

GENERAL ORDER #2  
2020-2021 Series

July 18, 2020

TO BE READ AT A REGULAR MEETING AND FILED:

With COVID-19 still effecting our way of doing business I would like to reiterate 2019-2020 General Orders #3 & #4 remain in place as they continue to affect us at this time.

1. *Please continue to follow advertised procedures for dealing with COVID-19. Take care of your family and yourselves and be vigilant for others whose health may already be compromised. Ask your members to call, email, text, etc., and offer your help should your members be in need. It is our responsibility to leave no member behind.*
2. *During this time of nationwide health crisis, we must work “outside the box” and re-examine what constitutes a meeting and the minimum quorum of (5) five members. As the Commander for this great Department, I offer the following advice with the understanding that these recommendations are not required, but will be acceptable to the Department:*
  - a. ***Meetings do not need to be held at Post.** If the meeting is to be at the Post, consider only having a minimum quorum attend the meeting. The individual names of the members who will make up the quorum must be provided to Post or District members so any member can share their concerns on matters they want brought up, etc. Make sure all members get copies of the meeting minutes.*
  - b. *It is the individual Post or District that is responsible for conducting meetings, other Post business such as bingo and fund raising. It is recommended that the Posts and Districts follow the guidelines set out for our use in accordance with our governmental leaders and health agencies. In this way, we will not put our members or members of the public in potential harmful situations. Please exercise common sense when making decisions on our activities.*

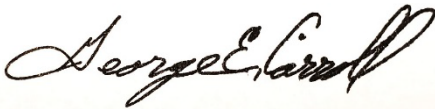
*Under no circumstances does the Department require members to attend a meeting in a Post or anywhere else. If a Post or District chooses to hold a meeting in a building, I urge caution and the use of guidelines established by our elected leaders and health organizations. Do your best to consider restricting the number of attendees and give proper notice of the restrictions to all members. It is important to maintain social distancing.*

**Just to recap,**

1. Adhere to the State and health officials lead on what is safe to do.
2. Post and Districts can use electronic measures to hold a meeting, if they have a physical quorum, now Department and lots of Posts and Districts have had great success using the Zoom program. I suggest using electronic means to reach out to your members, let them know they are not alone.
3. Take care of your family and yourselves, continue to be vigilant against this invisible enemy. Please try and keep a positive attitude and understand everyone is stressed more then usual and tempers can be short. Remember we all will get through this.

**Stay Safe and Deep Breaths**

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