

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

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## DIRECTIVE NO. 2

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This is my permission and written Directive for the purpose of holding Grand Master authorized Short of Time Degrees during the 2017 Grand Lodge Year. As Grand Master of Masons of Florida, I, M.:W.: Richard G. Hoover, hereby direct that the Particular Lodges of the jurisdiction of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida may, upon approval by Particular Lodge ballot, hold or participate in Short of Time Degrees for Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons that have failed to present themselves for advancement within 6 months after having received the preceding Degree. All requirements of Regulation 37.02 must be followed; specifically the investigation, favorable ballot, and a criminal background investigation must be completed. The only deviation from the Regulations in the Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida will be the time between the Degrees and the necessity to pass a Proficiency. The Proficiency of the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Brother is to be obtained as soon after the Degree(s) as deemed appropriate by the Lodge. These Short of Time Advancement Degrees will be permitted to take place during the months of September and October of 2017 and February and March of 2018.

Short of Time Degrees are not to be taken lightly, the Brothers are to be instructed and counseled by the Lodge as in regular Degrees. This Directive eliminates the need for a formal Dispensation; however, the Secretary of the Lodge is to advise the Grand Secretary of the date or dates of the Degree(s) for each Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Brother having received the Degree(s).

Sincerely and fraternally,



Richard G. Hoover  
Grand Master

