Subject: Masonic Charity Foundation – Trustee Opportunities & Vision Ahead

Brethren,

I hope this message finds you well.

I wanted to take a moment to provide a brief update regarding the Masonic Charity Foundation and to share an important opportunity for service within our organization.

Since my last communication, we remain optimistic that regulatory approvals will be received in early to mid-June, with a targeted closing anticipated sometime in July. As we look ahead to this next chapter, it is important that we begin preparing for the future leadership of the Foundation.

At our Annual Communication in November, three (3) Trustee positions will become open. I would like to encourage qualified and committed brethren to begin considering this opportunity to serve.

As a reminder, following the sale, the Masonic Charity Foundation will remain fully intact. While we will no longer operate the Village, our core mission remains unchanged: to support Freemasons, their spouses, widows, and dependent children in times of need-grounded firmly in our Masonic values within the New Jersey jurisdiction.

Our vision moving forward is clear. We are building a Masonic Charity Foundation that is:
- Accessible to all New Jersey Masons, regardless of where they reside
- Responsive to the needs of our Masonic families
- Financially sustainable and responsibly governed
- Positioned to provide meaningful and lasting support for generations to come
- Thoughtfully connected with community resources and aligned with appropriate local and state partnerships to enhance the support available to our members

Whether a Brother from our jurisdiction resides in New Jersey, Florida, Delaware, or elsewhere, our commitment is that the Masonic Charity Foundation will be there when needed.

To achieve this vision, we are seeking brethren who are prepared to work diligently and with purpose. While the role of Trustee is voluntary in name, it requires a high level of commitment, engagement, and accountability. There is important work ahead, and much of the groundwork has already been laid.

We are particularly interested in individuals with experience in areas such as:
- Finance and investment oversight
- Accounting and financial controls
- Organizational leadership and management
- Marketing, communications, and outreach

• Developing relationships with potential donors and stakeholders
• Knowledge of local and state agencies that can help support additional outreach to our membership and families
• Legal, governance, or strategic planning

Above all, we are seeking dedicated individuals who are willing to invest their time, energy, and expertise to help shape the future of the Foundation.

There is a plan in place, and we are looking for the right brethren to help carry it forward.

As a brief housekeeping reminder, any Brother seeking to be considered for a Trustee position must complete and submit the required nomination form through the Office of the Grand Secretary. Please contact the Grand Lodge directly to obtain the appropriate form and submission guidance.

If you have an interest in serving or would like to learn more, please feel free to reach out to any of the following:
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Now is a defining moment for the future of our Foundation. If you have the experience, the commitment, and the desire to serve, I strongly encourage you to step forward. Your leadership, your time, and your dedication can make a lasting impact on the lives of our Masonic families for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support of the Masonic Charity Foundation and for all that you do for our Fraternity.

Sincerely & fraternally,
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