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TO: All Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho

FROM: Steven L. Hall, MWGM, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Idaho

DATE: March 17, 2020

EDICT NO. 1 – 2020 COVID - 19

Brethren,

Effective immediately, I am ordering all Masons in the Jurisdiction of Idaho to suspend attendance at all Masonic meetings or gatherings. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the President of the United States. These guidelines recommend limiting gatherings to ten or less people because of heightened health risks associated with the COVID-19 virus. As you have probably seen in the news, we are now in a situation where the virus has begun to spread at an exponential rate. Many Idaho Masons are in the high-risk category, and as such, exposure to the virus could have a devastating effect on our whole Masonic Family.

Each Lodge Master is, to the best of his ability, to develop a plan to check on each member of his Lodge to ensure that their Brothers are safe and taken care of during this time of uncertainty.

Each Lodge is reminded that as Masons we are charged to be the leaders of our communities and as such should serve as an example of kindness and leadership in helping wherever we can in our communities.

Each Mason is requested to read his Obligations and Charges in each of the Degrees. By putting into action these tenets of Freemasonry we will all be of service to our God, Country, Neighbor, Family and thyself.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- CDC – Coronavirus Disease Information – <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- World Health Organization - <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- LeadingAge National – Coronavirus Resources – <https://leadingage.org/coronavirus-resources>

This Edict remains in effect until rescinded, or until my term ends, whichever occurs first.

Given under the seal of the Grand Master of Idaho
This 17th day of March 2020

M.W. Steven L. Hall
Grand Master
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Attested to by
R.W. Monte Bollar
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