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GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION
FEBRUARY 2021 IS **MASONIC WIDOWS MONTH**
Embracing the next evolution

Whereas upon our obligation to one other we pledge to keep our brothers' families close to our hearts, treating their loved ones with the same respect we would afford our own; and

Whereas the partners and spouses of our lodge members hold a vital role in our Masonic family; and

Whereas we endeavor to provide a lifelong source of comfort, support, and friendship to the widows of all Masons;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim February 2021 to be Masonic Widows Month in California.

In recognition of this proclamation, I encourage California Masons to redouble their efforts to connect with Masonic widows in their communities. The Coronavirus has separated many elderly and widowed people from family and friends, increasing isolation and feelings of loneliness. It is more important than ever that California Masons reach out to these vulnerable members of our fraternal family to ensure that they are being taken care of—and to remind them that they are not forgotten.

This can take many forms: reaching out to widows of former lodge members; organizing grocery deliveries, home improvements, or offering transportation to medical appointments; or writing and calling widows living at the Masonic Homes in Union City or Covina. Just as Masons take an obligation to care for one another, they are bound to support their surviving family members. This month remind them they are not alone.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss

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