

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS



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Whereas, these are difficult, uncertain and unprecedented times, pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

Whereas, lodges that hold a stated meeting are unlikely to have a quorum, and

Whereas, the average age and health of the majority of Brethren is considered to be the "highest at-risk" group per the Center for Disease Control, and

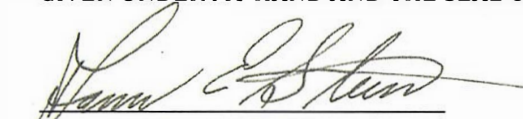
Whereas, the apprehension witnessed of Brethren and Candidates to attend Lodge, and

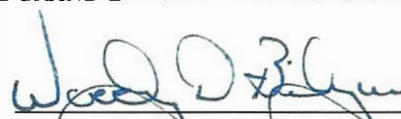
Whereas, the HOML, General Regulations, VI, Sect.5, page 32, states that the applicant, once elected to receive degrees has one year to present himself for initiation for the Entered Apprentice Degree and one year to present himself for examination for the Fellowcraft Degree, and the same procedure shall be applicable for the advancement of the Fellowcraft Degree, and

NOW THEREFORE, I issue the following Edict on this 14th day of August, 2020:

Effective immediately, the "365-day countdown" (year) in between degrees will be extended to coincide with the last day of the next Annual Grand Communication.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA F. & A.M.


James E. "Jimmie" Steen
Grand Master


Attest: Woody D. Bilyeu, PGM
Grand Secretary

Reminders:

- Face coverings are highly recommended for any social distancing that is not six feet or more.
- Special Communications involving the public's attendance remain prohibited.
- Buffet style meals are discouraged and a server is recommended for all meals. The designated server should wear gloves and a mask for food and beverage service.
- Lodges should have hand sanitizer available at all times.
- When possible, temperature checks should be done before each meeting.
- Most importantly, all Louisiana Masons are strongly encouraged NOT to attend Lodge if they have any signs of illness or do not feel comfortable, at the present time, with attending. Masons must self-screen for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 before attending any Lodge meeting. Those individuals considered to be "at-risk", including those who are 65 or older, and especially those with chronic lung disease; moderate to severe asthma; chronic heart disease; severe obesity; diabetes; chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis; liver disease; weakened immune system or other risk factors are encouraged not to attend Lodge. You are the sole decision-maker as to whether you should attend Lodge.

"Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love"

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