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To: All Ancient Free and Accepted Masons within the Commonwealth of Virginia

Subject: Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

Brethren,

I am sure by now you are all aware of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak across the globe. Though this is understandably a time of concern, the Fraternity has endured many trying times throughout its history and has endured. This time will be no different.

Please know that the Grand Lodge of Virginia's priority is the welfare and health of our members and their families. Be assured that your Grand Lodge is closely monitoring this situation in order to determine what measures should be taken to prevent the spread of the disease within our Fraternity. The Grand Master remains in consultation with the Grand Physician on this matter.

In the meantime, please take some basic precautions. While we are a Fraternity that prides itself on its fellowship, we also must think of the well-being of one another. Our Fraternity is comprised of many members within the demographic most at risk for serious health complications from COVID-19. Therefore, **if you are sick with any flu like symptoms, please refrain from attending Lodge activities.**

Take care of yourselves, your families, and each other.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Douglas V. Jones
Grand Master