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Jurisdiction Letter #9

Greetings District Deputy Grand Masters, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Brothers of the Craft,

*God in His own way keeps blessing us over and over again. We can't live our lives in a way we can earn God's unmerited favor. Therefore, I take this moment as another opportunity to communicate with you as I reflect on God's grace and His mercy!!!*

**Dr. Henry Simmons:**

Brothers, Dr. Henry Simmons, the 12<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been very ill and recently hospitalized, and I implore you to lift our Worthy Brother up in prayer. However, the good news is he has been released. Remember Grand Master Simmons is 96 years old, and he counts every day one at a time.

**Brother Chris Terrell:**

Past Master Chris Terrell's son met an untimely death within the past 24 hours in Alaska. I'm asking every Master Mason in the jurisdiction, who believes in the power of pray to join us in corporate prayer throughout the jurisdiction for the family.

**Fee Structure:**

For this this year the fee structure will remain the same with only slight changes!

**Inaugural Class of 2016:**

This past weekend the M.W. Walter Gulley, Jr. School of Instruction was an overwhelming success spearheaded by Dr. Marlon Honeywell and his cadre of proficient instructors and leadership team. Fifty members earned their Associate of Arts Degree this weekend. We are giving serious consideration to having an additional class for the A.A. Degree before having our graduation in early 2017. For those of you who missed this weekend, you missed a wealth of knowledge and great comradery.

**Knights of Pythagoras:**

The Knights of Pythagoras will hold its State Meeting this weekend, June 10-12, at the Masonic Temple. I expect every council which I have been hearing about to be represented. I will be looking at the growth report over the weekend with KOP and Jerusalem's Starlights.

*From the desk of the Most Worshipful Grand Master*

**Grand Lodge Workshop and Hotel:**

A very strategic and well planned workshop has been schedule for you on July 15-17, 2016. This workshop will focus not only on ritualistic matters, but also quality of life issues as well. The five principal officers must be registered whether they are in attendance or not. Pay close attention to your lodge's registration cut-off date. Late fees will be enforced!!!

We realize that the rooms have been exhausted; however, we only reserved 75 rooms. The Hyatt was not willing to extend more rooms to us at a reasonable rate. We have been fortune enough to secure some rooms at the Double Tree at a rate of \$99. The phone number for reservations at the Double Tree is 904-398-8800.

**Black Tie Affair August 13, 2016:**

The hotel rooms are going quickly. We only reserved 190 rooms; however, if we exhaust these rooms expeditiously perhaps we can get more. The cutoff date for securing your hotel reservation will be July 5, 2016. ALL Leadership teams are expected to reserve their rooms and purchase their tickets by the time of the Mid-Year Meeting on June 18, 2016. A roll call will be taken by the Zone Coordinator to officially record the same. The Leadership Teams cannot lead where they are not willing to go. The Fundraising Committee is still seeking donors for the Black Tie Affair.

**Fundraising Committee:**

The Fundraising Committee is getting very close to closing out the cruise. I am encouraging you to join us if you haven't already planned to do so. Be prepared to pay in full or at least 50% non-refundable deposit at this point. Come join our Masonic Family on the high sea!!!

**Zone Visitations:**

This year is moving at an accelerated pace. Let's not lose sight of the fact that the 18<sup>th</sup> Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Honorable Walter Gulley, Jr., and the Grand Lodge officers will be visiting a city near you very soon. Start preparing the way whereby we may be individually and collectively received.

**Historic Raising:**

This past April, our goal was to raise 100 candidates during the Grand Lodge Session. I was somewhat disappointed. I am going to try a different approach this year because everyone might not see the vision. Therefore, I will only utilize certain District Deputy Grand Masters who can see the vision and are prepared to accompany me in seeing the vision through. Those Deputies who are totally interested will identify themselves to their Zone Coordinator on Saturday, June 17, 2016 at their respective Mid-Year Meetings.

**Fraternal Relations with Louisiana:**

I recently visited the Conference of Grand Masters, and the meeting did not turn out as I had hoped. The most serious matter on the table was whether or not the conference was going to unseat the Jurisdiction of Louisiana. The conference vote did not to unseat LA. Every jurisdiction in the conference is sovereign, and Florida will maintain the non-recognition of the Louisiana Jurisdiction. I did receive letters from the National heads of Holy Royal Arch Masons and Royal and Select Mason affirming that those bodies would not allow Louisiana to be a part of their conference. Therefore, those bodies are at liberty to attend the meeting. Nothing to date has crossed my desk concerning Knights Templar, consequently the Florida delegation will not be able to attend.

Fraternally,

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