This policy covers how the Grand Lodge of Mississippi treats personal information that the Grand Lodge, or any entity that the Grand Lodge exercises authority over, collects and stores. In the scope of this policy, the term "Grand Lodge" shall apply to the Grand Lodge itself and/or its subordinate entities. This Policy is revised annually and conforms to all local, state and federal laws which govern personal privacy and applies to all personal information, regardless of format, origin or transmission method.

PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION
Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is information about you that is personally identifiable like your name, address, email address, or phone number, and any other information about you that is not otherwise publicly available. We respect the privacy of every individual who engages in any type of transaction with the Grand Lodge. This Privacy Policy outlines the information we will typically collect and how we will use it.

INFORMATION COLLECTION AND USE
The Grand Lodge may collect PII when you utilize sanctioned websites, purchase products or services and when you enter promotions or sweepstakes. The Grand Lodge may combine information about you that we have with information we obtain from other reputable and legitimate sources.

When you register for membership, utilize websites, purchase goods or services and/or enter into any type of transaction with us, we may ask for information such as your name, address, email address, birth date, gender, zip code, occupation, industry, and personal interests. Once you engage with the Grand Lodge, you are not anonymous to us. We may also store and utilize information about your transactions with us, including information about your use of services or web viewing preferences.

We may use this information we collect for the following general purposes: (a) to customize the content you see, (b) fulfill your requests for products and services, (c) improve our services, (d) contact you, and (e) conduct research.

INFORMATION SHARING AND DISCLOSURE
The Grand Lodge does not rent, sell, or share PII with other people or non-affiliated entities except to provide products or services you've specifically requested, or when we have your permission, or under the following circumstances:

a. We respond to subpoenas, court orders, or legal process, or to establish or exercise our legal rights or defend against legal claims;

b. We believe it is necessary to share information in order to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding illegal activities, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the physical safety of any person, or as otherwise required by law.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY
The Grand Lodge limits access to PII about you only to those persons who we believe reasonably need to come into contact with that information to provide products or services to you or in order to do their jobs.

ENFORCEMENT
It is unmasonic, and in some cases unlawful, for the Grand Lodge and/or its subordinate entities to breach the terms of this policy. Primary investigative oversight of this Privacy Policy regarding personal information of a digital nature, whether such information is received digitally or converted from a physical form and transmitted in a digital form, is vested in the Grand Lodge Internet Committee. All other infractions of this Privacy Policy are vested in the established leadership structure of the Grand Lodge and/or its subordinate entities. Should an infraction be investigated and warrant disciplinary action, the established laws of the Grand Lodge relating to Masonic discipline shall govern with absolute authority.

Approved:  

Kenneth E. Dyer, Grand Master