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All Branch Mail Out #26

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TO: NS/NU Branches
NS/NU Executive Council
NS/NU Zone Commanders
NS/NU Past Presidents
NS/NU Command Staff

From: Comrade Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte
Executive Director
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Urgent Information for Branches

Message: Comrades: Please find attached/enclosed information of timely importance to NS/NU Command Branches. Should you require clarification or further information I would be pleased to be of assistance.

On behalf of all NS/NU Command staff I offer best wishes to you and your loved ones.

On behalf of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command President Marion Fryday-Cook please be advised that RCL Dominion Executive Council recently agreed to extend grants equivalent to approximately \$1,000.00 to each RCL Branch to be qualified, administered and disbursed by each provincial/territorial Command.

At its' meeting April 07 NS/NU Command Sub Executive agreed that the grant to NS/NU Command Branches would be disbursed evenly among its' 102 Branches. This decision was made with the hope that any Branch in a stable financial position with sufficient resources consider forgoing the grant leaving the allotment on deposit with NS/NU Command designated specifically for future Branch assistance to any Branch as determined by NS/NU Command. Branches choosing the option to allocate the grant to future Branch assistance are requested to notify the Executive Director by end of business April 16. Grant disbursements are expected to be generated and mailed to each Branch the week of April 27.

Please find attached/enclosed information on vacancy and potential business interruption insurance coverage from P.I.B.

Please find following links to potential assistance to Branches from the province of Nova Scotia and the government of Canada.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/#support>
<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/03/canadas-covid-19-economic-response-plan-support-for-canadians-and-businesses.html>

Please be advised that, in the interest of safety, the 2020 National Track and Field competition scheduled to take place in Cape Breton in August has been cancelled.

Please be advised that the deadline for applications for NS/NU Command bursaries and scholarships has been extended to May 15.

Please be advised that NS/NU Command Office will continue with minimum manning on a scheduled basis with access to the premises by duty staff only. Staff not scheduled to work in office will continue to work remotely. The situation will be reassessed by May 04.

Please be advised that NS/NU Command Sub Executive has not yet determined whether the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Council Meeting scheduled for May 23 will be rescheduled. Notice will be provided via All Branch Mailout as soon as available.

Notices from PIB Insurance

1 Vacancy

PIB distributed the information regarding vacancy.

PIB was able to have the normal vacancy period extended for all legions insured with Aviva to 60 days. Should the government imposed measures extend beyond that PIB will look to have that extended again to avoid having to obtain 600-700 individual vacancy permits for each branch.

Those branches not insured with PIB need to verify with their brokers/agents what the vacancy requirements for their individual policies are as standard in the industry is only 30 days

2 Business Interruption

We have yet to be given a definite answer from the insurer Aviva regarding this coverage. At this point the only information we have is that branches who feel they have suffered a loss due to COVID-19 have the *potential* to make a claim. Any potential coverage is limited to a maximum of 30 days. Aviva will adjust these claims on a case by case basis and will depend on many branch specific factors such as income statements, if the branch was able to remain open to continue to offer take food, what assistance is given by the government, etc.

Adjusting these claims will likely be a long process

3 Claims

Since the potential for the number of claims to be extremely high PIB is working on setting up a dedicated claims email for Legions, that branches will be able to use to get claim files opened.

More information on how the claim process will work will be communicated to the commands at a target date of mid week of April 13.