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FROM THE GRAND EAST

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Dear Most Worshipful Brothers and Brethren All,

The 170th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon will be done in an abbreviated manner, consistent with the Oregon Masonic Code, to limit exposure to the coronavirus, COVID-19, and to comply with the Executive Order No. 20-12 issued by the Governor of Oregon on March 23, 2020. Any changes to the Governor's Executive Orders affecting our Plan for this Annual Communication, may result in further adjustments.

The Grand Lodge Trustees have formulated a Plan to hold a limited Annual Communication that completes the essential business as directed by the Masonic Code to minimize the risk of infection and ensure the health and safety of our Masonic family.

Planned highlights of the abbreviated 170th Annual Communication include:

- All Legislation and Resolutions will be held over until the 171st Annual Communication in June 2021.
- The abbreviated 170th Annual Communication will open at 10:00 a.m. on June 4th, 2020 at a site selected in the Salem area.
- The only Grand Lodge Officers present at Annual Communication will be the elected Trustees. Appointed Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies will not attend.
- Seven Lodges will attend the 170th Annual Communication and will be selected from across the State by the Grand Lodge Trustees. These Lodges will be represented by **one** of three senior officers (Worshipful Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden). The selected officer will carry proxies for the two other officers.
- Committee reports will be received and accepted, but not read at the 170th Annual Communication. The Grand Master may select parts or all of some reports to be presented in the record.
- Members wishing to stand for election may do so by notifying the Grand Lodge office by **May 15, 2020**, using the enclosed form.

No one has the ability to foresee the future. The decision to limit the operation of our Annual Communication was not made lightly but with the health and safety of our Masonic family at the forefront. If by June 1st the governor's restrictions are lifted, adjustments may be made to allow for a larger gathering. Visit the Grand Lodge website, www.masonic-oregon.com/annual-communication for updates. Please stay safe and be well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

MWB Ronald J. Eggers, Grand Master
The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

Enclosure