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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are sure all of you are aware of the current global health crisis, Coronavirus. Governor Reynolds has urged Iowans to follow the CDC guidelines and not have gatherings/meetings of more than 50 people. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Marianne Shenefeld, and Iowa Grand Lodge, MWGM, Bill Crawford, have cancelled their activities for the next few weeks. As I write this letter, the Trump administration has issued the recommendation to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people. Since this virus is easily transmitted and particularly harmful to those over the age of 60, and most of our membership is over that age, we have decided to err on the side of caution and cancel all Iowa Eastern Star activities until the end of April as listed in our VIP book and on our web page. At that time, we will reassess the situation and make new recommendations if necessary or advise it's okay to return to normal Eastern Star Activities.

For regular Chapter meetings during this time, it will not be necessary to reschedule meetings to meet the Code requirement of 10 meetings per year. This is a **onetime exception for 2020 only**. Once the "all clear" is given, we will immediately resume our regular schedules. Following this emergency cancellation of activities, if your chapter needs to change a meeting date, you will need to request a dispensation like usual.

If you need to reach Kenny or me during this uncertain time, please contact us thru phone or email.

We encourage our members to check in on each other frequently, by phone, email or text message – help each other out. Keep washing your hands and staying close to home during this uncertain time. And remember to keep F.A.I.T.H. – Forwarding All Issues To Heaven.

In Star Love,

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