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WM and Brethren,

I hope all of you have had a good summer and are eager to start promoting the Grand Lodge Public Schools Essay contest and Classroom Grant Programs. Many of our local Schools have already started the new School Year for 2022-2023 and some will be starting soon. If your Lodge has not made contact with your Local Schools, we encourage you to do so now to allow time for the Essays and Grant requests to be returned to you by early November.

MWGM Jim Baker has issued Edict No. 2022-01 announcing American Education Week and our support of Public Schools in Arizona, November 14 – 18, 2022. One way of showing our support for Arizona Public Schools is participating in the Public School Essay Contest and Classroom Grant programs by recognizing your local School essay contest winners during this week. Another show of support is partnering with your Public Schools in special projects or by identifying Students and Teachers that are deserving of special recognition. Whatever and however you choose to observe the Spirit of American Education Week, please make the effort and take the time to show your appreciation for our Public Schools.

Participation in the Grand Lodge School Essay contest and Classroom Grant program are excellent opportunities to become involved with your local Schools and show you support and commitment to furthering education. Your involvement in these programs will be rewarding and give you an insight into the thoughts, ideas and needs of the Students, Teachers and Schools. Reading the Essays is fun, entertaining and inspiring and is time well spent.

Please refer to the 2022-2023 GL Public Schools Program document for a description of the program and Lodge instructions. All GL Public Schools letters, forms and documents are available on the Grand Lodge of Arizona website at www.azmasons.org or by email from Brian Hanne at azarmor@msn.com. For questions about the Public Schools program or help with developing a Public Schools program for your Lodge please contact any member of the committee and we will be happy to assist you.

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