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Letter from the Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knights,

By the time this letter is published the world will have been about four months into the COVID19 Coronavirus Pandemic. All of the “non-essential” businesses in South Dakota have been asked to close until this new virus is under control.

I know that we have heard from all levels of our governments about the methods they think we need to take to be safe. I have no need to reiterate the information already presented, but would like to give my thoughts on the issues.

Always think safety first. Don't gather in groups. Three is a group. Anyone you don't live with is part of a group. Your family is a group after coming home from the market until they have washed and changed their clothes. (Try the glitter test. Put glitter on the outside doorknob, on the outside of a few letters, on a milk carton or carton of eggs you just bought. Track it around your house the next day. Those were virus cells. Who in your house ate something with their fingers, scratched their nose, wiped down the table and put the cloth back on the sink?) Go out in public only when you must. If it's the sniffles, believe it's just the sniffles. Would it have been allergies last year? If it's a dry cough with a nasty fever, get it checked. Use your common sense. Wash your hands every time you think of it.

In South Dakota, if we try to follow faithfully the guidelines given, we will get through this, our lives will resume, we will become more thoughtful and careful.

Until then, stay safe, wash your hands, pray for a vaccine or method of control of this virus to be developed.

Our Lord in Heaven will help us to win this war.

Prayers for All,

Herb Cook

Right Eminent Grand Commander of South Dakota

Sir Knights,

For publishing reasons, this supplement is prepared a month in advance. We are not able to give you up-to-date information through this medium.

However, Grand Commandery would like to remind you that as of the date of this preparation, the Grand Master of Masons of South Dakota had issued a no Masonic gathering policy. The Grand Encampment has also issued a similar edict. Please remember that you are Freemasons first and are subjected to the edicts of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. This means you may not meet for any Commandery functions until the Grand Master of South Dakota and the Grand Master of Grand Encampment have rescinded their edicts.

Be safe!

Your Editor