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Dear Fellow Lions

The New Year has dawned upon us with a bang and can you believe we are already heading for the end of January 2021. My wish for every Lion, Leo, partner in service and family member is to have a great year filled with lots of love and support. May the Grace of the Almighty be with you in these difficult times. I would also like to convey the Council's condolences to everyone who has lost a loved one in these times; words cannot describe the sadness we feel with you, let us all hold on to the beautiful memories of the people that we loved so much.

I would also like to thank everyone for working selflessly in their clubs during these difficult times supporting their community with food, clothing, and other support. Serving is what we do, and once again the Lions of MD 410 showed their passion for serving others during these trying times.

As Council, we had the difficult task of deciding whether we should continue with the MD 410 convention in Durban. With input from the Convention Advisory Committee, the Convention Organising Committee and our Constitutions Committee, the Council of Governors have decided that holding a full Convention in Durban will be too risky and have therefore agreed that we will have a virtual Convention this year. This decision also falls in line with the International Convention going virtual this year. It is sad for us to have to make such a decision because the convention is always the highlight of our year, but our members' safety comes first at this stage. The organising committee has excellent ideas on making the virtual Convention exciting and informative and will be in touch with each member shortly. The reimbursement of payments made will also commence as soon as possible and the organising committee will be in touch to facilitate the process.

Thank you for understanding, and please stay safe.

Regards

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