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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We pray that this message finds you well and safe during this time of self-isolation and that you are doing everything in your power to ensure not only your wellbeing but that of the ones you love and others during this Holiday season by following the recommendations put forth by our state.

We looked forward to the New Year and had truly hoped that this December letter would be announcing the slow and safe reopening of our chapters and activities, but sadly, this horrible virus is continuing to ravage our nation and the world. The number of cases continue to rise and the daily death toll from this virus is now higher than the number of victims of 9/11 and Pearl Harbor. That said....

The directive sent out on March 13th, 2020, to suspend all Order of the Eastern Star of New Jersey activities in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey, will remain in effect until further notice.

We look to the future and the promise of the vaccine and hope that by spring many of us will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, allowing us to safely meet again. The Elected Line is preparing for our 150th Grand Session to be held at Caesar's Atlantic City, May 24th – 26th, 2021, and hope you will attend. Anyone wishing to run for the position of RW Grand Treasurer and RW Grand Trustee, must contact Grand Chapter Office for a petition. Completed petitions must be returned to Grand Chapter by March 1, 2021.

For all chapter secretaries: All preliminary reports are due April 15, 2021, all annual reports are due by April 30, 2021. Additional information will be forwarded by the RW Grand Secretary.

The safety and well-being of our members have been first and foremost in the thoughts and minds of our entire Elected Line. We have been working on guidelines that will allow us to open safely when restrictions by the state and Grand Lodge are lifted.

We miss seeing you and we look forward to the time when our Chapters can meet again. It is our hope that our next communication will be one filled with good news and cause for celebration. In the meantime, we must **ASK** God for guidance and **BELIEVE** that He will send His Blessings for us to **RECEIVE**.

Faternally,

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