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**EDICT**  
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TO: All Missouri Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri

WHEREAS, Section 7.141 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws authorizes the Master of a subordinate lodge to cancel or postpone a stated or special communication due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, a highly contagious and potentially deadly coronavirus is spreading throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, cases of the virus have been confirmed within the jurisdiction of this and neighboring Grand Lodges,

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of Section 2.010(k) of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri as Grand Master, I hereby issue the following Edict, effective immediately:

- A. Any lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge may, at the discretion of the Master of the Lodge, cancel or postpone any stated or special communication of said Lodge when the purpose of said cancellation or postponement is to prevent or limit the exposure of officers and members of the subordinate lodge to coronavirus or some other such infectious or contagious disease of a similar nature.
- B. Any subordinate lodge canceling or postponing a communication pursuant to this edict shall, as soon as practical, notify the Grand Secretary of such cancellation or postponement.
- C. Any subordinate lodge canceling or postponing a stated communication pursuant to this edict in more than two (2) calendar months shall be exempted and relieved from the provisions of Section 7.060 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws requiring subordinate lodges to meet at least once in each calendar month in ten calendar months during the year so long as the subordinate lodge complies with all remaining provisions of its By-Laws concerning meeting dates and times.
- D. This Edict will expire on September 1, 2020 unless otherwise extended by further Order of the Grand Master.

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