

## The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines

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TO: ALL EXCELLENT HIGH PRIESTS, CHAPTER SECRETARIES AND SUPERVISORS

FROM: THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES SUBJECT: ON STATED MEETINGS, ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Due to the continuing threat of the pandemic, the officers of the Grand Chapter of the Philippines, will NOT be allowing our constituent Chapters in this Jurisdiction to conduct face to face stated meetings.

December is fast approaching and we have been getting a lot of inquiries about Stated meetings, elections, installations and activities.

The Grand Chapter is allowing OFFICIAL Virtual Meetings but it MUST have a Grand Chapter Officer or Supervisor present. There is to be NO RITUAL and CEREMONIES during the said Virtual Meeting.

As for the business of elections and installations during December/January stated meetings, the Grand Chapter gives 2 options:

- 1. The Local Chapter can decide to hold-over officers for another year, therefore no more installation ceremony is needed
- 2. The Local Chapter can hold an election but the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and/or his Assistant Grand Secretary will be the ones to host the Stated Meeting and Elections.

If the Chapter decides on the latter, please contact the Grand Secretary or the Assistant Grand Secretary for details and scheduling.

We understand that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has opened face to face meetings, but we have agreed to not compel the Companions unnecessary time away from home where the threat of the virus is very real.

We value your health as well as your family. Masonic labor, York Rite in particular, can wait.

For your guidance and cooperation.

M.E. Manuel Liam C. Garcia

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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