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Brethren,

From the East

So I'd like to start by giving many thanks to those that were able to attend last month's meeting. It was my first time officially sitting in the East, and needless to say, it went off with several hitches. Our Brother Chaplain was right when he so amusingly commented that, "It gets pretty hot under that hat doesn't it?" It seems evident that my personal Ashlar could use some smoothing out, and I look forward to the opportunity to do so, regardless of the heat under my hat. Also during the meeting we had enough Brothers from Springs Lodge in attendance to ungraciously claim possession of our esteemed Robert Thompson Gavel which I regarded as an unwarranted act of Brotherly *tough* Love. Fortunately, they did not anticipate having to withstand the retaliatory response that we provided, and we quickly reclaimed the prize the following week.

Be safe, be healthy, and more importantly be optimistic. A reflection for St.Patrick's Day

In 1860, at Limerick, Ireland, inside a small chapel, was found a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:

" I will serve to live

With love and care,

Upon the Level,

By the Square."

W: Dave Murray

Past Masters

R:.W: Robert "Slim" Owen2020	
W: Chris Edney2019	
W: Ben Edney2018	
R:.W:. Robert "Slim" Owen2017	
W: Dennis Suarino2016	
R:.H:: Peter Carter2015	
W: Pete Raymond2014	
R:.W:. John "Lucky" Lee2013	
R:.W: Robert "Slim" Owen2012	
R:.W:. Robert "Slim" Owen2011	
W:. Chuck Taylor2010	
R:.W:. John "Lucky" Lee2009	
R:.W: John "Lucky" Lee2008	
W: Henry Oppenborn 33°2007	
R.:W.: John "Lucky" Lee2006	
W: Robert "Buzz" Bernard2005	
W: Charley Rhodes2004	
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W: James McIntosh2002	
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From the West



Hello Brethren,

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I'm the guy who joined our organization, who paid dues to join, who stood up in front of all of you and promised to be faithful and loyal.

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the fellows, but they all had their own buddies to sit next to. I sat down several times but no one paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in something, but nobody noticed when I attempted to volunteer.

I'm the guy who missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter. It didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

I'm the guy who at next meeting I decided to stay at home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended, no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say **I'm a good guy**, a good family man who holds a responsible job, who loves his community and his country. You know who else I am?

I'm the guy who never came back. It amuses one, when I think back, on how the officers and the members were discussing why they were losing members. It amuses me now to think that they spend so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

All they needed to do was to make me feel needed and wanted and WELCOME.

Please remember to greet, and talk to everyone especially a stranger.

Let's keep Ridge lodge a friendly place for everyone.

Let's all work together to improve Membership.

SW W.: Richard Whitford

Charities we support Masonic Home Shriners Hospitals BSA Troop 443

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LAP Day For March 23 Bone Fish Grill Cortez Blvd.

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

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Brothers All,

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Please join us this month for our stated meeting on March 8th. donuts and coffee will be available around 10 a.m. and lunch will be served immediately after adjournment. LAP day is Tuesday, March 23rd at 11:30 a.m., we will dine at Bonefish Grill on Cortez Blvd in Brooksville.

Good health and many blessings to you all!

So Mote It Be

J::W:: Peter Carter

Officers 2021

Wor. Master ······ W∴Dave Murray
Senior Warden ······ W.: Richard Whitford
Junior WardenW.: Peter Carter
TreasurerBro. Tom Kellogg
Secretary W.: Robert Bernard
Chaplain ······ TBA
Senior Deacon Bro. Jesse Renfroe
Junior DeaconBro. Dave Boylan
Senior Steward ····· TBA
Junior Steward ····· TBA
MarshalBro. John Ross
TylerBro. Ken Rowe



Chaplains notes

Good Day Brethren, well February is almost upon us and are you still hiding out from COVD-19? By order of the Grand Master, when you visit Lodge, you will have your temp. taken, mask are available, along with hand sanitizer, and please practice social distancing.

Just to brighten your day, how about from "The Lighter Side of Masonry" IN WHOM DO YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST? There was the Californian speeding along mountain roads, in his sports car. He was driving too fast for one corner and shot right over the edge. The car top was down and the driver managed to grab hold of a stunted tree as the car dropped hundreds of feet into the canyon. "HELP," he called, as he hung on, dangling above the canyon. "Can anyone hear me?" All he got back was an echo: "... hear me? "God, can you hear me?" he called. The clouds rolled back and a deep voice said: "Yes, I can hear you." "Will you help me?" "Yes," answered God, I can help you. Do you believe in me?" "Yes, yes, I believe in you." "Do you trust me?" "Yes, yes, I trust you . . . but hurry up." "If you trust me, let go of the tree." A long silence ---

"Can anyone else hear me?

Know of a Brother or family member ill, in the hospital or just could use a note of good cheer, please drop an e-mail to awalls37@gmail.com or phone 637-0044, remember, leave a message as I monitor the incoming calls. (Telemarkers ????) Stay well, and PLEASE wear a mask. Real Masons wear a mask.

Sincerely and fraternally, R∴W∴ Alan Walls, pro-tem



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