From the East

Across all religions, geopolitical boundaries, and ethnic backgrounds, observing the passing of the longest night of the year is marked by celebration. These observations over the millennia become traditions: bringing of light into our homes, sharing of feasts with friends and family, or hauling an evergreen tree into our living rooms and watching it slowly wilt… all of these traditions have one important message at their foundation, "we made it.”

Brethren, as we meet for our next Stated Communication, we will have passed all of these observational milestones, and indeed even into a new year! And in our new year, there is no more important observation than "we made it." There have been some high costs for our making it this far, and the road has not by any means ended, but we now know we CAN make it. And, just maybe, there's less road ahead than behind. For every blessing you have experienced, please be thankful, and to every brother you can provide relief, provide it. Helping each other is a cornerstone of Masonry.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Worshipful Master in the coming year. I'm looking forward to having one full year of activities… spread over the two years of my service! So let’s buckle down and get through this (together)!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jason Lee
Worshipful Master

From the West

Greetings Brethren,

This is my first of many messages from the West as I ascend the steps of Masonry. I, of course, would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who saw fit to elect me to the position of Senior Warden. My advancement through the Lodge has been swift, and I thank all of you who have provided guidance along the way. It is this support group that has given me the confidence to accept this position in Lodge, and, by support group, I mean all of you.

From being raised, I have always had a particular interest in the history, teachings, and lore in Freemasonry. I always like to understand the why behind the things we do. Something as simple as to what page the Holy Bible should be opened, or the way we walk and turn in Lodge, all having a purpose and meaning. It is this knowing of the why, which gives me a greater appreciation for what we do. It is also this knowledge which gives me confidence to accept the position of Senior Warden. I know that I am, by no
means, an expert compared to many of you. But it is all of your willingness to teach and be taught that keeps me coming back for more and I know I am surrounded by a lot of great men who will help me on my path as I help them on theirs. I thank all of you for the guidance you all have bestowed upon me as I begin this position in Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Stephen Motroni
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,

I’d like to first wish everyone a very happy holiday season. I look forward to hearing about all of the creative ways that you have enjoyed spending time with friends and family, while still remaining safe, healthy, and socially distanced.

Secondly, I’d like to make the Brethren aware of my plans with this space in the bulletin. Much like the Worshipful Master, I have a strong passion for Masonic education. As I eventually work my way to the East, I plan to refine how we, as a Lodge, practice and perfect our ritual. In this endeavor, I will be using this space to send out tidbits about ritual in a “did you know?” format. It is my hope that this will foster discussion amongst the Brethren, and lead to a better understanding of the importance of why we say or do something specific in the ritual itself.

Finally, I’d like to simply repeat myself and say that I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James M. Hall
Junior Warden

The Chaplin’s Corner

Brethren,

As we start the New Year, I pray for a Happy and Blessed 2021 for you and your loved ones. The past year has posed many grave challenges to us as a nation, but I am confident that 2021 will be a year where we will make great strides in meeting them, most especially the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay safe and be well as we further navigate this crisis together. Deity is with us, always.

A new year can be a time for personal renewal and resolve. Now, I fully admit I did not commit to my own resolution as well as I should have, but 2021 is another opportunity for me to get back on track. As Freemasons, we are devoted to bettering ourselves in all respects. A New Year’s resolution is a perfect and fun way to focus on something in particular to improve upon within or about ourselves. Working on being a better man is a lifelong process, and we’ll never be as perfect as we’d like to be. Perhaps there’s something as a Mason you’d like to do better, or perhaps something in your family life or relationships you could work on.

This can be a time for spiritual renewal and strengthening as well. Now might be a good time to become more supportive of your faith community, your church, temple, synagogue, mosque, etc., or further strengthen your personal connection with our Creator. Pick up that volume of the Holy Book on your shelf and read again how the Great Architect of the Universe speaks to us through His timeless Sacred Law.

Making charitable giving a habit is a very good thing, and now is the perfect time to start. Our exalted Craft represents the Brotherhood of Man, and, Brother, there’s a lot of folks out there who are hurting and could use a helping hand.

Brethren, I’d like to once again thank our Worshipful Master and all the Brothers of this noble Lodge for the opportunity to serve you during this coming year. I am lucky to be counted among the good men of St. John’s Lodge No. 11 and fully appreciate the trust placed in me.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David de Hosson
Chaplin
Greetings Brethren,

Congratulations to the 2021 Lodge Officers! Here is to hoping you are having a wonderful holiday season and to a new and prosperous New Year! Also, here’s to seeing each other in person once again, soon!

Please log on to Grandview (https://dc.gvsoftware.com) and make sure your contact info is correct, specifically, your home address, phone, and email address.

Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly,

Fraternally,

Anand A. Trivedi P.M.
Secretary

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The petition for the degrees of the below named is eligible for ballot at the next in-person Stated Communication:

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Sam Chin (2022)
D. Scott Heath (2023)

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Joseph S. Crociata, P.G.M.
Akram R. Elias, P.G.M.
Christopher K. Mahaney, P.M.,
Grand Lecturer
David Han, P.M.

Living Past Masters

Franchot E. White 1978
John C. Regner 1985**
Nelson L. Fink 1986 - 1987
Charles W. Riley 1988
Karl F. Gruel, Jr. 1994 - 1995
David Han, RWB (Hon.) 2005*, 2010*
Michael J. Gambale Jr. 2011
Justin T. Russell 2012
Harry Trapp, Jr. 2013
Anand A. Trivedi 2014
Teko Foly, PGM (Hon.) 2002 - 2003*, 2014*
D.W. Stephenson 2015
James Parkhurst 2017
Joseph Crociata, PGM (Hon.) 2003*, 2015*, 2016*
Sam Chin 2018
Geoffrey Newman 2012 - 2014*, 2019-2020*
Sean Parkhurst 2019
Jason Lee 2020

* indicates Master at another lodge
** indicates made Honorary PM of St. John's No. 11