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MEMORANDUM FOR Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. and the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina, an Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc.

Subject: Meetings in the Jurisdiction

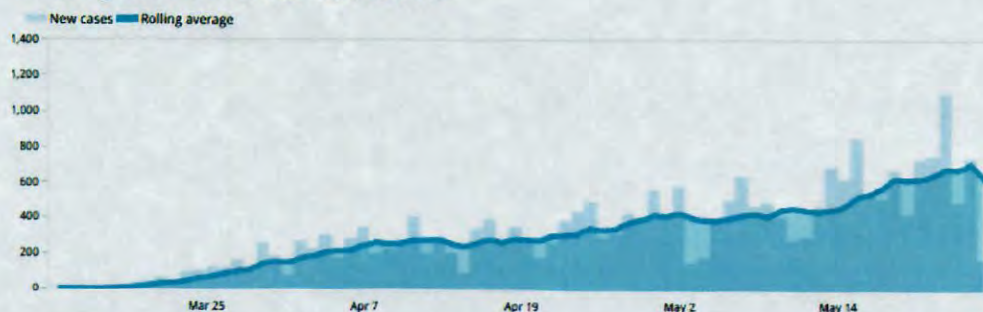
Worshipful Masters, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Masters, Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, Associate Matrons, Brothers and Sisters of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina:

Greetings. We pray this communication reaches you and yours doing well during these trying times. We encourage our membership to 'stay home,' however, if and when you must go out, please wear a mask and/or some facial covering.

The elected officers of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge held a conference call on May 18th, 2020 to discuss the feasibility, manner and process of resuming meetings in the jurisdiction. Governor Cooper's Executive Orders, guidance of Health agencies and other topics related to resuming meetings were discussed.

CORONAVIRUS. The state of North Carolina averaged 647 new cases of coronavirus the last seven (7) days; May 20 – May 26, 2020.

Tracking the coronavirus curve in NC



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MASS GATHERINGS. Governor Cooper's Executive Order No. 141 states, "Mass Gatherings are prohibited. "Mass Gathering" means an event or convening that brings together more than ten (10) people indoors or more than twenty-five (25) people outdoors at the same time in a single confined indoor or outdoor space, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, or meeting hall. This includes parades, fairs, and festivals.

HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS. Additionally, Executive Order No. 141 states, "People who are at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are very strongly encouraged to stay home and travel only for absolutely essential purposes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") defines high-risk individuals as people 65 years or older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, including people who are immunocompromised or who have chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, severe obesity, diabetes, chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis, or liver disease."

DECISION. Taking into consideration the available information and the comments/recommendations of the elected officers of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, respectively, I, Daniel L. "DT" Thompson, the 24th elected Most Worshipful Grand Master declare *the Jurisdiction of North Carolina shall not resume chapter or lodge meetings in the month of June 2020.*

I do not find it safe to return to meetings at this time. I am not willing to jeopardize or sacrifice the health of any/one brother or sister. We can begin to prepare our meeting facilities for future meetings in the event the number of coronavirus cases consistently decreases and the Governor decides to proceed to Phase III in the upcoming weeks. We will disseminate instructions to the leadership/membership reference cleaning operations and preparations.

ELECTIONS. Annual elections will be conducted when chapter/lodge meetings are resumed. **NO ELECTIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL.** An audit must be completed and accepted by the chapter and/or lodge before an election can be conducted. The secretary and treasurer books can be turned in to the Audit Committee now if they are ready for audit and the books can be transferred safely.

ANNUAL REPORTS. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron discussed the topic of annual reports. The due dates for annual reports shall remain the same; July 31st.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will issue further guidance regarding annual reports and dues for lodges and the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron will issue further guidance regarding annual reports and dues for chapters, respectively.

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CONFERENCE CALL. There will be a conference call with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron on June 3, 2020 at 6pm for those members who may have questions. The meeting will be via zoom. The call information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4508876356?pwd=WURzck1WMDJyMTNEL0ZzNUVwSmkwUT09>

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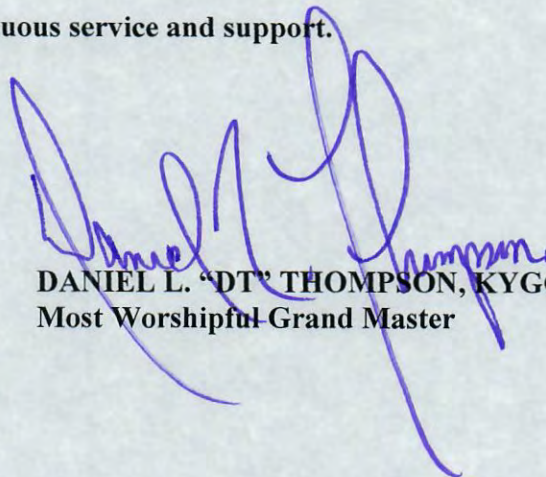
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We will continue to monitor and review the data, conduct the necessary meetings and keep the jurisdiction informed. We shall plan, prepare and respond accordingly.

Thank you for your continuous service and support.

So Mote it Be!



**DANIEL L. "DT" THOMPSON, KYGCH, 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master**

