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To: All Possible Attendees of the 45th Triennial and 135th Annual Session

Subject: United Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, P.H.A., Southern Jurisdiction, USA 45th Triennial and 135th Annual Session COVID Safety Protocols

Greetings:

The United Supreme Council, 33^o is fully aware; and takes seriously the dangers involving exposure to the COVID-19 virus and its several variants. The protection and safety of our members, attendees, leadership, and staff is our top priority. In advance of your travel to Memphis, Tennessee, we wanted to provide an update on the health and safety protocols that all attendees must adhere to during this year's session. Please read the following information in full. Highlights on new testing or proof of vaccination requirements are detailed below.

- The wearing of a facemask is **REQUIRED** at all times during the 45th Triennial / 135th Annual Session (unless actively eating or drinking). N95 facemasks are preferred. Facemasks and hand sanitizer will be made available to all members if needed.
- Prior to onsite registration *or* checking in at the United Supreme Council, 33^o designated registration desk, you must visit the "COVID-19 Check-In" station at the Convention Center.
 - Candidates for the 33^o - You must also visit the "COVID-19 Check-In" station and then proceed to the designated meeting room for candidates. Please **DO NOT** stop at the Registration Desk.
- The United Supreme Council, 33^o will now require attendees of the 45th Triennial / 135th Annual Session to provide proof of one of the following:
 - Vaccination card showing full vaccination status against COVID-19 (at least two weeks after final dose), or,
 - Negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test result, administered by a medical professional and taken within 72 hours of check-in at this year's session

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- **Session prescreening** will consist of a current COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire with a temperature check either by automated monitors or by a handheld device. Those with temperatures above 100.4° F / 38° C will be evaluated for COVID-19 and will not be allowed into the session.
 - All members and attendees will be required to complete a copy of the COVID-19 Liability Waiver and Statement of Understanding. You must also present a copy of the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire each day at the COVID-19 Check-In station as a part of the daily screening process.
 - If you answer “YES” to any of the “Symptoms”, “Contact”, or “Temperature” related questions on the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Questionnaire, you will not be permitted into the session and will need a negative COVID-19 test and normal temperature to be admitted the following day.
 - A wristband will be issued to all members (daily) to show that you have successfully completed the medical screening process. **NO WRISTBAND, NO ENTRY!!** A *wristband is also required to register onsite or to pick up credentials at the Registration desk.*

- Temperature checks will be required anytime you leave and return to any of the designated “General Session” areas. Temperature checks may also be rendered throughout the session or as directed by yours truly.

- Social distancing inside and outside of the meeting hall is required. We are currently working with the venue to establish parameters around seating inside each meeting space. Please look for signage as you enter the meeting rooms or ensure there is minimally one chair between you and the next individual. The United Supreme Council, 33° also encourages groups to minimize social group gatherings outside of those already scheduled as part of the 45th Triennial / 135th Annual Session.

I am grateful for your attendance and participation at this year’s 45th Triennial / 135th Annual Session, however, your safety is my main concern. Remain vigilant and most importantly, remain safe. I look forward to seeing you for this landmark occasion.

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