

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

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Edict 2019-4 (2020)

On March 13, 2020, Governor Edwards declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19 (Corona Virus), prohibiting gatherings of 250 people or more. Since that time, on March 22, 2020, Governor Edwards has ordered all non-essential businesses to close and prohibits gathering of 10 or more people.

It is not known when the pandemic will end or whether conditions in Louisiana will continue to worsen. Protection of our members, and their families, is my first concern. The Grand Lodge is required to follow the lawful directives of Federal, State and Local authorities. Because of the danger to human life that presently exists, and the directions of the Governor of Louisiana concerning the risk of holding meetings, I am today rescinding Edict 2019-3 and issuing the following:

Effective immediately, all Lodge Stated and Special Communications are suspended until such time when the Governor of the State of Louisiana rescinds the prohibitions on gatherings. Lodge Officers are authorized to pay normal lodge expenses without the consent of their members. Masonic Burial Services may continue as either the Relief Lodge or Worshipful Master deems appropriate, and the service strictly adheres to the 10 person limit.

If this gathering prohibition remains in effect after April 13th and continues beyond April 26th, the Grand Lodge 209th Annual Session will be postponed until all restrictions have been lifted, at a time and place to be determined.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, F & A.M.

This 23rd Day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Storm Alan Pence", written over a horizontal line.

Steven Storm Alan Pence
Grand Master

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Woody D. Bilyeu", written over a horizontal line.

Woody D. Bilyeu, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

"Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love"

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