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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 promote growth in the Jurisdiction of Florida. As you know, I have already put into place a dispensation program to 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. For now, we must begin to give attention to the area where I believe the bulk of our work will occur. We must begin to bring in new members by exposing to them who we are and what we do. Given an opportunity to be around you, the Prince Hall Masons of Florida, I firmly believe that our potential candidates for membership will come to love you and this order as I do. 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 Membership Program consists of the following:

1. Lodge hosted annual or semi-annual interest meetings. Several structured processes are included, such as local lodge investigations, candidate or class orientation, and a study/proficiency assessment for chosen candidates.

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2. Conducting traditional background checks through the Grand Lodge.

The program also requires the following from each lodge:

- All lodges will host annually at least one charitable service program within the community.
- All lodges will worship together every quarter at churches within the local community. A collective donation is to be presented to the church. Twenty dollars per member is recommended.
- All lodges will host an annual fundraising event that engages the community.
- All lodges will report charitable time, monetary, or in-kind donations to the appropriate Grand Lodge committee for the benefit of tracking such activities by the MWUGL Foundation.
- 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 is 120 days.
- The months of September – December will be used annually for the purpose of conducting interest meetings, mentoring, and developing newly-raised Master Masons. Interest meetings may also be held at other times of the year. However, all lodges will conduct at least one interest meeting in the 4th quarter of each year.
- **ALL** members, including new initiates, will pay dues during the November annual return period.
- Newly made Master Masons are not permitted to petition any other Masonic houses for 18 months from their Raising date.

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

Expected Growth: Right now, the Jurisdiction of Florida has about 120 lodges and close to 2700 master masons on the roll. While some lodges are stronger than others, raising five (5) new members per year per lodge by following the structured membership program is not an unreasonable proposal.

Let's do the math: 120 Lodges x 5 new members annually = 600 new members per year. This equates to an additional 2400 members over the next 4 years.

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Couple this fact with reinstatements and potential heal-overs, I truly believe that 3000 additional members is a great possibility. 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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