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## 228<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

The 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A. M. of Connecticut will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 100 Berlin Road (Route 372), Cromwell, Connecticut on **Monday, April 3, 2017**. The formal opening of Grand Lodge will be at 9:30 A.M.

### **This is the “CALL” to that meeting.**

Registration will start at 8:00 A.M. Please note: **All voting delegates must register at the registration table and present their 2017 Dues Card.** Registration will be by Lodge number as designated by posted signs in the area.

A proxy form has been sent directly to the Lodge Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden should they: 1) not be able to attend this Annual Communication in person [proxy must be executed in advance]; 2) be entitled to vote by virtue of holding one of these offices in more than one lodge; 3) be entitled to vote by virtue of being a Grand Lodge Officer or a Permanent Member of Grand Lodge. Please inform any Brother who is attending as a proxy that he must present his 2017 dues card. All Brothers entitled to vote should bring the Apron and Jewel of their office, whether as Permanent Member, Lodge Officer or serving as proxy.

Your attendance at this Annual Communication is important. We will consider available Reports of Standing and Special Committees, Grand Lodge Officer Reports, and any other business proper to be considered, all subject to the usual rules. **There may be certain changes to the Rules & Regulations which will be considered for adoption.**

Please note the following Sections of our Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations regarding Lodge representation:

**Section 2300. Roll Call at Regular Communication.** Immediately before the closing of a Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, the roll shall be called, and any Lodge found to be unrepresented shall be declared delinquent, unless it shall have been previously excused.

**Section 2301. Penalty if Lodge Is Not Represented at Regular Grand Lodge Communication:** (reads in part) "A Lodge neglecting to be represented at a Regular Grand Lodge Communication shall incur the penalty of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars ...."

The Grand Lodge Office cannot make hotel reservations. Lodges and Brothers are responsible for making their own reservations with the Radisson Hotel. The hotel reservation information is enclosed, a Booking Website is available, and driving directions are given. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. ***The cutoff date is no later than March 10, 2017. Please mention the Grand Lodge Session when making your hotel reservations.***

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**ALL “LODGE HOSPITALITY ROOMS” MUST BE CLOSED  
AT A “REASONABLE HOUR” ON SUNDAY.**

Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputies, Past District Deputies, current Associate Grand Marshals, Committee members and Grand Representatives are also requested to register to ensure that all names appear in the Grand Lodge Proceedings. Each voting delegate will register **only once, either by virtue of his highest attained Grand Lodge Masonic office or Committee Membership or, if he chooses, as an elector (proxy) on behalf of his lodge.** The use of proxies is encouraged where appropriate to ensure full representation of constituent lodges.

The Grand Master's Banquet for Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, members of the Craft and their ladies will be held on Sunday evening, April 2, at 6:30 pm with 6:00 pm entrance to the Grand Ballroom. All Brothers are invited to attend. Please make every effort to get your reservation in early as this banquet is sold on a first come - first serve basis. **Any request which is received in the Grand Lodge Office after March 10<sup>th</sup> will result in tickets being held for pickup at the door.**

A banquet reservation form for the Sunday night banquet is enclosed for your use. The entrée will be Stuffed Chicken Breast at a cost of \$40.00, (including tax and gratuity) per person **and all by advance order.** Please make all checks payable to the “Grand Lodge of Connecticut” and mail with the banquet reservation form. Banquet tickets will be mailed to those placing an order prior to March 10<sup>th</sup>. It would be appreciated if a self-addressed envelope was also included. For orders received after that date, tickets will be held at the door.

Also on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon, the Past District Deputies Association of Connecticut will host a luncheon. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. All Brothers are invited to attend. Reservations can be mailed to Bro. Brian Beals, 175 Mercier Ave, Bristol, CT 06010 or call 860-620-4102. Lunch will also be available at other Radisson Plaza venues.

**Brother Lodge Secretary, please note that proxy forms have been mailed directly to the top three officers of your Lodge. Please remind them of their responsibilities to be present at Grand Lodge or to sign their proxy and give it to someone else.**

With my fraternal best wishes,

*Richard C. Memmott, Sr.*

February 17, 2017

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