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Sisters and Brothers,

Over the last months, there has been increased diversity of Covid restrictions throughout each State, Province, Country and local areas. For this reason, I hereby rescind my temporary guidelines and directives that modified the ritualistic work of our Ritual due to Covid, but only if returning to performing the ritualistic ceremonies as directed in the Ritual does not violate your locale's Covid restrictions. Eastern Star does not need to be in the newspapers or on the news as an organization that does not follow required Covid restrictions. This is not the kind of publicity we need!

Please note: If the decision is made by leadership to return to doing regular ritualistic work, please do not do part of the work as directed in the Ritual and part of the work using the temporary modifications.

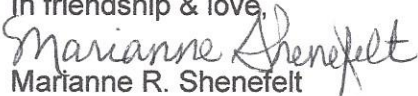
The Covid-19 virus has not been totally contained or eradicated. I urge continued caution when deciding what is safe for our members when resuming in-person OES meetings, activities and functions and returning to doing the ritualistic work without modifications. Members are not to be pressured to participate if they feel unsafe or are concerned about their health. If your area continues to have strict Covid restrictions, continued use of my temporary guidelines and directives for Covid are acceptable, and using Zoom or other video conferencing methods to conduct a Chapter's necessary business is acceptable.

With regard to the end of my guidelines and directives due to Covid, please let it be understood that the decision to cancel the GGC 50th Triennial Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, has not changed. The Assembly has been canceled and will remain canceled.

I am grateful for each one of you, and for your dedication and willingness to work together to move our Order safely forward into the future where better times most surely await us! Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers.

"We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together."

-Bill Richardson

In friendship & love,

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