

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

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To: All Particular Lodge Secretaries

Re: Do Not Initiate New Transfers of Membership

Dear Brother Secretary:

With the Masonic year coming to a close in just a couple of months, we wish to recommend to our Particular Lodges that Transfer of Membership procedures **NOT BE INITIATED** with other Grand Jurisdictions as it is almost impossible for all correspondence to be cleared between the Grand Secretary's Offices in this short period of time. Upon receipt of a Petition for Affiliation by Transfer of Membership, there is a 30-day period for investigation and then balloting after which time the Brother's Notice of Election and Request for Dimit must be forwarded to that Grand Jurisdiction before the Transfer Certificate of Good Standing expires at the end of the Grand Lodge Year, December 27, 2023.

Therefore, we fraternally request, that in order to avoid the possibility of the member having to pay dues in both Grand Jurisdictions, you suspend **INITIATING** Transfer activity until the beginning of the next Grand Lodge Year. (**Note: This does not apply to transfers already in progress.*)

In addition, you should make a concerted effort to complete any transfers already in progress.

Sincerely and fraternally,



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Grand Secretary

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cc: Grand Lodge Officers
District Deputy Grand Masters