never experienced anything quite like this, we have overcome difficult situations before—as a Lodge, Country and as a global community. And we can do it again.

This is new territory for all of us. Please take all precautions to stay healthy and safe.

Fraternally Yours,

Edward G Taddei Jr.

Exalted Ruler.