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TO: All Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho
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Grand Masters update #4

Brethren,

Today the Governor announced that he was opening Phase 4 of his reopening plan. This is the last and final phase of reopening for the State. At this time the State of Idaho is still increasing in COVID-19 cases and the increase is from community spread. There have also been two deaths reported this week. I know that everyone is wanting to return to normal and have Masonic meetings and other gatherings. I too look forward to that opportunity to meet in a safe environment without the undue risk of being infected or infecting our Brothers who are most at risk. Your desire to resume Masonic activity tells me how much you care for Masonry, and I am buoyed by your enthusiasm.

Having consulted with many present and past Officers it is a general consensus that it is still too early to open. I have set June 19, 2020 as the day I will make a decision on modifying Edict 1-2020 to allow Masonic activities.

We will start with outdoor activities where social distancing will be easier to maintain and then determine when to integrate meetings in our lodges. In the meantime, I remind all that Edict #1 modified by Edict #2 prohibits all Masonic activities (not just meetings) except Masonic Funerals.

Some, anxious to have Masonic activities such as BBQ's and Picnics, have quoted the Edict as only prohibiting meetings. This is not correct. The Edict prohibits any function organized by, or on behalf of, a Masonic Lodge, and prohibits Idaho Masons from attending any meetings or function organized by or on behalf of a group considered a member of the "Masonic Family" including clubs, units and associations. Please have patience. In a week I hope to be able to safely modify the Edict. Until then please remember the fourth "furthermore that I will" paragraph in your 3rd degree obligation.

During the last few weeks, work has been done to provide guidance on how we may mitigate the risk of transmission of the virus. Ultimately it will remain the decision of the Worshipful Master of each lodge to determine if his lodge will hold meetings after Edict 1-2020 is modified.

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