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Dear colleagues,

As physicians, health professionals, and health minded individuals, Covid-19 has been the foremost calamity we have faced in our lifetime.

We have been consumed by the worry of our personal health and survival, and that of those we love, and those who have placed their trust in us.

For the many of us on the front lines of healthcare, we have endured a relentless and unpredictable illness that has been frustrating to manage, and takes life without a calculable agenda. The near miracle of a speedy vaccine has given us much hope and foreshadows an end to this plague. Our challenge now, as responsible health professionals, is to provide our patients, friends and loved ones, the facts surrounding the global vaccine initiatives and an understanding of its critical role in the pathway to the end of Covid-19 and potentially its mutations.

We, as individuals, communities, fraternities and societies, thrive on communing with each other. The live presence, sharing of ourselves, thoughts and emotions, laughter delight, fear and condolence, having been, most recently, dependant on the digital world, which cannot replace the experience of palpable human engagement.

The Renaud Society, and similar groups, including the FICB and our international partners, have been on hiatus, with hopes of a robust return in 2022. Our thanks to those who have engaged with us this past year.

We are going to try a digital CME program later this year, if logistics permit. For those who may still need CME, or want an update on the issues surrounding wine, alcohol and health, we will try to continue to be your resource.. Through the work of Commandeur General (USA) Dr. Curt Ellison, a respected panel of international experts continue to survey and make commentary on the newest literature world-wide and will offer ongoing participation.

Our social agenda has been harshly interrupted, and while restrictions remain in place, we continue to look at options to share our experiences with new wines and wine cultures. I know that the FICB is preparing a robust international return to activity with planned programs in Hungary and Portugal on their upcoming line-up of events.

Personally, I want to thank our Conseil des Gouverneurs, who have provided insight, and creative advisement that will take us forward as a society. The mission of the society remains intact and we look forward to our connection in wine, health and fraternity in the very near future.



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