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Brethren,

With the vaccines coming we see light at the end of the tunnel, but as one public health doctor recently put it, it is a long tunnel. We must continue the preventive measures we have been using, and of importance to the Craft, we must continue to avoid in-person gatherings. Over the holidays we are being asked to celebrate with only those in our immediate households. Given that the vaccine will not start to be available to the general public until April, and that it takes a couple weeks after the *second* shot to develop adequate immunity, it will be quite a while until we can gather in groups of the size which we are used to. Therefore, at this time I am saddened to announce the following:

The moratorium on all in-person Masonic gatherings will be extended to at least April 30, 2021.

All Grand Master's banquets for the spring will be converted to videoconferences if the Districts so wish.

The 2021 Annual Communication will be held virtually and voting for DDGMs, other Grand Lodge officers and Constitutional Amendments will be done on-line.

Predicting the future so that events can be planned and booked is a difficult thing. If circumstances change and it becomes safe to gather earlier than these benchmarks, we will revise these dates, but I hope this at least allows you to plan. In the meantime, keep in touch – by phone, by mail or by videoconference – and stay safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

David J. Cameron
Grand Master