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DECLARATION OF A HEALTH EMERGENCY

March 15, 2020

In order to protect the health of our Brothers and their families, to provide leadership to our communities, and to assist those combatting COVID-19 and treating its victims, **all Masonic activity -- Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges -- in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine is suspended until further notice.**

The location and agenda for the Annual Communication scheduled for May 5 has changed. On that day Grand Lodge will open at the Grand Lodge Office in Holden by the Grand Master and the elected officers for the purpose of tabulating ballots for Elective Officers and the Annual Budget. After the ballots have been tabulated, the Annual Communication will be recessed until such time as the Grand Master deems the pandemic has passed and Brothers can safely congregate. Voting results will be sent to by e-mail.

Election of Officers and approval of the operating budget will be accomplished by sending each Lodge three ballots by which the Lodge voting Officers can express their choice. Each Permanent Member will also be mailed a ballot for the same purpose. The ballots must be received at the Grand Lodge Office for tabulation no later than May 5, 2020, to be included in the totals.

The Grand Lodge Office will mail ballots to each Lodge along with appropriate instructions. The Grand Lodge Office will remain open as a central point of communication unless and until the Grand Master determines the risk of infection for the staff is too great.

I call upon the leadership of the appendant bodies and related groups to carefully consider the health risk, the vulnerability of its members, and develop appropriate plans.

I call upon my Brothers to practice good protective habits as outlined in earlier e-mails and to avoid group situations, fraternal or otherwise, while this pandemic is part of our lives.

Updates to this message will be forthcoming when pertinent information becomes available. Questions should be directed to me at the Grand Lodge Office.

Fraternally,

Brother Mark E. Rustin
Grand Master of Masons in Maine