

# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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To: All Members of the Particular Lodges of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Florida

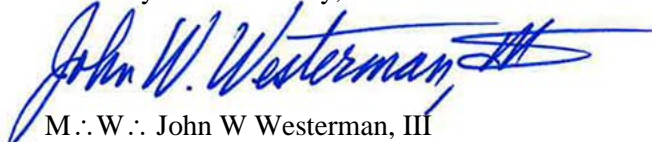
Good Afternoon My Brothers:

I am quite certain all of you are wondering about our upcoming Annual Grand Communication. The Grand Master has a multitude of responsibilities; however, in my opinion none of those responsibilities should ever surpass his duty to the well-being and protection of the Craft. After careful consideration and consultation with our Grand Lodge Leadership Team I can tell you we are of like mind. I believe conducting our Annual Grand Communication at a central location as we have done in the past would incur significant risk thereby compromising the health and well-being of many in attendance. Therefore, I am informing all that for the first time since World War II in 1945 I am **canceling our 191<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Communication**. I should be direct and let all know that all the Grand Lodge Officers are aware of my decision and concur. An Executive Order in conjunction with this letter concerning the 191<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Communication is forthcoming. Our partnership with the Rosen Plaza Hotel and its staff as always has been exceptional. They understand the risks involved and once again have been great to work with. There will be no cost incurred by our Grand Lodge from the hotel as a result of this decision.

The Delegates from each Lodge as well as other eligible voters will be receiving further communications from the Office of the Grand Secretary regarding how we will ensure that all individuals entitled to vote will have the opportunity via an electronic means. Additionally, a paper ballot will be provided for those unable to vote electronically. Specifically, the voters will ballot on our Grand Lodge Officers along with procedural reports associated with the election and approve the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget these Officers will operate under in the coming year. We will postpone the consideration of the Proposed Legislation and other pertinent items until after we are able to return to the Lodges. Once we can gather again there will be a mechanism by which the Craft will be able to review the Legislation and pose questions before voting with a paper ballot. Again, you will be hearing from the Grand Secretary with further details about these arrangements in the future when our next Grand Master believes it is appropriate.

Please know it has been an incredible honor and privilege to serve you this year. I hope you will continue to strengthen all our Lodges utilizing our EachOneReachOne Program. Remember our current circumstances with COVID-19 is only temporary and will pass. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida WILL SURVIVE AND THRIVE long after this pandemic disappears. You are the difference makers. Thank you for the many kindnesses you have extended myself and Sudy. Your support has been unsurpassed. Stay safe and I will look forward to seeing you whenever the next opportunity arises.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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