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Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,

It is with sadness and disappointment that I make this announcement. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and considering responsibility for the health and safety of our Membership, the decision has been made not to have our traditional "in-person" Encampment this year in Altoona but rather to conduct this year's business as a virtual meeting. I am receiving and evaluating various suggestions regarding procedure and protocol and I plan to issue a more detailed order in the next few days with more specifics. For now, I want to get the word out that the Encampment in Altoona will not be held this year and also that Officer and Committee reports (other than those of the Department Commander and Department Treasurer) will not be requested for this year for reasons that I will explain further in my next Order. My apologies if this seems vague but there are several details for the virtual meeting that need to be decided and I want to make sure that our Membership is made aware right away that the live Encampment will not take place this year.

I will be in touch in the next few days with additional details.

So ordered this 2nd day of June 2020,

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Greg Kline, DC
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