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From the East



Hello and Happy New Year Brothers and brethren! Can you believe it? It's 2021, WE MADE IT!!! It was definitely a bumpy road and there were times that it seemed like a science fiction series, but here we are! Moving forward, all of us praying and hopeful for a much more safe, healthy, and realistically optimistic new year.

Although It'd be nice to think life will commence as it did before the virus, the likelihood of us needing to take precautions will remain for at least the immediate future. And in the unfortunate event that Grand Lodge should inform us that we may no longer hold meetings for the health and safety of us all, then so be it. In the meantime, we will continue to maintain a safe and healthy environment, wearing masks, providing hand sanitizer and taking the temperatures of all the attendees before entering the lodge.

I'd like to thank everyone that was in attendance for our Installation. It was wonderful having all of your friends and family come out and witness such a meaningful event and enjoy just an outstanding dinner thanks to Brother Dave Boylan. And also a very big thanks to all of the Brothers that participated. It's a great testimony to all of you who's commitment to the craft has helped it and it's intentions to endure.

I'm very much looking forward to this opportunity to preside in the East. Thanks to all of my Brothers at Ridge, for helping me to achieve this.

"The poor man is not he who is without a cent but he who is without a dream." ~

Harry Kemp

W.: Dave Murray

From the Editor:

I would like to thank all who have participated in making our Lodge the "Best Daylight Lodge in District 14". Your commitment and dedication are unparalleled in the annals of our history. Without everyone's willingness to pitch in we would not be where we are today. Because of you, we are "alive and well".

My wish is that you continue. as in the past, and keep us at the top.

Happy New Year to you all!

Slim

Past Masters

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| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen | 2020 |
| W.: Chris Edney | 2019 |
| W.: Ben Edney | 2018 |
| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen | 2017 |
| W.: Dennis Suarino | 2016 |
| R.:H.: Peter Carter | 2015 |
| W.: Pete Raymond | 2014 |
| R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee | 2013 |
| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen | 2012 |
| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen | 2011 |
| W.: Chuck Taylor | 2010 |
| R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee | 2009 |
| R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee | 2008 |
| W.: Henry Oppenborn 33° | 2007 |
| R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee | 2006 |
| W.: Robert "Buzz" Bernard | 2005 |
| W.: Charley Rhodes | 2004 |
| W.: Charley Rhodes | 2003 |
| W.: James McIntosh | 2002 |
| R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee | 2001 |
| R.:W.: Robert "Slim" Owen | 2000 |
| R.:W.: Paul Miller | 1999 |
| R.:W.: Paul Miller | 1998 |

From the West



Hello Brethren,

December was my last month cooking your luncheons. Sister Sherry and I cooked Ham and Sweet Potatoes, etc...Hope you enjoyed . Sister Sherry has agreed to help the new Junior Warden, Brother Carter, if he needs assistance in the kitchen.

I will proceed to the station of Senior Warden with your help. LAP day will be January 26, at Red Lobster in Spring Hill.

On behalf of Sister Sherry, and Myself we hope you had wonderful Christmas, and wish you all a very Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year.

Let's all work together to improve Membership.

**LAP Day
For
January 26
Red Lobster
Spring Hill**

Charities we support
Masonic Home
Shriners Hospitals
BSA Troop 443



Boosters

Buzz Bernard
John Cassell
Herm Davison
Gunnar Erickson
Tom Kellogg
Robert O'Connell
Slim Owen
Jesse Renfroe
Anthony Votta

If you have donated to the Trestle-Board as a Booster and your name is not here, PLEASE let me know and I will correct my error. All contributions go towards snail mail as a few of our members are not computerized. Many thanks to those who do support us.

From the South



Happy New Year

J.:W.: Peter Carter

Officers 2021

Wor. MasterW.:Dave Murray
 Senior WardenW.: Richard Whitford
 Junior Warden..... W.: Peter Carter
 Treasurer..... Bro. Tom Kellogg
 Secretary..... W.: Robert Bernard
 ChaplainTBA
 Senior DeaconBro. Jesse Renfroe
 Junior Deacon.....Bro. Dave Boylan
 Senior Steward.....TBA
 Junior Steward.....TBA
 TylerBro Bro. Ken Rowe

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



WE MADE IT!!! 2021 is here, and what is the best way to continue in this New Year? Laughter is the best medicine: **HA! Haha! Hahaha!!! Hahahahah!!!!** Turn the corner of your mouth up into a smile and then give a laugh, even if it feel a little forced. Benefits: Stimulated many organs, activates and relieves your stress response, soothes tensions, improved mood and immune system, increase personal satisfaction, and it oodles of FUN.

Tips to improve your sense of humor:

- Find simple items that make you chuckle – photos, comic strips, comedy videos.
- Make it a habit to spend time laughing with friends, who make you laugh.
- Libraries and bookstore have joke books to add to your repertoire
- Know what isn't funny- don't laugh at the expense of others, some forms of humor aren't appropriate, be discerning

SOMETHING FISHY

“... Now we hear – and the news comes from the Glasgow fish market, a serious place – that there has been discovered with a might cod a Masonic apron, which, there is reason to believe, belongs to a member of a French Lodge. It is described as being in ‘excellent preservation,’ Any Masons, therefore, who in the future go cod fishing and are short on bait will know what to use. There is no need, however, to place a whole apron on the hood at one. **A strip** would probably be equally effective. (From “THE FREEMASON, “ 1909)

DID YOU KNOW!

All 7 Ringling Brothers Were Masons.

An observant Mason will readily notice this when viewing pictures of the brothers (individually and as a family) at the Ringling Brothers Circus Museum in Sarasota, FL., proudly wearing Masonic Pins and jewels. Minutes show that on one special meeting of Baraboo Lodge in April 1891, the regular officers opened Lodge, and then all seven brothers took chairs for the remainder of the meeting. Their father ws raised in August 1891. In 1919, the Ringling Brothers Circus merged with America's other leading circus troupe, Barnum and Bailey, and became a staple of the entertainment world for some 98 year, until its last circus performance in 2017.

My Brethren, I hope I have brought you a smile today, and my 2021 be kind to you and your family. However, should you know of a Brother or family member, ill, in the hospital, or could just use a note of good cheer, PLEASE drop me the information. E-mail: awalls37@gmail.com or leave a message on my home phone 637-0044. (I monitor because of tele-markerts)

Sincerely and fraternally
 RW Alan Walls

