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A Fraternal Organization

TO: Local Lodges

Along the line of previous communications about COVID-19 from Grand Lodge, the Memorial Service must be conducted in a safe manner and must comply with federal, state, local, county and state public health announcements, mandates, laws, rules and regulations. If this cannot be done, the use of a video conference can be utilized or the Service may be postponed until a later date when this special event can take place safely. This may mean a carryover until December 2021.

Common sense must be used during these trying times.

Grand Lodge hopes each Local Lodge and State Association continues implemented the following CDC guidelines on practical ways to prevent the spread of infection:

1. No shaking hands, hugging, knuckle bumps or high fives.
2. Keep a safe distance from others. Six feet when possible.
3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
4. No soap? Use hand sanitizer (60–95% alcohol based).
5. Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
6. Cover your cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
7. Stay home when you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Encourage others to do the same.

We all need to keep in mind that the health of our Members, spouses, significant others, friends, volunteers and employees is paramount. The BPOE remains vigilant in our efforts to keep one another healthy!

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