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Fraternal Greetings My Brothers...

It is with a deep sense of honor, humility and gratitude, that I accept the responsibility that comes with the trust and confidence you have reposed in me by electing me your 44th Grand Master. It is truly a blessing. For the poise you have shown, thus empowering me to enhance the daily activities of this office, I am grateful. To be honest and upfront with you, your Grand Lodge is in need of a lot of improvements in multiple areas too vast to try to quantify them at this time but this administration accepts the numerous challenges ahead.

It is the objective of this newly elected administration to focus on the obvious problems which many of you believe to be our administrative functions or malfunctions, which will be spelled out in the forthcoming weeks, as well as our plan of attack for fixing the problems. You will probably agree that during previous administrations, I have had firsthand knowledge of the impact this area of responsibility has had on you and pledge our immediate attention to these areas. You may rest assured that as your Grand Master, I will do my best to clean up these areas straightforward and most of all honestly.

You are to be commended for the fine team of officers you have selected to govern this Grand Lodge, and all the potential that comes with it. Your "Grand Lodge First" attitude makes us appreciative in advance for all who are willing to support this Grand Jurisdiction. Certainly your expectations have allowed us to be elevated to these highly esteemed positions and we plan to serve, not taking anything or anyone for granted and please be assured that in our day-to-day activities, we will be guarded by the Master's Plans, our Holy Bible and guided by our Book of Constitutions. In our daily labor, this administration vows to adhere to the principals of our Time-Honored Institution and to implement and develop ideals to sustain and ensure the quality of life for all our members without respect to their economic or social status.

We are grateful and humble my Brothers as we brace ourselves while currently standing on the shoulders of Giants who along the way willingly and at other times forcefully instilled in us those core values--*Integrity First... Service Before Self... and Excellence in all We do.*

Thank you and God bless you, God bless our Grand Jurisdiction and God bless America.

Fraternally,

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