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Grand Master's Decision 2019-05c Response to Coronavirus Concern - Update 2

Aloha Fellow Hawaii Masons,

We have been continually monitoring the ever changing directives from health care organizations and governmental agencies regarding the spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19). This past week, Governor Ige has started to reopen our State by easing up on some of his previously mandated restrictions. In an effort to follow his example, I feel that we should cautiously start to reopen Masonic gathering and meeting in Hawaii as well by using his recommendations as a guide.

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that

I lift my suspension (GM's Decision 2019-05b section B) of "all" Masonic meetings within a blue lodge building including all appendant bodies meetings held in any Masonic Lodge building under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii to the extent that social gatherings and small business meetings will be allowed as long as CDC and State health recommendations are adhered to including but not limited to ..

- 1) Gatherings of 10 or less are permitted subject to change with state mandates.
- 2) Social distancing of 6 feet or more remains in effect.
- 3) To maintain proper social distancing, Masons should not shake hands;
- 4) Sanitizing products are made available to those in attendance.
- 5) Masks are encouraged to be worn by all in attendance.
- 6) No meals are to be prepared on site.

For now, all tiled meetings will remain suspended and my waiver of HMC §2036 which states that "A Lodge shall hold a stated meeting for the transaction of its regular business once in each calendar month." will for now still remain in effect until such time it has not only been declared safe by our federal and state officials to return to large capacity meetings but also fair for all of our lodges (no matter their size) to the begin tiled meetings again.

While this Decision allows for a partial restart of Masonry here in Hawaii, I still leave it in the hands of the Worshipful Master of each lodge to consult with the leadership of their lodge as to resume meetings as described herein not because they feel compelled to do so but when they feel it is safe to do so .

We will continue to monitor this situation and will send notice to you as soon as any changes in these policies are required. Please direct any questions you may have to our Grand Secretary at HawaiiFreemason@hawaii.rr.com or at 808-596-9121.

Dated: June 2, 2020

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Attested:

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