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TO: Elected Officers of M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge/John L. Webb Grand High Court Officers, Regional Grand Lecturers, District Grand Lecturers, Male & Females, Grand Trustee, District Mother's Mary, and Elected Officers of Maurice Lucas Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Stars, Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brothers of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Sisters of all Courts and Chapters, Jurisdiction of Mississippi

"Every exit is an entry somewhere else."

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I pray this letter finds you and your families in good health and spirits.

I am writing to you today with a serious sense of urgency concerning the upcoming election on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026.**

Brothers and Sisters, **I need you to get engaged. I need you to get active. And most importantly, I need you to GO VOTE!**

The Masonic Family of the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge reaches across the entire State of Mississippi. We have Masons, Eastern Stars, Heroines of Jericho, and members of our extended Masonic Family living and serving in communities throughout this state. Sometimes I do not believe we fully recognize the collective strength we possess.

Imagine what can happen when thousands of members of one Masonic Family decide that their voices will be heard.

There is power in our participation. There is power in our unity. And there is power in our vote!

Voting is one of the most important civic responsibilities we have. The people elected to public office make decisions that affect our schools, communities, families, businesses, healthcare, public safety, economic opportunities, and ultimately the future we leave to our children and grandchildren.

That is why we cannot afford to be silent.

November 3 is Election Day!

This is our day!

This is our time!

This is our opportunity to make our voices heard!

I am asking every eligible member of our Masonic Family to make voting a priority. Do not wait until the last minute to decide how or when you will vote. Make your plan now.

If you qualify to vote absentee in person, I strongly encourage you to consider that option. Mississippi law permits in-person absentee voting for eligible voters under several circumstances, including certain individuals who will be away from home on Election Day, individuals whose work prevents them from voting while the polls are open, persons with qualifying disabilities, and individuals **65 years of age or older**, among other categories.

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON

If you qualify:

1. Visit your **County Circuit Clerk's Office**.
2. The Circuit Clerk or Deputy Circuit Clerk will verify your voter registration and eligibility and provide the appropriate absentee-voting materials.
3. Complete the required absentee application.
4. Cast your ballot privately according to the instructions provided by the Circuit Clerk.
5. Once the process is completed, you have cast your absentee ballot.

If you are uncertain whether you qualify, contact your County Circuit Clerk before going.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 19, 2026

In-person absentee voting begins.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Circuit Clerk's Offices are open from **8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon** for absentee voting.

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Circuit Clerk's Offices are open from **8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. This is the **final day to vote absentee in person**.

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

ELECTION DAY — POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

I AM ASKING EVERY LODGE, COURT, AND CHAPTER TO HELP

Please **read this letter during your regular meeting** and share it with every member of your Lodge, Court, Chapter, and Masonic Family.

Worshipful Masters, Most Ancient Matrons, Worthy Matrons, District Deputies, District Lecturers, and other leaders throughout this Jurisdiction: **help us get the message out!**

Encourage your members to vote.

Call your Brothers and Sisters.

Check on our senior members.

Talk to our young adults who are voting for the first time.

Help someone determine where they are supposed to vote.

If someone needs transportation, work together within your local organization and community to help them get to the polls.

And when you have voted, **wear that “I Voted” sticker proudly!** Take a picture wearing your sticker and send it to me. We would love to share photographs of our Brothers and Sisters participating in the democratic process on the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge Facebook page.

Let Mississippi see that **the Masons, Eastern Stars, and Heroines of Jericho are present, engaged, informed, and participating!**

Brothers and Sisters, **silence cannot be our response. Participation must be our response.**

We have inherited a tremendous legacy from those who came before us. Many sacrificed greatly so that future generations would have a voice in determining the leadership and direction of their communities. We honor that legacy when we exercise our right to vote.

Do not say, **“My vote doesn't matter.”**

It matters.

Do not say, **“Someone else will vote.”**

You vote.

Do not wait for someone else to exercise a responsibility that belongs to you.

On November 3, I want the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge Family to make its presence known—not by telling anyone whom they must support, but by demonstrating that **we participate, we care, and we vote.**

This is our time.

This is our season.

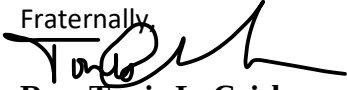
This is our responsibility.

This is our opportunity.

**GET ENGAGED!
GET INFORMED!
GET PREPARED!
AND GO VOTE!**

So Mote It Be.

Faternally,



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M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge, P.H.A.

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