

# The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

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Whereas the Holy Bible is the Great Light in Masonry; and  
Whereas the Holy Bible is the rule and guide to our faith and practice; and  
Whereas Freemasonry opens this Book upon its altars, with the command to each  
of its votaries that he diligently study therein to learn the way to everlasting life;

Therefore, by the authority vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of  
Louisiana, Free & Accepted Masons, I do hereby issue and proclaim the following  
edict:

Effective upon the date hereof, the Worshipful Master of each  
lodge shall cause a verse or passage of Scripture from the Holy  
Bible to be read aloud immediately after the lodge has been opened  
and before the reading of the minutes or any other business of the  
lodge shall be transacted.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
LOUISIANA, F. & A. M. on this 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord, 2022.

  
JAY B. McCALLUM  
GRAND MASTER

  
Attest: STEVEN S. A. PENCE, PGM  
GRAND SECRETARY

*“Charity, Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love”*

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