



# Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons



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To: All Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Arizona

RE: Social Media

Brothers,

I am disappointed that I need to write this letter. It has come to my attention that there are several social media posts or comments out there by Brothers that are reflecting poorly upon the Craft. Attached to this letter is a set of Social Media guidelines that were adopted by the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference (RMMC), and upon The Grand Lodge of Arizona joining the RMMC, we have accepted these guidelines. Brethren, we should always remember that what we do or say, along with any actions that we take are a direct reflection upon Masonry. Therefore, we should always remember that no matter what we do, say, or react to it has a direct impact upon our Fraternity. I am fully aware that this is a daily challenge that we have accepted as men trying to improve ourselves, but we need to meet that challenge head on. We are MASONS!

It has been brought to my attention that there are brothers violating their obligations and charges. This is not acceptable, period. If you are resorting to un-masonic conduct on social media it must stop. You are not to injure a Brother in his person or good name! If you are threatening violence on a Brother, or his family, you must circumscribe your desires immediately! The most beautiful thing about our Fraternity is that we have Brethren from all walks of life, all creeds and all religions. There is a reason that we do not discuss politics or religion within our Lodges. Do not go there on social media either. If you wish to discuss or debate things with a Brother take the time to talk with them personally, or better yet, meet with them face to face. You do not have to agree with each other. But as Brothers, you must accept that their views and opinions are their own and they have the right to them as you do to yours. Do not share these differences with the world to see and judge. Because they will be judging Freemasonry, not the individual man. The leaders of our Lodges need to be aware of these issues arising on social media and act accordingly in regards to your Lodge membership. Hopefully good council whispered in a Brothers ear will solve this problem. If not, the Lodge leadership must act accordingly.



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The stress and pressure that the World is under right now due to this pandemic has a lot of people on edge and concerned about their future. This is the time when we as Masons should be a shining example to our communities, our state, our Country and the World of what we represent and strive to accomplish. Nasty comments or attacks on each other is NOT the way Masons should be acting.

The despicable acts that we have seen played out all over this country over the last year should not in any way be encouraged or condoned. Any violence against any person should never be acceptable. Destruction of private or public property in any way, shape or form is reprehensible and we should not be passive in response to these actions. We must show that Masons do not approve these actions. We must as Masons work diligently to figure out how to bridge the gaps that have been created during these trying times. Apathy, anger or violence is not the answer that Masonry needs to present. We as Masons should be a shining example of how all of our differences should never be a hinderance to improving our World.

Brethren, we should always be circumscribing our desires and working within the length or our cable-tow! Today's challenges should make no difference in Masons striving to improve themselves and our Great Country in any small way that we can.

Remember, WE ARE MASONS!!!

Fraternally & Sincerely

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