

The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

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EDICT 2020-07

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Whereas: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many disruptions and delays in society in general and within the Masonic Fraternity specifically, and

Whereas: The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana has not been able to conduct it's business in a normal manner since June 2019 causing a backlog of various items that need action by the voting delegates, and

Whereas: Governor Jon Bel Edwards executive order limiting assembly to 250 people (without a variance by the State Fire Marshal) is and will remain in effect for the foreseeable future which limits the number of voting delegates that may assemble to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge, and


Whereas: The above mentioned limited assembly order has caused disruption in the availability of proper meeting facilities as well as lodging and event staffing,


Therefore I, James E. Steen, Grand Master of the State of Louisiana do hereby issue the following **EDICT** in order to address those issues and permit a Grand Lodge Session that will allow for the maximum number of delegates to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

That Article V, Section 5 of the General Regulations (pg 27 HOML) be modified to cause the votes of the Senior and Junior Wardens of a Lodge to be transferred (proxied) to the Worshipful Master of that Lodge. Further that should the Worshipful Master of a Lodge be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Session he may proxy his 3 votes to any Master Mason of his Lodge or of his District except that a member may only proxy for one Lodge, and

Further, that the date and time for the 210th Annual Grand Lodge Session, which has been set by resolution for April 24, 2021 is hereby suspended and the new date for the 210th Annual Grand Lodge Session be set on May 8, 2021.

**THUS GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA
F & A M, on this Twenty-sixth day of March, 2021, at Alexandria, Louisiana.**


James E. "Jimmie" Steen
Grand Master


Attest: Woody D. Bilyeu, PGM
Grand-Secretary

"Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love"

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