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**Grand Master's Proclamation:**  
MAY 2015 IS CHAMPION CIVILITY MONTH  
*Repairing the World By Improving Ourselves*

**Whereas**, Freemasons have long exemplified civility within our lodges and in the public sphere through our steadfast dedication to respectful discourse; and

**Whereas**, civility is an integral component of a productive, functioning society in which all people are treated as equals regardless of age, gender, religion, racial or ethnic background, or creed; and

**Whereas**, all California Masons have the ability and obligation to demonstrate and champion civility in our daily lives, through our words, deeds, and interactions with our fellow citizens; and

**Whereas**, our commitment to civility is imbedded within the treasured lessons of our Masonic teachings and ritual, through which we measure our actions against the square of virtue and commit to a life lived *on the level*; now

**Therefore**, as Grand Master, I proclaim May 2015 as **Champion Civility Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to champion civility throughout the month of May and to share its virtues with their lodges, communities, and families. I encourage all lodges to employ the Civility Toolkit ([civilitycenter.org/Civility-Resources.html](http://civilitycenter.org/Civility-Resources.html)) to initiate productive conversations about civility, and to share civility efforts with the larger community through social media using the hashtag #Masons4Civility.

Together, through our words and deeds, we will inspire those whose lives we touch to uphold the critical tenet of civility, which is the cornerstone of civil society. Through our dedicated efforts to promoting and nurturing civility, we will begin to repair our world.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2015.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

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