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To: Companions and Sir Knights of the Grand York Rite of Missouri
Honorable Guests & Distinguished Visitors

Subject: 2021 Missouri Grand York Rite Session vs. COVID-19 Restrictions

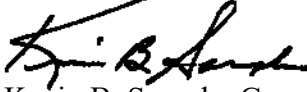
Companions and Sir Knights All:

The following restrictions will be in effect during our 2021 grand session, which are subject to change as directed by the hotel.

1. First and foremost, if any potential attendee suspects that they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or they are not feeling well, or are exhibiting any possible illness symptoms, even if they have not been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19, THEN THAT PERSON MUST NOT ATTEND THIS EVENT!
2. Every potential attendee who plans to attend must honestly assess their individual risk factors and make an informed decision about their participation in this event. Under no circumstance shall an attendee be pressured to participate in any activity at any level. The safety and health of all attendees and their family members with which they live is first and foremost.
3. Contract tracing has not been requested by the hotel.
4. Face masks are required to be worn by all attendees in all public areas.
5. Our Hospitality Room on the second floor will have soda, water and snacks which will be individually wrapped and/or store-bought – there will be no homemade items permitted.
6. Seating in our meetings will be reduced to half and chairs will be appropriately placed by the hotel. We will endeavor to accommodate as many as we can, however we believe seating will be limited to no more than 200 in the grand session rooms.
7. The hotel does not have dining restrictions with regard to table seating, however the Grand York Rite of Missouri will reduce seating from our normal rounds of 8 to rounds of 6 (only 6 per table)
8. Currently, meals are all served in to-go containers by hotel staff. Buffet meals – you walk down the line and tell the hotel staff what you want, they plate it up for you and hand you a to-go container. Served meals – you will be presented with your meal in a to-go container. As restrictions are lifted over time, possibly by the time we meet, served meals could move to real plates. All drinks will be served in sealed single serving bottles, e.g., water, soda, tea, juice, etc. They are doing the best they can within their limitations, we need to be accommodating.

9. Due to COVID-19, there will be no Commandery Drill Competition.
10. In order to reduce potential contact and maintain social distancing, all introductions will be “from your chair” in order to reduce contact. As your name is called, you will stand up and be recognized, then be seated. Exceptions to this will only be for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and the Representatives of the General Grand Chapter, the General Grand Council, and the Grand Encampment, who will be called to the center of the room without escort, introduced, and asked to speak from the floor.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,



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