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COVID-19 Update April 20 2020

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Brethren,

Once again, we hope that by observing the health guidelines set down by our federal and provincial Health Authorities, you and your families are staying healthy.

Let's also offer a tremendous vote of thanks to those front line workers who are putting their health and the health of their families at risk every day.

Your Grand Lodge leaders are doing their best to keep abreast and hopefully ahead of things as they develop. Once again your patience and understanding is very much appreciated.

We congratulate all those brethren who are finding innovative ways to stay in touch. We have received mail and internet links to many great Lodge Summons, District electronic Newsletters, education pieces and many more.

Temporary Policies new this week (Apr 20)

This week, just a couple of items to communicate.

Cancellations:

The cancellation of all masonic meetings and events in the Province has now been extended until **AT LEAST July 02 2020. Please follow any local governmental ordinance that extends this further.**

Based on the above it will not be necessary to send out any cancellation notices via the Grand Lodge Events Digest for specific events occurring prior to June 30.

Annual Communication:

We are still evaluating all aspects of the Annual Communication and the many options that we have before us. Our plans are to make the necessary decisions within the next couple of weeks. At that time, all action plans will be distributed using the same mechanism that was used to deliver this communication to you.

Expiry Date of Pending Applications:

Regarding Section 356 of the Book of Constitution requiring another ballot if six months expires from the date of acceptance. We note that the months that the lodge is in recess are not counted. The months that we are not in session due to COVID-19 will also not count.

In the meantime, as we stated earlier, **the overriding, all important factor is that our provincial health organizations and our governments say we need to STAY HOME.**

Fraternally, Garry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Garry Dowling".

D. Garry Dowling, Grand Secretary