

My dear brothers and sisters,

First Lady Mary and I hope all of you are safe and going about your daily lives as best as you can under the current trying conditions. Please rest assured that the Grand Council and I, along with our office staff, is working on your behalf and will do all that we can to ensure that our 115 year old Order will be able to return to normalcy once this difficult time comes to an end.

In the meanwhile, we would like to pass on some information and re-instate some current policies that we hope will give you the necessary guidance that you will need for the foreseeable future.

**DUE TO THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CHANGE THE DATE OF OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION TO SEPTEMBER. THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE NOON, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AND WILL END THE MORNING OF SUNDAY 9/20, AT THE VILLA ROMA.**

1. Until further notice all congregations, meetings, events of any kind (on or off lodge premises) and card playing, under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, will continue to be suspended. We realize that this may not only be inconvenient, but it might also put a strain on your lodge. But unfortunately, we have no other choice since we must adhere to the guidance of the "Center for Disease Control" and additionally we must act responsibly to protect ourselves and our families.
2. While personal lodge meetings will not be possible, there are free conference call options available that we encourage you to utilize. If you email me, I can provide you with the pertinent information. This system has been used extensively by our Order with great success. You will note below that this system will be used by the Grand Lodge to conduct our own future meetings.
3. The Executive Board and the Foundation meetings scheduled for Thursday April 16, will take place by telephone conference. We will provide the call-in information prior to the meeting. All EB and Foundation members should have their reports prepared in time to be emailed to Carol DiTrapani so that she may email them to the entire board. Please prepare these reports as soon as possible to avoid a last-minute rush. The office staff is also under great stress and we need to cooperate.
4. The April 25, 2020 Plenary will also be conducted by telephone conference. Further information will be provided during the April 16 Executive Board telephone conference. For obvious reasons, the Plenary will be abbreviated and some of the reports will be made either by myself or the Executive officer in charge.
5. **We realize that many of you have already had an installation of officers. However, those lodges that have not had a formal installation, may continue to perform with the past officers, but if you did not have an installation and a new President was coming in, he or she must be installed. Please contact your deputy, who will notify State Deputy Ernest Maglioto, and we can arrange for them to be installed prior to March 31, 2020. I will install them myself over the phone. All State Deputies must ensure that this requirement is strictly enforced.**

Please remain safe and may God bless you,

Anthony Naccarato  
President  
NYS Grand Lodge President