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Good Afternoon Elk Family,

I pray that this notice finds our membership, family, and friends in good health and spirits under the careful watch of our Lord and Savior. This is an official notice from the office of the Pennsylvania State Association of Elks, informing the membership of the cancellation of the upcoming Pennsylvania State Convention, scheduled in Harrisburg, due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Officers and Presidents of the Pennsylvania State Association have concluded that it will be in the best interest of the membership to remain safe by social distancing, wearing a mask and taking the necessary precautions to stay safe. The hotel is currently not serving the public fully in the meeting spaces, bar and restaurant under Pennsylvania Law and CDC recommendations. There will be several Zoom Conferences set up in the future to keep in touch with the membership and to keep up to date with the latest developments. Some of the Lodges and Temples have already resumed operations at a limited capacity and are following Pennsylvania guidelines for conducting business. During the scheduled Zoom Conferences, we will welcome input from the membership on how and when the next Conference will be scheduled.

I would like to extend a great deal of gratitude towards the members of Cyrene Lodge No. 169 and Cyrenus Temple No. 75 for their continued efforts to prepare for the State Association and look forward to rescheduling a convention in Harrisburg in the near future.

Please check with <u>www.pastateassociation.net</u> and the <u>ibpoew.org</u> to remain informed on future developments and use the Zoom Conference made available through the Grand Lodge to meet with Local Lodges and Temples.

Yours in Brotherly and Sisterly love,

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