## GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

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To

- (a) Secretaries of all daughter Lodges
- (b) Scribes E of all daughter Chapters
- (c) Secretaries of all daughter Mark Lodges
- (d) Scribes of RAM Lodges

Dear Sir and R/V/W.Brother/M/E.Companion,

As you are aware the novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) has now spread to more than 100 countries infecting over 1,00,000 people and causing more than 6000 deaths worldwide so far. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared this outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and a pandemic.

The Government of India and the State Governments have also issued various advisories from time to time in respect of preventive measures from this dreaded virus. One of the major precaution suggested is non congregation of citizens in any assembly, Malls, Theaters, Halls etc. Some State Governments have also closed down Schools and Colleges up to 31-03-2020 as a precautionary measure.

Grand Lodge of India, in continuation of its earlier advisory, now advises all the Craft Lodges/Chapters/ Mark and RAM Lodges as follows:

- 1. All engagements of M.W. The Grand Master till further notice are hereby cancelled till further notice.
- 2. Regional Grand Masters are advised to follow suit, till further notice.
- 3. Lodges are advised to issue regular summons to their brethren but avoid holding their regular Meetings. Instead, they must record in their minutes that

the Lodge Meeting has been "abandoned" due to outbreak of Corona Virus, Advisories from the Government and the Grand Lodge.

- 3. All Installation Meetings be postponed and fresh dispensation to hold them within 5 weeks under Rule 90 may be applied for. In calculating the period of 5 weeks, MW the Grand Master, in exercise of his inherent powers under the Book of Constitutions, has waived the time for which Meetings have been kept in abeyance due to the outbreak of Corona Virus and the Advisories issued by the Government and the Grand Lodge.
- 4. You are advised to place a copy of this Advisory in your minute books and permanent record.

With Greetings,

Yours Fraternally,

VISHAL BAKSHI Grand Secretary

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All Members of Boards/Committee/Council Members All Active Grand Officers in Craft/Chapter/Mark

All Regional Grand Secretaries