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Sisters and Brothers of Delaware:

Given the issuance of Edict #1 from the Grand Master and the directive issued by Delaware's Governor Carney, please take note of the following directive regarding Eastern Star in Delaware:

- All remaining activities for March are **cancelled**. (Includes all stated meetings, Ruth & Frankford's birthdays, Queen Esther, which was cancelled by the Theater - more to come on that.)
- All of April's stated meetings, which include but are not limited to all chapter installations; Grand Family Farewell Dinner & Past Matrons and Patrons Dinner are **cancelled**.

Since we have not had this situation before (that I know of) in history, my expectation is this:

- Chapter installations will be held at the first stated meetings once the restrictions regarding COVID-19 have been lifted. This will be a blanket requirement and therefore no special dispensations will be required. Phone calls should be made to all active members of the chapter to ensure that no one ventures out on meeting nights.
- We request that no social or fundraising activities be rescheduled yet as we do not have a firm understanding of how long we will be restricted.

Grand Sessions:

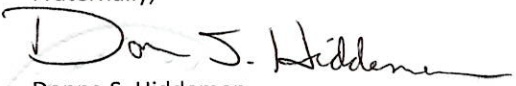
At this point in time, we know that our grand sessions will be postponed. The Sessions Chairs, Trustees and top four line officers of the Grand Chapter will be meeting over the next week or so as things progress to create the plans that will be enacted once we have a better idea of how these virus restrictions will move forward.

Other jurisdictions:

Given the circumstances and measures that are being taken all across our world, I strongly suggest that before you consider attending any events you reach out to the jurisdiction and be sure that said event is still being held.

While we are all very disappointed, we reiterate that the wellbeing of our members remains most important. We appreciate your patience and ask you to remember in your prayers those who are less fortunate and are being more severely affected by this virus.

Fraternally,


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