

**GRAND MASTER'S CHARITY FOR 2015-2016
YOUTH PROGRAMS**

To: Elected Grand Lodge Officers
District Deputy Grand Masters
Zone Chairmen and District Chairmen
Worshipful Masters of Particular Lodges

Brethren:

The Grand Master, M.:W.: Steven P. Boring, has always been a staunch supporter of all forms of our youth programs. "The Youth Is Our Future" states it all. The Grand Master firmly believes that the youth are our leaders of the future and need our assistance. M.:W.: Steven P. Boring has selected the youth as his charity. The Grand Master's Charity for the Masonic Year 2015-2016 will be used to support our Florida Masonic Youth and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

With this in mind, the Grand Master's Charity this year will be designated and dedicated to our youth. Donations to the Grand Master's Charity will be deposited into the Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc., Fund, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable account, and will be used to support these two youth programs that are dedicated to education and the principles that will help build strong leaders for our future.

A separate and special account has been set up by the Grand Secretary to ensure that all donations are properly distributed to our youth and proper records maintained. Checks should be made payable to "**Masonic Charities of Florida, Inc.,**" with an annotation in the note line stating "**Youth.**"

District Deputy Grand Masters: You will ensure that a dedicated Brother is assigned as your District Chairman for the Grand Master's Charity. This individual should be a dedicated Brother who is involved with one of the many youth organizations. Your District Chairman should be able to adequately present the youth program during your Official Visits and be able to help and sponsor fundraising events.

Zone Chairmen: You will coordinate and work with the District Chairmen on fundraisers. Encourage each Worshipful Master to have a least one fundraiser this year for the Grand Master's Charity. Ensure that each District Committee Chairman keeps you well informed of all events and progress to raise funds. Ensure that the State Chairman is kept up to date on events and contact him if any assistance is needed.

Worshipful Masters: It is hoped that each Lodge will be able to donate \$100 to the Grand Master's Charity when the Grand Master makes his Official Visit to your District. These funds can be raised by individual donations or special fundraisers. Work closely with your District Chairman and request from him any assistance you may need.

Although the Cardiac Research Institute (MMRL) will continue to remain our Grand Lodge Flagship Charity, the Grand Master's Charity this year will be a separate endeavor.

Fraternally,

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