

An Opportunity to Come Together

Dear Companions,

The current pandemic of the COVID-19 Corona Virus certainly is serious, and everyone needs to use caution, common sense and error on the side of caution by protecting themselves as the outcome is life threatening. As bad as things are and could get in the future, I have faith that our country will survive in the long run. What is important is our attitude and how we approach this unwelcomed change in our lives which is being forced upon us.

All of a sudden, we are forced to be confined at home or perhaps are only able to work from home. I view this as an opportunity. After any length of time there will be reruns of old television movies, game shows and soap operas. Yes, we will be bored but we now have time for old fashioned board games, card games, jig saw puzzles and various craft projects. Perhaps it is an opportunity to rediscover the art of cooking and perhaps trying out either old or new recipes or teaching grandchildren something new. If nothing else, we should have plenty of time to be on the computer or telephone to communicate with everyone.

It is the last two items that appeal to me. **Now is the time for all Royal Arch Masons to come together. We now have the time and very little excuse not to check on our Brothers and Companions. A call, email or text will make all the difference in the world.**

May I suggest that you start with those members that are in nursing homes, assisted living or those who are still living at home but are rarely able to attend Lodge or York Rite meetings. We may be required to remain in place and unable to go visit them in person, but there is no reason we are unable to check on them. **Showing our concern and care for our members is more important than ever before and the window of opportunity is before us.**

Join us and make a difference for Royal Arch Masonry and enjoy the good feelings generated by your simple actions in impacting the lives of others.

Fraternally,

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