

# **GRAND LODGE OF THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.**

## **RESOLUTION**

We, the undersigned Officers and Trustees of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, and having its principal place of business at 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by the corporation and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

Therefore, it is resolved:

1. That a pandemic contagion of unknown origin and unpredictable effect has caused the cancellation of the 156<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Convention previously scheduled for July 5 through 8, 2020 in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. Guidelines from the Center of Disease Control as well as state and local governments have advised that the contagion is spread by human contact with as many as forty-five percent of infected individuals displaying no symptoms but still able to pass the disease on to others. Many jurisdictions have restricted group meetings of any kind, travel is regulated and often subject to quarantine.
2. Having in mind the health and welfare of our Members but also mindful of the need to perform such statutory and constitutional duties that ensure the programs, projects, and good works of the Order are able to move forward into the next fraternal year, we, the undersigned, do order and decree:
  - a. That all nominees for Grand Lodge elective offices previously received have been published in the Elks Magazine and no other nominations have been received. Those nominees are hereby declared elected and may be installed by administering the oath of office before any past or present Officer of the Grand Lodge.
  - b. District Deputy Designates shall be appointed by Executive Order of the Grand Exalted Ruler but may be installed by administration of the oath of office before any past or present Grand Lodge Officer.
  - c. The Budget, as approved by the membership in convention last July, 2019, and having been reviewed by the Board of Grand Trustees, will be carried forward to the fraternal year 2020-2021 by transposing the data from the previous year into the 2020-2021 budget. That budget is hereby declared approved as of the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 and in full effect at that time.
  - d. The Per-Capita shall be the same as that approved by the membership for the fraternal year 2019-2020 and is approved as of the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2020 for the fraternal year 2020-2021 and in full effect at that time.
  - e. The Legislative Session is postponed until the next meeting with all pending resolutions carried forward to that date.
  - f. Members of the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, all Commissions, Committees, and other entities of the Grand Lodge shall meet as deemed by the Chairman and file a written report of their activities with the Grand Secretary no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.

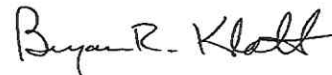
- g. The Grand Exalted Ruler upon installation shall have the authority to make such appointments as required by the Statutes which said appointees shall be deemed ratified pending any review as described below, may be installed by the same procedure as Officers and shall take their respective office/appointment on July 8, 2020.
3. The above extraordinary actions are taken only in extremis and without a vote of the membership available due to meeting restrictions. For that reason, the Grand Secretary is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to each voting entity of the Grand Lodge along with a form upon which those entities can express their objections to these measures. That form must be received by the Grand Secretary no later than July 8, 2020. Should the objections, timely received, reach the two-thirds measure of qualified voting entities, the Grand Exalted Ruler shall, as soon as practicable, order a special meeting of the Grand Lodge at a place and time recommended by the Convention Commission at which meeting the above provisions may be reviewed.
4. Unless and until such special meeting, this Resolution and the Orders contained therein, shall be deemed final.

The indulgence of our Members is appreciated as we endeavor to chart a path forward in extraordinary circumstances. These measures are clearly temporary. We look forward to resumption of normal fraternal activity as soon as conditions allow.

Fraternally,




Robert L. Duitsman  
Grand Exalted Ruler



Bryan R. Klatt  
Grand Secretary



T. Keith Mills  
Chairman - BOGT



Warren H. Johnson  
Vice Chairman - BOGT



Jeffrey R. Miller  
Secretary - BOGT



Timothy C. Martin  
Member - BOGT



Bruce A. Hidley  
Member - BOGT



Randy P. Shook  
Member - BOGT



Charles R. Campbell  
Member - BOGT



Allen H. Lenort  
Member - BOGT

**OBJECTION SHEET FOR GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION**

FROM:                   NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
                              LODGE NAME/#: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_, 2020

TO:   BRYAN R. KLATT, GRAND SECRETARY  
      B.P.O. ELKS  
      2750 N. LAKEVIEW AVENUE  
      CHICAGO, IL 60614-1889

Dear Grand Secretary,

I / We object to the attached Resolution for the following reasons:

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Respectfully submitted,

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(signature)

**This form must be received by the Grand Secretary  
no later than July 8, 2020.**