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GRAND CHAPTER OF MARYLAND

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Companions,

As you may have already heard, the RWGM of Maryland has issued an edict cancelling all Masonic activities until May 1. The CDC has issued recommendations of gatherings of 50 or less for the ensuing 8 weeks, until May 9, and the White House has recommended meeting of no more than 10.

With that in mind, I am issuing the following **EDICT**.

All Royal Arch activities from midnight tonight until July 1 are to cease.

The semi-annual is cancelled, elections of Grand officers will be taken care of at the annual meeting in October, along with necessary budget items. Individual Chapter's elected officers are to handle any bills that may come due. Any items requiring the Grand Chapter's attention are to be directed to the Grand High Priest, in his absence the Grand King, in his absence the Grand Scribe, or addressed to the Grand Secretary.

As all current officers are to hold office until their successor is duly elected and installed, they will hold office until such time. At such time, newly elected High Priests will be installed in their Chapters prior to being Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart to the Order of High Priesthood. They will be required to attend the CAHP meeting as candidates at the April 24, 2021 meeting.

Please stay safe, and may your family and loved ones be well.

Fraternally,

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Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland