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GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION  
FEBRUARY 2022 IS MASONIC WIDOWS MONTH  
*Crafting Leadership*

**Whereas** upon our obligation to one other Masons 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 play 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 2022 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 pandemic 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.

The widows of California Masons are entitled to a wide range of services through the Masonic Homes of California and Masonic Outreach Services, from access to senior living communities and independent shared living housing to referrals to supportive services and pharmacy discounts. Please encourage all Masonic widows to review the entire list of programs available to them today by calling Masonic Outreach at (888) 466-3642 or visiting [masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org). If they need to update their contact information, please call (800) 831-8170.

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,

Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou