



THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN
Office of the Grand Secretary Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

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To all Worshipful Masters and Secretaries:

With each passing day the concern grows about COVID-19, how it is impacting our country and our world. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is monitoring reports from Health Canada and reviewing their recommendations.

As a fraternal organization our greatest concern is the health and safety of our members. We realize that a number of lodges will be holding their annual fundraising efforts this spring, With the volatility of COVID-19 and as a precaution, I would encourage you to consider the following suggestions:

- If there is a concern in having a meeting or event, it would be better to err on the side of caution and reschedule.
- Since some of the degree work includes physical contact, it is strongly recommended that this be avoided. Rather than perform the act, the actions can be described and not applied.
- A review of each lodge facility should take place to ensure that there are adequate hand sanitizers and other appropriate hygienic supplies.
- In addition to standard precautions, large crowds should be avoided especially in poorly ventilated areas.

The Center for Disease Control has issued a statement that older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and lung disease should also take extra precautions.

Last but not least, shaking hands at a lodge meeting is not a requirement and should be avoided. If you are ill, stay home even if you are a candidate or the Worshipful Master.

For further information, you can visit the Public Health Agency of Canada at: canada.ca/en/public-health.html or the Saskatchewan Health Authority at www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Grand Lodge Office, the Grand Line or me.

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