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Re: Coronavirus COVID-19
Subordinate Court Meetings
Grand Court of Georgia Session

Honored Ladies and Sir Knights:

To say that the last few weeks and especially the last few days have been surreal would be an understatement. I know that we have all been besieged by the newscasts and CDC updates. One sure fact is that our Grand Court had to be postponed after the Monday afternoon newscast regarding the CDC suggestion of social distancing and no more than 10 people in any gathering.

Health and family come first. Many of our members are older and are at higher risk for catching this virus - Age, Pulmonary, Diabetes - all high-risk factors.

As of this moment we still do not have a firm date for reschedule of our Grand Court. That being said, tonight would have been our Informal Opening for the "Bridges of Life" Session, culminating the end of a fabulous year for our Grand Court. As soon as we have a new date, you will be notified quickly. Many of us look forward to the Saturday morning session of our Grand Court when we can present checks to Sir Knight Ron Wolbert from our Courts and us as individuals. It is always a fun celebration as we raise funds for Diabetes Research. Because we are not meeting, I am requesting that the Courts and individuals that normally take part in this to take a moment and mail those checks to our Grand Secretary so that Georgia will get credit for this year's hard work. Please send the checks to the Grand Secretary by April 15th so that we can meet our deadline with Supreme Council.

In the meantime, because we are advised to not gather, please read the attached letter from the Supreme Royal Matron, which includes directives and the following paragraph regarding Subordinate Court meetings.

Subordinate Court Meetings may need to be rescheduled due to unavailable meeting sites, or the inability to have a quorum. Communication with your Grand Royal Matron (me) is essential... If you are able to hold your meetings, try to keep the length of the meeting to a minimum: Ritualist opening, reading of the minutes and approval, paying bills, any "time sensitive" communication and ritualistic closing. When taking the password wear gloves, avoid close contact with the face. Follow the General guidelines above at all times (See the Supreme Council letter attached). All subordinate court meetings must be held within 30 days, but if the restrictions are still in effect, reschedule as soon as possible.

Though not required, please have your Secretary send me a Request for Dispensation, Form 211, stating that you will make up your meeting within that 30-day period following the Stated Meeting date. If things have not changed as you near the end of that time frame, request another Dispensation.

The most important thing today is the health and well-being of our members.

Fraternally,

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