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P. Marty Martineau Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah



Douglas J. Backes Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

For Immediate Distribution:

March 17th, 2020

To All Excellent High Priests, Illustrious Masters, Eminent Commanders, Secretary/Recorders and All York Rite Masons of Utah:

Due to the unprecedented situation we are experiencing due to the pandemic outbreak of COVID 19, as we all know, not only in the State of Utah, but across the Globe, the Grand Heads of the Grand York Rite of Utah have made the following decision:

Meeting Dispensations: Effective immediately (March 17th, 2020), dispensation requirements to reschedule/cancel a meeting at the Local Chapters/Councils/Commanderies are waived if they so choose. Meaning you are permitted to change/cancel your local meetings without following the normal dispensation request.

This waiver is in effect until rescinded by the Companion Lawrence Rodriquez, M.E.G.H.P, Grand Chapter, P. Marty Martineau, M.I.G.M., Grand Council and Douglas Backes, R.E.G.C., Grand Commandery.

Your are directed to provide notice to all York Rite Members in the most efficient way and to send notice to the Grand Heads and Grand Secretary/Recorder, of upcoming monthly meetings that are rescheduled/cancelled and if you know what the new date/time will be if any.

In addition, Web Master Companion/Sir Knight Treavor Wilkinson will be setting up a site on the Grand York Rite website to list any cancellations/changes to your meetings, so you are asked to provide this information as soon as a change is planned.

All York Rite Members and their Families Safety and Health is <u>Priority No. 1</u> for the Grand Heads and wanted to ensure that they are providing an avenue for the Jurisdiction to protect the Companions and Sir Knights.

All, take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Yours in Christ

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Attest by the Grand York Rite Seal:

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