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**TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF LOCAL AND DISTRICT LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Re: Monthly Meetings*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am exercising my authority as International President to direct and supervise subordinate lodges of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers. As you all know, COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, has spread to the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that people not gather in groups of more than ten (10) people.

Accordingly, I am also exercising my authority to direct and supervise subordinate lodges as follows: I am authorizing the principal officer of each subordinate lodge to cancel March, April and May meetings.

You will receive further instructions on how to conduct the nomination and election of officers in a fashion which preserves the rights of our members to cast a secret ballot while also protecting their health. You will not be required to read the Election Instructions in March, April and May.

I encourage you to forward a copy of this letter to each of your members by text or email if possible.

I wish all the members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers good health during these difficult times.

Trusting you will be guided accordingly, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Newton B. Jones  
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