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Dear Members,

Well, we are now halfway through this very trying and difficult year for everyone. First of all, I sure hope everyone is doing fine and staying safe and healthy. If any of your club members are having difficulty, please share the news so we can lift their spirits with cards and prayers.

It has been a challenging year for Desk and Derrick. Most clubs managed to only have two meetings so far this year and we cancelled Southeast Region Meeting. These are difficult decisions that were made for the welfare of our members. The 69th Annual ADDC Conference will be held in New Orleans in 2021 and the ADDC Conference planned for Pittsburgh has been rescheduled to 2022.

We are starting to see a little light at the end of the tunnel; the stay-at-home order has been eased or lifted in many states, and people are starting to move around. But, as people start returning to work and normal every-day activities, please don't let your guard down. The energy industry has been hit pretty hard, and I know some of you have lost your jobs and wish you good luck in the future. I'm hoping that our members holding on to their jobs stay through the downturn; we all know there is an upturn around the corner.

Desk and Derrick will survive because our members are strong. Soon we'll be back to regular meetings, field trips, and seminars. Many clubs are using social media, club bulletins, and other communication options to connect with each other. Stay in touch and find new ways to share learnings.

Congratulations to all the Regional Awards of Merit 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners. You still can be writing a great industry or D&D article or hold a virtual seminar for the Contest entries at the end of the year.

I hope that the summer will lift our spirits and bring some semblance of normalcy to our lives.

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