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My Brother Knights,

Yesterday, our Worthy Supreme Knight, Brother Carl Anderson, sent a message to all the KOFC membership, recommending safety measures be implemented with regards to the coronavirus. Late last evening, the Ontario State board of directors reviewed the situation in Ontario. Here are the boards recommendations:

We encourage our member councils to continue holding meetings and already scheduled degrees, fraternal nights and recruitment drives. Do not cancel any events at this time as we are monitoring government and news updates with regards to this health situation in Ontario. All such occasions should be held as smaller venues when possible. You should advise membership and those attending not to come if they find themselves under the weather to avoid others contacting what they may have. In addition, we encourage every precaution be taken, including washing your hands frequently and to avoid shaking hands.

In regards to the 2020 Ontario State Convention. The State Board directors unanimously agreed that we should still move forward as planned for the May 01, 02, 03, 2020 event. We strongly urge our membership to continue to register at <https://ontariokofc.ca/convention-2020/>. We also recommend that you reserve your room at the Sheraton on the Falls hotel <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1573248984363&key=GRP&app=resvlink> at the same time as you register. **The Hotel does not charge your credit card for the room until you check-in.**

Should the situation require that the Ontario State Convention be cancelled, the hotel would refund any charges to your credit card. In addition, any cost incurred by councils or members having already registered will be fully refunded by the Ontario State Council.

In parting, the Ontario State Board is aware of the seriousness of the situation and is reviewing all factors, including the health and safety of its members, the holding of meetings, degrees, fraternal nights, and the convention. Our membership is our most precious commodity. So, please rest assured that the moment we receive any information regarding any changes in this situation from the Supreme Council, Ontario or federal authorities, we will communicate the facts immediately to our members.

Fraternally,

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