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Registration Procedure for Electronic Balloting Deadline Tuesday, April 7th

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Per C&L, Past Masters (PM) may cast their ballots for elected Grand Lodge offices (Title 3, Article IV, Section 2, Part 1) using an Internet connection. This article will outline the process you must follow in order to vote at a location **other than** the Balloting & Registration Room at the Annual Communication in Atlantic City. You may vote from any device (desktop, tablet, mobile) that has an Internet connection and Web browser.

You MUST REQUEST AN OFF-SITE BALLOT by PRE-REGISTERING.

To pre-register, you must send an email **by 11:59pm Eastern Time, Tuesday, April 7th, 2020** to GLNJVOTING@GMAIL.COM containing:

- Your full name
- Your email address
- Your Member Number (found on your dues card or through your Lodge Secretary)
- NJ Lodge Name/Number

Once your eligibility is verified by the GL office (which may take a few days), you will receive a confirmation email stating that you have successfully registered. Then, on the morning of Wednesday, April 22nd, you will receive an email with an encrypted link that will take you to the appropriate webpage to vote. This email will also contain additional information and instructions. Remember, **registration for off-site voting will close at 11:59pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020.**

Balloting will begin at approximately 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 22nd until sometime between 9:00am and 10:00am Thursday, April 23rd (all times Eastern). Once balloting starts, an email will be sent to those who have registered reminding them that the ballot is now open. Offsite balloting may be done at ANY TIME while balloting is open in Atlantic City. Please note that the times for the start and end of off-site voting are variable depending on when the Grand Master starts and stops balloting on-site. Off-site balloting will end at the same time as on-site balloting. **Please do not take a chance and wait until the last minute – vote any time before 9:00am Thursday!**

You may request an off-site ballot if you are a PM of any lodge in a recognized jurisdiction **and** a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, F&AM. Please note that the WM, SW and JW must cast the vote assigned to their office on-site (per C&L). If the WM, SW or JW is also a PM (previous year) and they are not able to attend the Annual Communication, they may only cast their PM vote off-site and must follow the procedure above to register for that ballot.

Please address all questions regarding this procedure to GLNJVoting@gmail.com.