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**IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE: AMARANTH ACTIVITY**

Dear Amaranth Members:

Due to the increase exposure and the continued number of confirmed cases of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) and combined recommendation made by the CDC, and the Government Agencies, many restaurants, and hotels have had to close their doors. Many jurisdictions have restricted social gatherings and in some cases states have issued orders to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy." Many Grand Masters have suspended all Masonic Activity until further notice. This may be two weeks or two months. At this time we have no idea of the duration and each jurisdiction may be different. We must be diligent in keeping the health and welfare of our members in mind and do what is best for them.

We are currently working with all the Grand Courts who have been cancelled/postponed and rescheduling them to late May and June. These Grand Court Sessions may not be what we planned or hoped for during the year. Some have rescheduled for full sessions others are revised and shortened Sessions. We must understand in many cases the Grand Courts are facing a financial burden if they do not hold their Grand Court Session. This could bankrupt a Grand Court and we need to protect that from happening. These are trying times for these Grand Courts. We hope you will, if possible come out and support them. The following is the current schedule for the remaining Grand Courts and SCJs. This is subject to change:

Oklahoma	May 14-16	Clarksburg	June 2	Pennsylvania	June 8-10
Ohio	May 21-23	Indiana	June 4-6	Tennessee	June 11-13
Florida	May 21-23	Massachusetts	June 4-6	New Jersey	June 11-13
New York	May 21-23	Kentucky	June 4-6	Arizona (Tentative)	June 11-13
Washington	May 24-27	Massachusetts	June 4-6		
Georgia	May 25-26	Connecticut	June 5-6		
Ontario	May 29-30	Missouri	June 7-9		
Pineland (SCJ)	June 2	Philippines	June 7-9		

Since there are no meetings allowed, I am suspending the requirement for Courts to make up missed meetings while the Lodges are closed. I am asking each Grand Court to advise their jurisdiction if this applies. We need to abide by the rules of "Social Distancing" and "Stay Home, Stay Healthy". This will result in courts possibly not having 10 meetings in the year. I would rather have you healthy and attending meetings when this ends. This will be in effect until Supreme Council, at which time H.L. Mary Wyatt will evaluate the situation and issue her COVID-19 Requirements if needed.

During this time, courts and Grand Court should continue to conduct the necessary business such as paying bills. For the subordinate courts, please note in your cash books, and minute books, "No meeting held due to the current Corona Virus (COVID-19 Pandemic Restrictions)".

In Amaranth Love and Service

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