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Hello Phoenix/Shadow Mountain members. It's me, NavyMike, with the monthly report. I hope all is well with our members, and with all the Chapters of Abate. It grieves me to be the bearer of bad news. If you haven't heard by now, Two Broke for Sturgis has been cancelled due to the impact of covid-19 virus. My friend in China, a young lady I met in Hong Kong when I was on active duty, has been my principle source of information about covid-19 in China. I may have mentioned some of her information in the last report, but it's good to hear the same things as before sometimes.

Her name is Yang, (Chinese do not use upper case letters like we do, just symbols), and she lives in the countryside but would commute to Wuhan where she worked. Wuhan is the city where we have been told the virus began. She has a brother and two uncles, as she says "trapped" in Wuhan. The city is surrounded by the Chinese Military. No one is allowed in or out, even if a person tested negative. It is a city with a water source, but food must be transport in. Yang relates the military is not allowing food to go into the city. She relates large trucks go in and out, night and day. She believes they are the trucks taking the dead to locations near the coast where the bodies are removed and then incinerated.

The city of Wuhan is slowly, in her words 'disappearing'. It is a city of 10 million or was. She has lost hope she will ever see her brother or uncles again. It is Marshall Law. What I am hearing about the virus in China is a vaccine has been produced, but not administered. It is still in the testing stage. Once the drug is prepared to be given to the populous, Yang relates none will go to Wuhan. I do not know much about what the Chinese government is saying with regard to the administration of the vaccine. I believe the truth is relayed from Yang.

OK, now I am on my political soap box. I see Senator Biden has finally stepped forward and joined the Presidents team in fighting this war on covid-19. I watched Fox10 during a 4-hour briefing with the President, his team of experts, and military personnel. The audience was a slew of journalists. I could pick out the Democrat's from the Republicans right away. The Democrat's had questions leaning more toward a political statement as opposed to a legitimate question. The Republicans just asked pertinent and poignant questions. Ah, maybe I'm just one sided? Here is my challenge. Let's all call our state representatives and ask them to take a more positive step for working together for our state. I do not see our Democratic or Republican representatives working together as poignantly as they should. Let's strive to get our state elected officials to form a coalition regardless of party. Put aside differences and, maybe, the pending problem we have with covid-19 may work more smoothly. I compared our federal government and the problems they have with so many areas they must cover. I ask you, our members, to reach out to our state representatives and help them guide us through this battle. Maybe they could use a handful of Abate members, (biker's).

It's time to put the spotlight on our Chapter's Merchandize Officer, Deena Grady. FYI 'Dee' has related a close friend was called to an emergency meeting at his hospital. What was related was more people were checking into the hospital for the covid-19 virus after using the hand pumps at filling stations. Folks, please use gloves and paper towels when you are at the gas pumps. Also, Dee put me on to another web location called GL Garage Logic. What was related I find amazing and questionable. It was related by a Doctor named Arash, (don't know if that is the first name or not), from Harvard Medical Hospital, Pulmonary Department had found that patients with the covid-19 virus that had taken Advil or

Ibuprofen died. The patients with the covid-19 virus that didn't take Advil or Ibuprofen did not die. I don't know, what do you all think?

It grieves me to tell all our Abate members that two of our greatest leaders, passed away. David "Coach" Pennington served as Board of Directors Member and Sgt-at-Arms of Superstition Chapter, and Gynni Giebel served as the State Merchandise Officer as well as the Merchandise Officer for Superstition Chapter. They died in an auto accident while visiting family in Florida. The accident happened March 16th. There was a private visitation held on March 30th at Season's End Mortuary. If you need more specific information, you can contact our State Communications Officer, Susan Grimmer-Potter or Lil Bit.

This concludes the Phoenix/Shadow Mountain Chapter Monthly Report. Be careful and safe. This is NavyMike signing off.

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