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Dear Brethern,

As the Coronavirus continues to ravage Louisiana, I thought it wise to update you on our efforts to ensure the safety of Masons across our state.

First, I have been encouraged by the response of Lodges and brothers throughout our Grand Lodge. Numerous Lodges have decided it is in their best interest if they not open. Some Lodges have decided not to confer degrees for the foreseeable future. Both of those courses of action are acceptable and admirable. I am proud that our Lodges are putting the safety of their members first.

I am also encouraged that Lodges have been following the directives I released regarding the safe operation of those Lodges which do choose to operate. As I directed, Masons are wearing appropriate face coverings to and from Lodge, and only taking those coverings off when in the Lodge room AND at least 6 feet away from any other Mason. Lodges are foregoing public events and are using the utmost caution, as laid out in my directive, to ensure food service is clean and healthy.

Remember, though, that the directive only lists the bare minimum that our Lodges must do. Lodges are highly encouraged to take other protective measures, such as taking the temperature of attendees before allowing them to enter the building.

This virus is serious. COVID-19 has impacted our Grand Lodge family and several Grand Lodge officers have been diagnosed with it. We must take all measures we can to ensure the safety of our brothers. Remember, our great aim is to relieve distress and restore peace to the troubled bosom. In my view, helping our brothers stay safe and healthy during this troubled time is a measure of charity that we must embrace.

Again, thank you for what you are doing to ensure the health of Masons across Louisiana.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Steen".

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"Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love"

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