The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

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Constituent Chapters
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Dear Companions:

Re: COVID 19 – Chapters to maintain current status quo

While the Grand Council understands the desire to return to regular Chapter Meetings, they are still of the opinion that the current environment remains questionable and wish to evaluate any outcome resulting from the return to the new school year. We must be cautious of a second wave of COVID 19.

The Grand Council has therefore decided that no Chapter Meetings are to be convened for the months of **August, September and October**, as we do not want to jeopardize the health and safety of our aged, and health compromised Companions. The Grand Council will meet Virtually again near mid-September to examine the COVID 19 environment and will immediately report to the Chapters.

The Grand Chapter has noted great success in the Virtual meetings, which are handled similar to a Committee of Chapter Executive (Committee of General Purposes), with obvious limitations such as no balloting on Candidates and no official reception of Petitions for Exaltation both of which must be handled in a regularly tiled Chapter.

Grand Chapter is as anxious to resume Chapter Meetings, as many Companions are, but believes the risk to be too great, particularly, if is found that a continuance of COVID 19 was the result of attending a Masonic related gathering. Sharp criticism by Health Authorities, the Public and Media can harm our creditability.

Please extend the greetings of the Grand First Principal MEC Rod Ponech and his officers to your Companions and we trust that they all remain safe and healthy.

Fraternally yours,

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