



Report of the MCSA Chairman

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To our valuable member organizations and business partners:

We have hit a milestone – the one-year anniversary of the COVID pandemic. This past year, COVID impacted everyone in our communities, states, nation and around the world. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the terrible loss of life inflicted by the pandemic. In addition, it caused so many to pass away without their loved ones by their sides and changed our ability to grieve with family and friends.

The Masonic Communities and Service Association is comprised of organizations that care for those severely affected – our elderly. Our communities saw those beloved members residing in care facilities pass away, as well as those on the front lines providing care.

As I write this, there does seem to be hope on the horizon. However, we are being cautioned that a “return to normal” is simply not going to happen overnight. Recovery for our communities continues to be local, varying from towns to cities and state to state. With this in mind, along with the understanding that we are the leaders for those residents and staff we care for, the June 2021 MCSA conference in Kansas City is canceled.

MCSA is committed to continuing to support and connect with our members and business partners as you work to serve your clients and residents. Since we are not able to have a conference in person this year, we plan to schedule online discussion sessions - FREE to our membership. In addition, we still plan to host our MCSA business meeting in June, so please watch your email and social media for more information about upcoming events.

These are difficult and trying times. We look forward to being together again in Mystic, Connecticut in June 2022. If your Masonic community has a specific topic you would like discussed in an upcoming session, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know. MCSA continues to be a resource for you, and we look forward to providing support as we all continue to navigate the “new normal”.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ramsey

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