



# Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

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The COVID-19 pandemic has spread around the world at a devastating rate. It's challenging our lifestyles and behavioral norms. This is disturbing to us all, but it's especially worrisome as many of our members are at risk. We are mindful of our need to rethink our planning and be especially prudent. As a result, the Bailliage des Etats-Unis cancelled our planned Mondiale and Culinary Weekends, and our regional Chapitres planned for this weekend and in April have also been cancelled. The National Young Chefs and National Young Sommeliers Competitions are being rescheduled and once dates are fixed, they will be posted on the National Calendar and communicated to members. When plans for 2021 are complete the dates of the events then scheduled will also be posted on our website National Calendar.

Our events are literally family affairs, why, because of the nature of our wonderful Society. It is with that spirit in mind and being protective of our Members that we have taken actions at the national and regional levels and some bailliage events are being postponed or have been cancelled. Baillis will be in contact with the members of his/her Bailliage.

A quick reminder to wash your hands frequently, follow hygiene and safety recommendations, limit travel, and remain as safe and healthy as possible. We look forward to when newly scheduled Chaîne events will be announced and held. Our 60th Anniversary Chapitre in Los Angeles at the end of October should be truly Grand. Put it on your calendar and plan to be there.

While this crisis is on-going, when possible take advantage of opportunities to patronize your local Chaîne restaurants and the businesses of our professional members. For restaurants that may be by take-out for the present and while open and it is safe to go there or when they re-open, visit them often. Also, think about buying gift cards/certificates to be used at a later date. We want to help our professional members and believe you do as well.

The Chaîne has been around in the United States for over 60 years and what has kept it as the leading wine and food society throughout the world during that entire time period is the unyielding passion of its members for the culinary arts, wine and crafted beverages. We need to work together and support each other, especially our working professionals as we endure this very troubling time. The Chaîne will continue to provide you updates and will be actively working for you to ensure its survival and the passions we all share together.