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CANDIDATE and SUPPORTER BEHAVIOUR

Please ensure this letter is read out in its entirety in all lodges.

Certain standards of acceptable behavior are required from members seeking office, and/or their supporters in the acquisition of support.

Election to office should be based solely upon merit and ability. It is not a popularity contest and any undue or improper solicitation will not be tolerated. Without limiting the generality of this statement, the following activities are deemed to be unacceptable if carried out by the candidate or any of his supporters:

- **The preparation and dissemination of lists of candidates who are deemed “acceptable” by any person, District or region.**
- **The mailing or personal dissemination of written material favouring one candidate over another.**
- The wearing of or handing out of buttons, emblems or any other articles meant to identify or encourage support for any one candidate.
- Candidates or their supporters gathering in close proximity to the entrance to the Registration Area, the Registration Area itself or the voting rooms, encouraging registrants to vote for any particular candidate(s).
- The solicitation or procurement of monies to assist a candidate and/or his supporters in seeking a candidate’s election is strictly prohibited.

These guidelines apply equally to candidates and their supporters.

R.W. Bro. Douglas E. Roberts and members of his Committee on Credentials have full authority to enforce these guidelines. If such activities are brought to my attention during the forthcoming Annual Communication, I shall not hesitate to disqualify the offending candidate.

Paul E. Todd
Grand Master

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