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My Brother Knights,

**As promised, enclosed is an update with regards to COVID 19.** With all that has occurred in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada in the last 24 hours, the Ontario Board of Directors has concluded that for the safety of all concerned, Ontario would follow the directive issued by Supreme Office less than 48 hours ago.

**Therefore, as of this moment you will:**

- Cancel all personal contact meetings, including business meetings, until further notice.
- Cancel all planned events, where people would gather, until further notice.
- Cancel all travel for Knights of Columbus business until further notice.

**In the Interim please do this:**

- Conduct meetings by conference call, Skype, Google Groups or other methods.
- Use a webinar service for large meetings like monthly business meetings.
- Allow member votes by email or text to approve bills and candidate admissions.
- Use the email feature of Officers Online for member communications.
- Set up a call tree to contact members and ascertain their wellbeing.
- Conduct degree ceremonies in homes using the [combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity](#) video or the [First Degree video](#).
- Use applications like “Go fund me” to digitally raise funds for causes.

**2020 Ontario State Convention**

The constantly evolving situation regarding the COVID 19 virus, may force us to cancel or possibly consider alternate plans for the convention. **However, I would like to state that, presently we are still planning to have the Ontario State Convention on May 01, 02, 03, 2020.** Therefore we encourage our members to continue to register at <https://ontariokofc.ca/convention-2020/>. and to reserve the rooms at the hotel. <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1573248984363&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. Should there be a cancellation we will inform our members immediately and a full refund will be issued to those that have registered as mentioned in yesterday’s memo.

Additional information is available for members and their families on the following websites :  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>  
also **CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL** and **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**. Be aware that the elderly and sick are highly vulnerable to this disease.

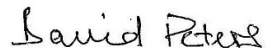
I also would like to inform you the Ontario State Office will remain open for business and will accept and respond to all communications, correspondence and telephone calls.

In this time of crisis, the members of the Ontario State Board understand your possible anxiety with regards to this situation, but we remain confident that our membership will practice safety first, thus ensuring the continued good health of their members and families.

I will like to encourage you to please recite the previously sent novena of Our Lady of Good health so that the Lord may intercede and bring this virus to a halt.

**May the Good Lord Protect you and your families.**

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Peters".

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