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To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina,

Your voices have been heard, and the letter "G" will be reinstated in the logo of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

Firstly, brethren, please understand that it was never the intention of any brother to suggest or attempt to remove God from Freemasonry. Such a notion is impossible. Your Grand Lodge—its officers and leadership—affirm, now and forever, that the belief in Deity is central to the tenets of our Order. <u>Anything contrary to this is not, nor will it ever be, Freemasonry.</u>

The change to our logo was part of an effort to build a new brand and representation of Freemasonry for our communities and those interested in Masonry. The design was based on carefully considered historical precedent and artistic representation, aiming to be simple and instantly recognizable. <u>However, such simplicity should have respected the significance of our traditional symbols</u>.

It was a mistake to underestimate the importance and representation that time and tradition have bestowed upon our unique Masonic symbolism. You have been heard, and the significance of our square, compasses, and the "G" is now fully recognized. In the coming weeks and months, the "G" will return to our magazine, newsletters, and other printed or electronic materials representing the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. *This will require planning and design implementation*, <u>but rest assured</u>, <u>it will be accomplished</u>.

Thank you, brethren, for thoughtfully calling, emailing, and expressing your deep passion for our symbols and the power of the letter "G."

May God bless each of you. May God bless our great nation. And may God bless our amazing fraternity of friends and brothers—all of whom are the children of one, holy, ever-living God.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Jonathan A. Underwood Grand Secretary





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