

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

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To: The Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Members of  
All Particular Lodges in Florida

Re: Short of Time Advancement Degrees

Dear Brothers:

On May 31, 2017, at the 188<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication, I presented a synopsis of the Short of Time Advancement Degrees that I will be implementing during my year as Grand Master. In the outline of the procedure of this process I also explained that the Particular Lodges in Florida would be required to vote to allow their Lodge to participate in these Degrees. (See my Grand Master's Directive No. 2 dated May 31, 2017.)

I am asking each one of you to place before your Lodge Members at the earliest Stated Communication possible, a vote to participate and join me in reaching out to the current Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Brothers who have not continued their progress and attempt to get them back into our Fraternity.

We have made a commitment to these Brothers. They have knocked at the door of Freemasonry and we opened it unto them. Let's not shut the door. Help me keep it open and assist them in continuing their journey into our Great Fraternity.

Please send me an email and let me know the result of your Lodge's vote whether or not you voted to participate or not at [gmglf2017@gmail.com](mailto:gmglf2017@gmail.com).

I thank you in advance for your consideration and hopefully your support.

Respectfully and fraternally,



Richard G. Hoover  
Grand Master

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Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee  
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