

-Revised Statement-

ELKS GRAND LODGE ANNOUCEMENT

In light of concerns of the fast-changing Coronavirus/ COVID-19, we are taking proactive measures to prevent widespread transmission of the virus. At the direction of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the **Veterans Affairs Conference scheduled for this weekend March 13th, 2020 is postponed indefinitely.** In addition, the **National Education Department Conference in Sacramento, California scheduled for March 26th through March 29th, 2020 is postponed indefinitely.**

We recognize that this decision has an immediate impact on all the time and work members have put into planning these events, however we hope everyone understands the situation and support the decision. Again, the spread of the Coronavirus is a rapidly evolving situation with multiple cases being reported daily in the United States.

For more information please read the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/>, or your local health department website.

We would like to thank the entire membership for their support, hard work, and understanding during this challenging time. Please take all necessary preventive measures to remain safe and decrease any exposure to this virus. See you in the near future!

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