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**TO ALL LOCAL LODGE PRESIDENTS, BUSINESS MANAGERS
AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS IN THE UNITED STATES**

Re: Waiver of the Meeting Attendance Requirements for Eligibility for Nomination and Election of 2020 Local Lodge Officers and Mail Ballots

THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE READ AT THE JULY 2020 REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR INDIVIDUALLY MAILED TO LOCAL LODGE MEMBERS

Brothers and Sisters:

Pursuant to Article 25.4.1.4 of the International Brotherhood Constitution, local lodge by-laws may state that members must satisfy certain meeting attendance requirements to be eligible for nomination and election to local lodge offices. However, the Department of Labor has held that the application of such requirements may be “unreasonable” where they disqualify a large portion of the membership.

Additionally, with the current ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the continued restrictions in some states where gathering in groups and in-person meetings are being prohibited, it’s possible the Department of Labor would order re-run elections.

We would prefer that every local lodge be allowed to abide by its by-laws without the threat of government interference. However, in order to assure that members in good standing are not “unreasonably” denied the right to be nominated and/or elected as lodge officers to the forthcoming elections, the International Executive Council has elected to waive any such meeting attendance requirements with respect to establishing eligibility for nomination and election as a local lodge officer.

Accordingly, per my directive and the unanimous vote of the International Executive Council, no local lodge shall impose the meeting attendance requirements to disqualify any member seeking nomination and election as an officer to the upcoming elections. All other conditions for eligibility, as prescribed in the International Brotherhood Constitution or your lodge’s approved by-laws, shall still apply.