## The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of

## Free and Accepted Masons of Florida

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To: All Particular Lodges

Re: M∴W∴ John E. Karroum – Past Grand Master 2018

Dear Brethren:

We are very saddened to inform you that our revered Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful John E. Karroum, Grand Master in 2018, passed away on Friday Evening, May 31, 2019, after an episode on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> during the 190<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Communication where he was sitting Grand Master, following a short stay in the hospital.

M∴W∴ John E. Karroum was born in Damascus, Syria, on January 22, 1950, M∴W∴ Karroum received the Three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry in Zahle Lodge No. 1047, Chartered by The Grand Lodge of Scotland in Zahle, Lebanon, in 1977, was a Dual Member of Boynton Lodge No. 236, and a Plural Member of Apalachicola Lodge No. 76.

A Memorial Service, including Masonic Rites, will be held at Boynton Lodge No. 136, 2701 Quantum Blvd., Boynton Beach, Florida, 33426, on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

Most Worshipful John W. Westerman, III, Grand Master, has requested that all the Particular Lodges drape their Altars for one month in memory of our beloved Past Grand Master.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to M : W : Karroum's family. Our Fraternity has suffered a great loss with the passing of this distinguished Past Grand Master. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the Florida Rainbow for Girls or the Florida DeMolay. Checks should be made out to the Masonic Charities of Florida Fund, Inc., and mailed to The Grand Lodge of Florida at 220 N Ocean Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202. Please denote the check in memory of M : W : John E. Karroum.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.

**Grand Secretary** 

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Cc: Grand Lodge Officers

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