

May 25, 2020

To the: Officers and Members of the Scottish Rite Valleys in the State of New York
The Concordant and Related Masonic Bodies in the State of New York

Subject: Cancellation of 2020 Council of Deliberation Session

I have reached the exceedingly difficult decision to cancel the 2020 COD session which was scheduled to be held in Syracuse on September 25-26, 2020.

Many public and Masonic events are being cancelled through August and the outlook for September/October is not positive.

The prospects of resuming normal Masonic activities in New York State this Fall are questionable.

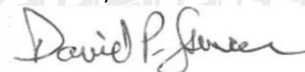
Some of the areas that started reopening have now shown increases in COVID-19 cases and reopening may be slowed down or stopped.

I believe it is in the best interests of our members' health and safety to cancel the session.

I encourage valleys to maintain contact with all members during this time of crisis and provide whatever feasible support they can to members in need.

To our entire Masonic family, stay safe until we can meet in person again.

Sincerely and Fraternally,



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Deputy for New York



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