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ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY, SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, USA

To: The Orient of North Carolina

From: A. Gene Cobb, 33° SGIG

RE: Special Offering for NC Order of the Amaranth to be collected by December 27, 2026

Freemasonry is a family. We work in many quarries. Some of us engage in one or more of those quarries. All of us, as Scottish Rite Masons, are committed to as much philanthropic work as possible. There was a time when fundraising was not a thought in Freemasonry. Our dues and initiation fees covered our expenses but over time, we turned away from that way of thinking. Raffles, bake sales, and all sorts of events were planned to raise money for our charitable work.

My experience in forty-five years of non-profit church related work opened my eyes to the true nature of generosity. We do not give until it hurts. We give until it feels good. God loves us all but according to the Holy Bible, the Lord loves a cheerful giver. It feels good not only to give, but to give as liberally as you can without injury yourself or family.

Scottish Rite Masons need to lead the philanthropic efforts wherever possible within our Masonic family. Accordingly, each November and December, I will ask you to receive an “extra fraternal love offering” along with the Almoner’s box of fraternal assistance, inviting you to “give until it feels good.”

This year, I have designated our love offering to be given to the North Carolina Order of Amaranth in January 2027 at the Orient Wide Leadership Summit. From their webpage, we read:

*At the Grand Court of North Carolina Order of the Amaranth, we strive to enrich lives through our **philanthropic efforts to find a cure for diabetes**. Almost every family knows someone who has been impacted or a loved one has died from this disease. Our initiatives are designed to uplift individuals and enhance their lives.*

I will provide instructions to the Secretaries, Treasurers, and Personal Representatives about how these funds will be managed so financial books and reports may be closed properly. I hope you will be inclined to aid and assist in this philanthropic endeavor for a member of our family which some of us understand all too well.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Gene Cobby



Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in North Carolina