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SENT VIA EMAIL

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RE: SMOOTH ASHLAR GRAND LODGE COVID-19 UPDATE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ever-changing and is having a dramatic effect in the State of Georgia. Your health, safety, and peace of mind is my ultimate concern. With that as my priority, I am requesting all local lodges and chapters, and departments of Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge to refrain from conducting and attending any public masonic meetings and events until further notice.

In addition, please use your utmost discernment and precaution regarding your decision if you shall decide to proceed with your local monthly meetings as schedule. Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge will continue to accommodate those lodges and chapters meeting at the Grand East, if necessary. However, I recommend you consider postponing your local monthly meetings until we can learn more about the prevention of COVID-19.

In the meantime, please adhere to the recommendations coming from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html> which includes the following:

- Practice social distancing-no handshakes or hugs
- Frequently wash your hands at least 20 seconds
- Cough into your arm, rather than into the air
- As a courtesy, if you have a cold or flu, please stay at home
- Avoid large crowds

Smooth Ashlar Grand Lodge take the health and safety of our members and communities very serious. Beyond encountering the virus, COVID-19 has proven to impact the standard living in our daily lives as well. Therefore, I have commissioned a committee to actively monitor the situation regarding COVID-19 and be in communication with federal, state, and local agencies to provide you with valuable information and resources to assist you and your communities.

Through "Faith, Hope, and Charity", we must continue to do our part to mitigate the rate at which this virus is spreading and always protect our brothers and sister. In doing so, I encourage you to support your community agencies and organizations when possible.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can provide further resources for you during this time. Together we will get through this challenge.

Fraternally,

Hon Lester Clark 33°

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cc: District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Royal Arch, Grand Chapter of Heroines of Jericho, Grand Knights Templar, Grand Crusaders, Grand Consistory, Grand Amaranths, Master Masons and Order of Eastern Stars