

*The Most Worshipful Grand Master's Covid 19
Message to Members Worldwide.*

My fellow Mechanics, I am communicating to you today not from the position as your Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society Western Hemisphere, Incorporated, but as the servant of the membership. A world pandemic has inundated and interrupted our society and our life style. It has turned everything upside down.

The transgressor is called "The Coronavirus". The actual name of this specific virus is "Covid 19". It is a pandemic that we have never experience. The last pandemic outbreak took place in 1918. This virus has caused mayhem, confusion and death. It has altered our way of life immeasurably.

Experts are quick to point out that at this point, there is no cure or vaccine for the virus, so the best prevention method is to avoid exposure to the virus. The high risks groups are; Children under 5 years old Adults over 65 years and those with compromised immune systems or Multiple Medical issues like Diabetes, Heart Failure, Asthma, Emphysema, Liver Disease etc.

The very purpose of this past Easter weekend, reminds us that no matter what we may face today, whatever we have been through, or what uncertainty tomorrow may hold. CHRIST is risen and He is our hope. He conquered death. And He makes all things new.

As Mechanics of this Noble Order, let us be prudent during this crisis. And let us leave everything in the hands of our Master and our king. We can try to bury POWER, but it won't stay there. We can try to bury TRUTH, but it's not dead. We can try to bury LOVE, but it cannot be contained, why? because it is the eternal word and GOD is LOVE. Mechanics are a praying family, and it is our prayers that have kept us strong. Today my thoughts turn to the many who have been directly affected by "Covid 19"; The sick, those who have died; and family members who mourn the loss of love ones, to whom in some cases were unable to even bid them a final farewell. Therefore, The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Executive Committee of Grand Council had requested, that on Friday April 17th, 2020, 12: noon Mechanics where ever disperse worldwide take five minutes of their time to say a word of prayer for our Brothers, Sisters, Neighbors, Leaders, Family and Friends. And a special prayer for all the departed souls. Presently the following information is the status of our members, who had the virus,

Affected: 19, Recovered 14, Still Recovering 3, Demised 2.
Let us continue to pray for each other.

Fraternally yours,

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