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Dear Brethren and Friends of Freemasonry in Iowa,

Freemasonry in Iowa is composed of men of many races, creeds, and color. We practice our dedication to the basic tenets of Brother Love, Relief, and Truth as we greet one another as Brothers regardless of any human differences.

There has been much turmoil not just in Iowa, but all across the nation and even around the world. In Iowa, most of the protests have been peaceful, but, unfortunately, there are a few who abuse the right to peacefully protest. We are seeing these peaceful protests lead to changes.

Freemasons do not think alike or vote alike. Each one votes and acts by their own conscience. Freemasons do not have to agree, but do have to have respect for each other, practicing the tenet of Brotherly Love.

A belief that all Freemasons have in common is a belief in a one God, who is the Grand Architect of the Universe and provides the existence of an immortal spirit as a gift to each person. Men of different faiths join together in prayer.

Another basic belief is that all Freemasons are on the Level. It is a way of saying that we are all equal with one another. It doesn't make any difference who or what each person is or has, all are God's children.

We are united in a brotherhood that that teaches tolerance. Each Brother will need to make his own decision about how to deal with the issues that have come to the forefront in our nation including seeking justice. Most importantly, we need to listen to each other.

As Masonic Leaders we affirm our belief in Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and ask that the Grand Architect of the Universe guide and protect us and to heal the divisions within our society today.

Fraternally and sincerely,

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