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GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION
AUGUST 2022 IS FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH
Crafting Leadership

Whereas California Masons strive to serve as pillars of society and to recognize, support, and uplift the people and institutions on which our communities rely; and

Whereas our state continues to grapple with enormous crises on multiple fronts, including the ongoing pandemic and historic wildfires; and

Whereas we all rely on the skill and bravery of more than 4 million professional and volunteer firefighters, police, EMTs, paramedics, public safety dispatchers, and public safety telecommunicators whose jobs are to keep us safe;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim August 2022 to be First Responders Month.

California Freemasons understand what it means to take an obligation in support of others. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police, and 911 dispatchers take one of the most sacred and challenging obligations of all. For that we all owe them a debt of gratitude, and one that California Masons are eager to recognize. As the past year has shown us more than ever before, our communities rely on first responders to serve on the frontline of many of the most challenging and dangerous problems we face.

During this month, I encourage California Masonic lodges to honor the efforts of their local first responders and to thank these important members of our community as they see fit—whether through a donation, volunteerism, or lodge recognition. As California Masons continue to craft leadership among their ranks, it is important we acknowledge the people around us on whom we all rely.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou