

Members,

On Friday April 24, 2020, District Lodge 19 started distributing facemasks that were purchased by the Transportation District Lodges 19, 141 and 142. The facemasks purchased by District 19 were sent to District COVID-19 hot spots and our Traveling Mechanics, who are required to travel extensively for work. As of today, we have distributed over 3,000 facemasks.

We are now seeing some states are relaxing Shelter-in-Place and Stay-at-Home mandates and beginning to open businesses in stages. States and many businesses are requiring wearing of facemasks while going out in public. Your staff recognizes that facemasks are not readily available for purchase. The District Staff, General Chairmen, Secretary-Treasurer, Secretaries and President, decided that we had to find a way to help all the members of District 19.

Your staff unanimously decided that one way to help the membership of District 19 was to purchase facemasks. Therefore, we placed an order to purchase an additional 4,500 facemasks to be disputed. The cost of the 4,500 facemasks was borne by all the staff members of District 19. These facemasks are scheduled to be delivered to our Denver Office on Friday May 1, 2020. The Denver office will be sending these facemasks to each Local Lodge to be distributed to your members. You may have heard from your servicing General Chairman requesting the number of facemasks needed and who and where to send them to. If you have not heard from your General Chairman, please reach out to them. We will begin to send out the additional facemasks as soon as we receive them.

We know the COVID-19 Pandemic is affecting all of America and has been especially hard on our members and their families. These facemasks are a small token of our appreciation for your hard work, dedication and for continuing to provide services for all the people of America. The work you do is essential to all the people of the US in their battle against this Pandemic. Without you the US would be in much worse shape than it is in today.

Please use these facemasks and keep you and your family safe.

From the Staff of District Lodge 19.