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TO: THE WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS AND MEMBERS

Dear Brethren:

Re: 2012 Amnesty (Dues Forgiveness) Program

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is conducting an Amnesty (Dues Forgiveness) Program for the calendar year 2012 for those Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues from your Lodge.

For any former Member suspended for non-payment of dues who pays his current year's dues, the Lodge will be required to follow the procedure as stated in Article 94.9 of the *Digest of Decisions*.

However, I am hereby amending the process to be as follows:

- The suspended Member will pay his current year's dues to the Secretary.
- The Secretary must include the suspended Member(s) full name in the next Lodge Notice.
- Re-affiliation must be announced at the Stated Meeting. If there are no objections prior to or at the Stated Meeting, the suspended Member is automatically a Member of the Lodge. **There is no need to conduct a vote unless an objection exists.**
- If an objection is brought forth prior to or at the Stated Meeting, then no action can be completed until the objection is thoroughly investigated to determine the nature of the objection. If it is determined to be a valid objection, then the objection will stand.

The *Digest of Decisions* will be amended accordingly and will be forwarded at a later date.

If there are any questions, please contact your District Deputy Grand Master for guidance.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jay W. Smith
R.W. Grand Master

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cc: All Right Worshipfuls
All District Deputy Grand Masters
All Lodge Secretaries