

# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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To: All Particular Lodges

Dear Brothers:

This message is to up-date you to changes to the Masonic Education Program for 2017 – 2018.

The Grand Master and Elected Grand Lodge Officers were briefed on recommended changes to the Masonic Education Program which included revising the ME-Q Program; instituting an “Educating the Educator” Workshop for the in-coming DDGM’s, District and Lodge Chairmen and Lodge Mentors; updating the Master Mason Examinations; rewriting the Lodge Officers Training Course Modules; and automating each for the website and Circumscribe.

I am pleased to inform you that these changes were approved by the Grand Master and Elected Grand Lodge Officers and work has begun to have them implemented.

Effective February 1, 2017, the ME-Q Program will be replaced by a Semi-Annual Masonic Education Report Program.

The new MER Program will take effect on May 1, 2017. The reporting periods are designed to avoid overlap with events such as Lodge Elections, Installations, Grand Lodge Communications, and periods when the Lodges may suspend meetings during the summer months.

The program will have two report forms which will be identified as MER-1 and MER-2. The MER-1 will cover the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> each year and the MER-2 will cover from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The initial MER-2 report will be due for submission to your District Chairman on November 1, 2017.

The information requested will be different on each MER form. The MER-1 form will concentrate on the incoming Worshipful Master and what his Masonic Education plans are for his year as Master and what assistance he will need from the Masonic Education Committee. It will also cover the educational status of the Lodge Officers, the Masonic Education Chairman, and Mentors during the first months of his term as Master.

The MER-2 form will concentrate on Lodge accomplishments during the year and what difficulties were encountered. It will measure the advancement of candidates, show training that the Lodge Officers acquired, and ask for suggestions on improving the Masonic Education Program.

This new MER Program is designed to provide more meaningful information to Grand Lodge as to areas where the Masonic Education Committee can be of assistance to the Lodges. It will also be a measure as to how effective the Masonic Education Program is, ways it can be improved, and give the Lodges an opportunity to input recommendations.

Information on additional changes to the Masonic Education Program will be distributed through your Zone and District Chairmen.

Fraternally,

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Approved for Distribution by M.W. Stanley L. Hudson, Grand Master, on 3/27/17