

# BPOE Wareham-New Bedford Lodge #73

## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**The Lounges will be closed and all functions cancelled for the remainder of March as of the end of business today, Monday, March 16th. Please be understanding during this difficult time. The Board has the Lodge's best interest in mind and will act accordingly. Follow our Facebook page for any additional announcements and updates!**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM GRAND LODGE JUDICIARY:

In light of Governor Baker's recently announced emergency order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to make you aware of the impact this order has on all Lodges throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Under his declared State of Emergency, and as set forth in the order issued earlier today, Governor Baker has restricted all gatherings of 25 or more people throughout the Commonwealth. This is intended to reduce the potential of community spread, and our Lodges must follow the Governor's order here. In addition, the order also requires that bars and restaurants - statewide - cease all in-house dining and bar service. Consequently, all bars and grill rooms within our Lodges must cease operating until the Governor lifts these recently imposed restrictions. Please note that Governor Baker's order imposes these restrictions through and including April 5, 2020. Effective date of order is Tuesday, March 17.

Regular Lodge meetings may continue to occur so long as attendance is limited to 25 Members. It cannot be stressed enough, however, that under no circumstances is there to be alcohol and/or food service within any Lodge facility in the Commonwealth for the period of time during which the restrictions have been imposed.

I understand the tremendous impacts these unprecedented restrictions will have on many of our Members, and the Lodge facilities which they enjoy. However, in following the restrictions Governor Baker has imposed, we will ensure the long-term health and safety of our Members and their guests.

Very truly yours,  
Robert J. Van Campen, Esq.  
Member, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary - Area 1