

BROTHERS,

As all of you are aware COVID-19 virus, is spreading throughout the United States and North America, here in North Dakota we have been fortunate to have a very small amount of exposure at this time. But our State Government has put out some common sense guidelines that we should follow to limit our exposure. The following guidelines should be implemented immediately by all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge AF&AM NorthDakota:

- 1- All Masonic functions will have less than < 50 people in attendance as per State recommendations.
- 2- All Masonic buildings will be limited to less than <50 people including rentals.
- 3- Stated Meetings and Lodge Functions may continue (for the time Being) at the will and pleasure of the Master of each Lodge with these restrictions:
 - A. A social distance of 6 feet must be maintained. Special care must be taken when opening, closing and during any Rituals.
 - B. Meetings with more than 10 people in attendance should not include those who are at higher risk of more serious illness from the COVID-19 virus. Please consult the CDC (Centers for Disease Control).
 - C. Lodge Masters who wish to cancel Stated Lodge Meetings or Functions may do so, but please contact the Grand Lodge Office.

These guidelines are to be followed until April 15th, 2020.

At this time I will assume the ND Dept. of Health and the Governor's will be updating their recommendations sooner rather than later, and the Grand Lodge will adjust our guidelines accordingly.

Remember Brothers, this will clear itself up over time and we need not place any of our Brother's or Family's at risk, we should let common sense prevail. At this time the Grand Communication is still set for June 11-13, 2020. But proper steps will be taken to ensure the safety of everyone as things progress.

Also all committeemen should be looking for instructions on how the Quarterly Meetings will be handled.

Fraternally,

Lowell Domier

Grand Master North Dakota