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## **IMPORTANT IABPFF NOTICE**

To all Members, Family and Friends:

Effective Immediately on behalf of the Executive Board we have officially postponed the IABPFF 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Convention in Hartford, Ct scheduled for August 2-7, 2020 due to the uncertainty and unknowns associated with Covid-19 aka the Coronavirus. The safety and health of our families is our primary concern and as important as celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year is I could not in good conscious put our families at risk.

We took advantage of an opportunity from the Hilton to reschedule the convention for **August 1 – 6, 2021** at the Hartford Hilton Hotel in Hartford, Ct. This gives us plenty of time to adjust to our new normal of socializing, time to plan for an even better 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention and a vaccine for this virus.

The IABPFF 2020 Election for officers will take place as scheduled online on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please follow the instructions that will be disseminated by the Election Chair related to the election process.

We will address the following issues related to the postponement of this convention.

- We will contact all those members and guest that have paid a registration fee to reimburse them.
- The Hilton Hotel will cancel all hotel reservations and each guest should receive a cancellation notice if they have an email on file.
- All other items related to the convention will be postponed until August 2021.

I also want to take this time to thank the leadership in the NER Director Gary Tinney, the members and leadership of the Phoenix Society of Hartford, Fire Chief Reggie Freeman and all of the members that are working on the 2020 IABPFF Areas of Responsibilities for their support and work to date.

In closing, I would like to share a prayer that I received from Brother Roderick Knox from Atlantic City, NJ. over the Easter holiday weekend and I pray that this prayer will comfort you during these uncertain times in our lives.

Father God hear my humble cry, I pray to you father who can do exceedingly and abundantly, more than we can ask or think. God we are all in need of more of you in this time of peril. Your people need you right now in Jesus name. God you said if my people who are called by my name would humble themselves and pray, seek thy face and turn from their wicked ways, that you would forgive them(us), and heal the land. Lord we don't deserve your loving kindness, or your tenderest mercies, but we are gracious that despite us and all we do that is wrong, you still love us, and forgive us every day. So Father I pray in Jesus name that you would cover with protection all who are in danger, fix whoever is broken, draw all who are feeling lost into your safe arms, heal everyone who is sick whether physically, mentally, or psychologically In Jesus name. God, Father, Lord, please restore to your people safety, from everything designed to hurt, kill and destroy them, in the precious name of Jesus Christ I pray Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

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