

Sisters and Brothers of WV Eastern Star:

In regard to the Grand Master directive, our chapters stated meetings will be allowed to open as of May 11, 2020. This will come with some very important health suggestions as how to open and have safe meetings. We need to remember that the health of our members is our No. 1 priority. We need to follow the Governors directive he imposed on small businesses for their reopening's. I am listing some orders that need to be done to enhance the safety of all our members.

- 1) We need to clean and disinfect all lodge rooms or other rooms of meeting space, before the meeting is held.
- 2) All members should respect their sisters and brothers, for if you feel ill or running a temperature, you will remain home.
- 3) I am asking all members to wear masks and gloves at all times when at the meetings. I would also like to ask the chapters to buy extra masks and gloves to have on hand for the members who don't have them, or cannot afford to buy them, for the meetings.
- 4) Please use the social distancing guidelines set up by the Governor of 6 ft. and no more than 25 persons present, in the counties that allow that number of people for group meetings, and for the counties that have the restrictions of group meeting no more than 10, you may consider keeping your chapters closed and list in your minutes book "No meeting held due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic until your counties change for larger group meetings. I don't think that it would be fair to the chapters to choose who can attend or not attend the meetings.
- 5) I would also like to suggest doing away with dinners before the meetings or refreshments after the meetings.
- 6) Please consider on not having special programs after the meetings right away. Give the members time to adjust to being back to the meetings and allow them to feel safe in being there.
- 7) I have several phone call from members who have told me that they do not feel that it is safe to come back to the meetings at this time, that they would not be back till August or September. Please consider these members fears and do not put any pressure on them to come back before they are ready to do so. In doing so may cause us to lose them forever. If you are not able to meet the criteria for having a quorum then do as I have suggested in #4 list that no meeting was able to be held due to the virus in your minutes and then hope that your next meeting will have better results.

Please exercise common sense and take proper precautions during this critical time during the reopening of our meetings. More information will be coming forth in the near future on how to handle elections and installations, school or instructions, and other information.

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