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My Sisters and Brothers,

My thoughts are with you and your loved ones, and I hope you're staying safe and healthy. I have been inspired by your goodness and the genuine acts of kindness, large and small, that I have read about every day. I, myself, have received your thoughtful cards and kind words and I sincerely thank you. All of your gestures of warmth, strength and caring for each other and those around you give me the confidence to say that I believe we will emerge from this challenging time more together than ever before.

It is with disappointment I tell you about the following cancellations of my Official Visits:

MWGM OV's CANCELLED: Alabama Grand Chapter
Missouri Grand Chapter
California Grand Chapter and Right Worthy Grand
Trustee Chairman Honor Night
Iowa Grand Chapter
Hawaii Subordinate Chapter visits

It is my understanding there are limited meetings being held in areas where the authorities have lifted the restrictions that allow for this type of activity. I get it that members want to return to some measure of normalcy (I would like that too!), but I am advising caution about doing this too soon because there is the possibility of consequences that will break our hearts. If just one of our members loses their life because they felt the obligation to attend an Eastern Star meeting, it will not have been worth it. I repeat: *nothing* we do is worth putting any member's health and life at risk—no meeting, no gathering, no function. We have time, my Sisters and Brothers. When we can *safely* meet, we can fill our Chapter Rooms. We can return to the Eastern Star we know and begin anew! "The comeback is always stronger than the setback." --unknown

In friendship and love,

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