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SPECIAL BULLETIN # 7

To: The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior, and Junior Grand Wardens. To all other Grand Lodge Officers both elected and appointed. To all Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters; Honorary Past Grand Masters: Past Masters; Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Grand Lodge Life Members; and Brethren comprising the constituency of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Florida, Incorporated.

To the Grand Patron and Grand Matron of the Royal Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Prince Hall Holy Grand Royal Arch Chapter; the Most Worthy Grand Joshua and Most Ancient Grand Matron, United Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho; To the Grand Eminent Commander of the Order of the Knights Templar of the State of Florida, the Grand Ambassador and the Grand Lady Chief Counselor, Bessie E. Pierce Grand Council, Lady of Knights; To the Illustrious State Grand Potentate, Arabic Grand Council, AAONMS; the Illustrious Grand Patron and the President of Al Shiah Council of Grand Courts of Deliberation-Daughters of Sphinx, AAODOS; To the Grand Inspector General; and to the Grand Youth Advisors of the National Order of Trail Masters and the Order of Sunbeams.

Greetings:

The following comes for your information and guidance. Please take due and timely notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Brothers and sisters, I hope, trust, and pray that this communication finds you, your family, and loved ones in the best health and in good spirit during another chapter of mutating versions of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Everyone who traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to the General Grand Masonic Congress could have potentially been exposed to the Coronavirus at the Marriott, airports, and/or airplanes. I strongly encourage everyone that attended the General Grand Masonic Congress last week to be tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible, even if you are not showing symptoms of the virus. If you use the rapid response test that you obtained from the government and is questionable about the results, please make an appointment for a test at your local pharmacist for a more reliable test and accurate reading. Some cases now do not show cold and flu like symptoms; however, many of us are 65 and over and have pre-existing health issues should get tested immediately.

Individuals with COVID-19 have a wide range of symptoms ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Individuals with fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea symptoms may have COVID-19. This list does not include all possible symptoms. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at increased risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please do not hesitate to talk to your health care provider about any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Florida ranks third among the states in the United States in the number of infections and deaths, only behind California and Texas. The most recent data showed a new case positivity rate of 19.4%. The number of COVID cases in Florida are slightly increasing in addition to hospitalizations. The clinical severity of the Delta and Omicron in comparison to the other omicron subvariants are known to be more transmissible and more immune evading.

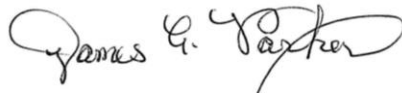
I strongly encourage and highly recommend that everyone that attended the General Grand Masonic Congress Sessions get COVID-19 tested as soon as possible to assure the safety and protection of ourselves, our brothers, and sisters, as well as our families and loved ones.

“May The Lord Bless you and Protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May The Lord show you His Favor and give you His Peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

Done this Twenty Seventh day of July in the year of Our Lord 2022, in the City of Ocoee, County of Orange, and the State of Florida.

By the authority vested in me, I have caused the seal of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be hereto affixed.

Attest:



M.W. James A. Parker, 33°
Grand Master



M.W. Alexander H. Smith, 33°/96°
Grand Secretary

