

GRAND  **CHAPTER**
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This letter is to inform all of heartbreaking decisions made regarding the **2020 Grand Chapter Session** scheduled to be held at the River's Edge Convention Center and Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. Due to the pandemic state of the COVID-19 virus, The River's Edge Convention Center is closing all operations through April 30, and perhaps longer: the President of the United States has declared a state of emergency, and Governor Walz has declared a peacetime state of emergency in Minnesota as well. We are no longer able to hold our Annual Session as scheduled.

In accordance with the MN Code, Brother Scott and I met with the Jurisprudence Committee March 15, and were given approval to cancel the Grand Chapter session as mentioned above and call an **Emergency Session**. We are in the process of determining the date, time and place of this session, and regret to inform all that even when these details are worked out, not everyone will be able to come to the session. Only the Grand Officers, Chairmen of the Committees and other authorized representative will convene. This is in accordance with our Minnesota Code, and also and even **more** important, with the best interests of our membership in mind.

With the fluid and evolving state of the COVID-19 virus, these plans may also have to be altered. Please handle this news with prayerful consideration, knowing that our Heavenly Father is our guiding light and strength. Another letter is being sent to Minnesota members through the Chapter Secretaries, and other media available, to help ensure widespread dissemination of this information and other guidelines for our subordinate Chapters.

Fraternally and with heavy hearts,

Kathy Foster
Worthy Grand Matron

Scott Anderson
Worthy Grand Patron



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