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RE: Conferring of Degrees

It has been brought to my attention as Grand Master that there are candidates waiting on the conferral of degrees, and some have a critical timeline and it has become imperative to act on.

With this thought, I will entertain requests for dispensations to carry these degrees out, with certain guidelines listed below.

If the dispensation is granted, the Lodge must comply with the following:

- The Lodge must have a temp gun and each person's temp must be taken and a dated log must be kept with the member's name, member number and temperature
- Ample hand sanitizer must be kept throughout the Lodge
- Masks are highly encouraged
- All non-degree essential members should maintain safe social distancing
- Your district's District Deputy Grand Master must be present to act as a compliance officer for the guidelines listed above and must report the findings back to the Grand Secretary

On the request for dispensation, you must state the candidate's name, date the degree is to be held and the reason for this special dispensation.

During this unprecedented time, we must follow specific guidelines to ensure the health and welfare of our Brothers and Fraternity.

I remain

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pence".

Steven S. A. Pence

Grand Master

"Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love"

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