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Decision No. 1

Waiving the 6 month period to join Masonic Bodies

Dear Brethren:

This decision is required to be read at the first Stated Communication of your lodge after receipt.

Oklahoma is noted among American Grand Lodges for the strong unity which exists in the organizations which comprise the Masonic family in our State. This is no accident. Oklahomans are naturally friendly. Whatever our challenges and successes, we have always faced them together. It is only fitting that a truly fraternal society should stand together as one.

Every Masonic Body in Oklahoma has something worthwhile to offer our brotherhood. Our Masonic Family presents our membership with continuing Masonic Light, fraternalism, charitable opportunities, friendships, fun, and connections that no other private society of men presently offers. It is important that our newly raised Master Masons be given the earliest opportunity to learn and grow in Freemasonry. When one of our new brothers becomes acquainted with the larger brotherhood of men which exists beyond the limits of their own lodge, many of them attach themselves to the fraternity for a lifetime. Our Masonic Bodies work very hard to provide the best Masonic experience a man can have on his fraternal journey. It is the role of the Grand Lodge to aid and assist the success of all the Bodies it officially recognizes in Oklahoma. To do this, we need not create artificial barriers which stand in the way of any Brother's personal growth and self-improvement.

Section 805 of the Miscellaneous Provisions of the Constitution and Laws specifies a waiting period of 6 months to petition other Masonic Bodies, unless the Master Mason proficiency has been passed.

Therefore, it is my decision, pursuant to Section 202 B.1.e, giving the Grand Master the authority to waive all time requirements relating to petitions and applications specified in the Constitution and laws or the Uniform Code of this Grand Lodge; I hereby waive the 6 month waiting period requirement for any Master Mason joining another Masonic Body during my term of office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert G. Davis Grand Master

Issued this 16th day of November, 2020