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Dear Brethren:

Two hundred years later, you can be there! On July 27, 1818, Mississippi Freemasonry was irrevocably established in our brand-new state. Next summer, on the 200th anniversary of that historic event, Masons will gather to celebrate our Grand Lodge's founding in the iconic city in which it happened: Natchez.

To mark our Bicentennial in a manner worthy of our antiquity and confident of our future, plans are well underway for a commemorative celebration on the east bank of Old Man River on Friday, July 27 (*the actual day* on which our Grand Lodge was founded in 1818!), and Saturday, July 28, 2018. Reduced rate rooms at the Natchez Grand Hotel (601-446-9994) may be reserved NOW for Thursday night, July 26, and Friday night, July 27, 2018. A sumptuous banquet will be enjoyed on Friday evening, followed by a spectacular fireworks extravaganza over the Mississippi River. A theatrical reenactment of the formation of our Grand Lodge will be performed on Friday, July 27, 2018, and the three degrees in Masonry will be conferred by superb degree teams on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at the lodge hall now used by the 1818 Natchez lodges; Harmony Lodge No. 1 and Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 2, both of which are "alive and well."

To help make this once-in-a-lifetime Masonic weekend more affordable for all Mississippi Masons, it is respectfully requested that each of our Masonic lodges make a donation to help defray the costs for this event. Any amount you can provide will be helpful. Contributions may be mailed to the **Bicentennial Committee, P. O. Box 1030, Meridian, MS 39302**. Please make checks payable to the **Grand Lodge of Mississippi** and indicate on the memo line it's to be applied to "**Donation for Bicentennial**". For further information, feel free to telephone Grand Secretary Tom Jones at 601-482-2914.

I look forward to a grand old time with you in Natchez! Calendar it today.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

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Don Bryant, Grand Master

