

## **Dispensation for Ceremonies and Special Occasions**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 7, Section 7.090, no Subordinate Lodge may be opened on Sunday, except to conduct a funeral or upon dispensation granted under the provisions of Article 2, Section 2.010 (d); and

WHEREAS, to reduce the paperwork of the Grand Lodge Office staff and Subordinate Lodges and to further facilitate Subordinate Lodges in planning for special occasions and ceremonial purposes, a blanket dispensation appears to be warranted;

NOW THEREFORE, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, I hereby grant a dispensation to all Subordinate Missouri Lodges for the following purposes and under the following conditions:

1. Lodges may only be opened and have a tiled Lodge Meeting on Sundays for the purposes of conducting funeral and/or memorial services.
2. A Subordinate Lodge may, upon providing Proper Notice as required by the By-Laws to its membership, hold meetings at or after 12:00 o'clock noon on Sundays for ceremonial purposes and special occasions that may include open installation of officers, presentations of fifty-year or similar pin or jewel, family events, or educational meetings, all of which shall be "open meetings."
3. The Secretary and Master of the loge shall inform the Grand Secretary concerning the date, time and place of these functions for the purpose of inclusion of the same in the Report of the Grand Secretary in the Proceedings of the 185<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.
4. A copy of this dispensation shall be posted in each Subordinate Lodge.
5. This dispensation shall expire of its own terms at the close of the 185<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

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John M. Nations  
Grand Master

Attest:

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Ronald D. Miller  
Grand Secretary