From the East

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From the East (cont.)

Masks are optional when seated in Lodge so long as you maintain 6 feet of separation. And we will not be offering meals – so Masons, feed thy selves. But in spite of these restrictions, we will be holding our first in-person stated communication this August, and we are really looking forward to some special events that evening. (Wink wink)

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jason Lee

From the West

Greetings Brethren,

Summer is officially here, it is hard to believe that it only started on the 20th of June. In these dog days of summer, we often get complacent and lazy; however I encourage you all to take it upon yourselves to get out and be active. There is much to explore both in our world and within ourselves. With the world opening, I, much like many of you who want to get out of the house but are somewhat discouraged by the weather, implore you all to fight the urge to stay home. Get out and see the world, even if it is just a park down the street. And, of course, stay hydrated and be safe.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bro. Stephen Motroni
Senior Warden

From the South

Did You Know:

That the month of August (specifically August 4th, 1753) is the month that George Washington was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason? He was just 21 when he reached the Third Degree in his hometown of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

While the brethren in our Lodge are just a bit past this mark, we should still aspire to greatness and continue to make our marks in civility and charity.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

James M. Hall
Junior Warden
Brethren,

Like you, I am very excited as our noble Lodge reconvenes in-person in August. It has been too long, Brothers, and I look forward to seeing you all in person once again! Though virtual gatherings certainly helped to keep us connected these past sixteen months, the time is right for us to come together with precautions in place to maximize safety.

In His infinite wisdom, Deity created us to be social beings. Fellowship with others gets to the core of who we are as human beings. To be our whole selves, we need others. No man is an island, and our Craft is founded on the essential idea that our Brethren should gather. We need to gather, as a community.

For those of us able to do so this past year, if you were telecommuting and holding never-ending back-to-back virtual meetings, you know it’s just not the same—something intangible is lost in terms of our full connection to each other when we’re not meeting face-to-face. Of course, this is not to say there is no value in these engagements, as our virtual gatherings will remain key to staying connected to Brothers spread across the country.

Brothers, as we look towards that light at the end of this long tunnel, I pray for your continued health and well-being. This has been a long march back to normality, but we are for sure on the last leg of that march. Deity is with us always, and I know we are there for each other.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David de Hosson
Chaplin

Ballots to be Conducted

Please consider this as due and timely notice of the balloting to occur at our August Stated Communication.

The petition for the degrees of the below named messieurs:

Mr. James Andrew Morrissey  Mr. Kerry Paul Patin  Mr. Raymond Gonzalez  
Age: 22  Age: 27  Age: 46  
Occupation: Student  Occupation: Student/Analyst  Occupation: Government Contractor

The Lodge will also conduct a ballot for honorary memberships for two Brothers. Those Brothers were proposed to receive an Honorary Membership by a Brother of this Lodge in open Lodge.
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Sam Chin, PM (2022)
D. Scott Heath (2023)

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Teko Foly, PGM
Joseph S. Crociata, PGM
Akram R. Elias, PGM
Christopher K. Mahaney, PM
Grand Lecturer
David Han, PM

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
Thomas Donnald 1989*, 1995 - 1996*
Akram R. Elias, PGM (Hon.) 1999*, 2004*, 2003 - 2004*
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