



GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

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Directive Concerning Dimits

To All Lodges:

Because of the COVID 19 pandemic, Lodges have been not been allowed to hold Stated Communications since March. Some Lodges have received requests for dimits.

WMC 17.06 B.L. states:

“Any member who is in good standing, and who is not the Master, is not charged with any Masonic offense and is not indebted to the Lodge, is entitled as a matter of right to withdraw from membership therein at pleasure. A member wishing to withdraw shall make written application to the Lodge and the request shall be read at a Stated Communication after which the Master shall order a dimit to be issued to him. The dimit will terminate his membership and shall bear the date and take effect from that time”.

Pursuant to WMC 3.01(K) and because Lodges are currently unable to hold Stated Communications, I direct that:

1. If a Lodge receives a request for a dimit and the Worshipful Master and the Secretary confirm the Brother satisfies the requirements of WMC 17.06 B.L., then the Secretary shall issue the dimit.
2. The dimit shall bear the date of what would have been the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge, if the Lodge were permitted to meet.
3. The issuance of any dimit pursuant to this directive, shall be reported at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge and recorded in the minutes.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future,

Chris J. Coffman
Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington

cc: Clinton M. Brown, Jr., Grand Secretary
Jurisprudence

