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Re: 2020 MWUGL of Florida Membership Program - OC#mwgm19jgj2020.3

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10

Greetings Brethren in the Matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. I pray you are all doing well and encouraged by the His Grace and His Mercy.

As promised, this communication will accompany my vision and plan to help us grow our Masonic Jurisdiction. As you know, I have already put into place a dispensation program to aid and encourage some of our non-financial members to return to our ranks. There may be other dispensations or opportunities as we progress through the program, but for now we must begin to work on where I believe the bulk of our work will occur. We must begin to bring those who have never been among us onboard by exposing to them who we are and what we do. I firmly believe that once given an opportunity to be around you the Prince Hall Masons of Florida, they will come to love you and this order as I do. And together, we can bring this jurisdiction to its highest level of Masonry since its founding.

Within this packet you will find a complete set of structured program guidelines that will be further explained to you by your Zone Coordinators or their designee.

The Program consist of the follow:

The Basic Program consist of holding annual or semi-Annual Interest meetings. It includes a structured Local Lodge Investigation Process, Structured Candidate or Class Orientation procedures, and a structured Study/Proficiency process for chosen candidates

Our regular background check and approval system through the Grand Lodge will still apply

Additionally, the program will require the following from each lodge:

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- All lodges will host at least one Charitable service program within the Community annually
- All lodges will Worship together as a unit quarterly at churches within the local community; leaving a collective offering from the lodge at the church. \$20.00 per member is a recommendation.
- All Lodges will host an annual fundraising event or activity for the benefit of the Lodge that engages the community.

District Deputy Grand Master's will be accountable for monitoring and ensuring the compliance of these mandates for each lodge.

Lodges will report all charitable time, monetary, or in-kind donations to the appropriate Grand Lodge committee for the benefit of the MWUGL Foundation tracking of these activities.

Moving forward, all new member Initiations, Passing, and Raisings will be conducted between January 1st – August 31st. No degree work will be permitted outside of this period. The maximum time to raise a candidate from the initiation date will remain at 120 days.

ALL members, including new members will pay dues during the November annual return period.

The Months of September – December each year will be used for the purpose of conducting Interest meetings and the mentoring and development of any newly made Master Masons. Interest meetings may also be held at other times of the year. However, all lodges will conduct at least 1 in the 4th quarter of each year.

Newly made Master Masons are not permitted to petition any other masonic houses for 18 months from their Raising date.

Expected Growth: The Jurisdiction of Florida right now has about 120 lodges and close to 2700 master masons on it rolls. While some lodges are stronger than others, five (5) new members per year per lodge; actively working a structured membership program is not an unreasonable proposal. So, let's do the math: 120 Lodges x 5 new members per year = 600 new members per year. That's an additional 2400 members over the next 4 years. Couple that with reinstatements and any potential heal-overs spread across the same period of time, I truly believe 3000 additional members is a

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great possibility. Brothers, understand me when I say that I am excited about these possibilities. We only need to execute the plan to bring it to fruition. I say this because

I have personally witnessed the plan in action. If our 120 lodges perform as I know they can, these numbers may be conservative as it pertains to our real growth potential.

Putting God first and working together we can make this happen.

I AM,

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