



GENERAL ORDER #3

As March meetings are the time to open nominations for the 2021 class, and April is elections, we need to provide an avenue to accomplish this in the best way we can under these conditions. I want to establish plans "A", "B", and "C" since the situation can change in minutes from anywhere. We need to think about 'now' [plan-A], 2-months from now [plan-B] and later [plan-C]. Moreover, we must remain calm, and flexible.

If any Post, or District has not been able to hold a monthly meetings per Sec. 203 because of this Emergency, you will not be penalized. Most of you have already used your best judgement and common sense to do what is necessary to comply with your local mandates and restrictions. We must comply with the law. While the National memo quotes a "gathering of 50" as a restriction, note that the State of Nevada and lower government entities in Nevada has that number to a "gathering of 10". Even then 6-foot social-spacing is required. If you can comply, great! You can be creative provided you are in compliance with the restrictions, and remain safe to avoid exposure to you and others. If not, this will likely cause cancellations of District meetings as well as Post meetings. Any member who does not attend a meeting out of concern will be excused.

"Plan-A" Sec. 203 provides for "Electronic Attendance". There are two ways to do this. First is via videoconferencing which very few members can access, or have the equipment to do so. Second is via telephone which almost all of us do have. If you have not done so yet, collect all of your nominees and get a written acceptance in your hands. If you don't have them yet – get it done now. You must have a full slate of nominees [not appointees].

NOTE: At a typical meeting, not every member attends. If you were to send out an email to all of your members that have emails, not everyone either opens it or responds. So having an electronic meeting via telephone [provided you have their number, or if the election Report is correct - most are not] is the best way to hold a distance meeting. You still will not reach every member.

This electronic meeting would be called for the purpose of Post/District business to include the nominations and elections. Your Adjutant [and others assisting] should telephone your members to provide notice to the members of the date, and time of the meeting recommending a quiet surrounding. I suggest a checklist of who was notified. You may run an abbreviated meeting, but must have a quorum, take attendance, and minutes. If possible, I recommend a voice recording of the meeting be done. I encourage the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster be together if possible.

District Conventions may need to be done the same way. No one has declared when this Emergency will end. Some predict in the next 2 months [which would put us into our State Convention], others say it could go until August. A "**Plan-B**" approach may be to declare Statewide that we hold all District Conventions on the same Saturday near the end of May [about 45 days from now]. Our regular meeting places may become open as restrictions are lifted, or we revert to the telephone method.

Our "**Plan-C**" needs to consider our actions if the Emergency continues during our scheduled State Convention. We still may have some time to think about this. We need to be alert for any changes to the National convention as well.

Finally, If for any reason we are unable to hold elections, the current elected officers remain in their position until it can be done. The Department Adjutant, and Department Commander must be notified in writing [email] of (a) all cancelled meetings, and (b) if held, the election results ASAP.

By Order of the Department of Nevada Commander, Tony Yarbrough

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Yarbrough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".