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LETTER FROM THE GRAND MASTER ON THE CORONAVIRUS



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Brethren,

The outbreak of a new coronavirus has caused some concern among our members. I have reproduced material from the World Health Organization for your information.

To summarize in one line the precautions that impact lodge functioning: wash your hands regularly and if you are ill, do not go to lodge.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, you should seek medical advice.

WHO's standard recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses are as follows, which include hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices:

- *Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;*
- *When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;*
- *Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;*
- *If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;*
- *When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;*
- *The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

The Ontario Ministry of Health has created a web page for the public at ontario.ca/coronavirus.

Check for updated reports regularly and be safe.

David J. Cameron Grand Master



FROM THE EDITOR:

HOW to ENJOY the HAPPIEST DAY of YOUR LIFE

We can do anything for one day. So, just for today, let us be unafraid of life, unafraid of death which is the shadow of life; unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best.

Just for today let us live one day only, forgetting yesterday and tomorrow, and not trying to solve the whole problem of life at once. Abraham Lincoln, who my 5-year old granddaughter pointed out that there was a sandwich named after him, and when my face registered a blank, she explained, you know "Abra-HAM, like green eggs and ham from Dr. Seuss!", once said that a man is just as happy as he makes up his mind to be. Suppose we make up our mind to be happy just for today, to adjust ourselves to what is – our family, our business, our luck. To try to make the world over to suit us is a large order. If we cannot have what we like, maybe we can like what we have.

So, just for today, let us be agreeable, responsive, cheerful, charitable; be our best, walk softly, praise people for what they do, not criticize them for what they cannot do. And if we find fault, let us forgive it and forget.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

SPREAD LOVE
EVERYWHERE YOU GO
LET NO ONE EVER COME
TO YOU WITHOUT
LEAVING HAPPIER

- MOTHER TERESA

THE FIVE POINTS SYMBOLISM

By BRO. N. A. MCAULAY

(From *The Builder, Anamosa, Iowa, October, 1916*)

Foot to foot that we may go,

Where our help we can bestow:

Pointing out the better way,

Lest our brothers go astray.

Thus our steps should always lead

To the souls that are in need.

Knee to knee, that we may share

Every brother's needs in prayer:

Giving all his wants a place,

When we seek the throne of grace.

In our thoughts from day to day

For each other we should pray.

Breast to breast, to there conceal,

What our lips must not reveal;

When a brother does confide,

We must by his will abide.

Mason's secrets to us known,

We must cherish as our own.

Hand to back, our love to show

To the brother, bending low:

Underneath a load of care,

Which we may and ought to share.

That the weak may always stand,

Let us lend a helping hand.

Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,

That our lips may whisper cheer,

To our brother in distress:

Whom our words can aid and bless.

Warn him if he fails to see,

Dangers that are known to thee.

Foot to foot, and knee to knee,

Breast to breast, as brothers we:

Hand to back and mouth to ear,

Then that mystic word we hear,

Which we otherwise conceal,

But on these five points reveal.

MASONIC VISITATION- A PRIVILEGE

Every Mason in good standing has the right to visit any other Lodge, wherever it may be, as often as it may suit his pleasure or convenience. It is one of the most important of all Masonic privileges, because it is based on the principle of the identity of the Masons as one universal family. Masonic visitation can bring together Brethren that are already good friends to Brethren that have never met before, that is the beauty in visiting Lodges within and outside of our district: the fellowship and bonding that can only be achieved through reaching out and visiting Lodges.

Visiting Lodges is a pillar for Masonry it gives the opportunity to enjoy each other's company; it also gives you a chance to meet the Masons that have been in the Craft for many years and learn from their wisdom which can give you a better understanding of the ritual.

Visitation is such an important part of Masonry but brethren do not just limit yourself to the special occasions such as Official Visits and Installation, you should experience visiting Lodges on their regular meeting nights because it shows that you support the current Master and the Lodge itself. You can even visit on the night that a degree is being held on; it helps the candidate or brother that is going through the degree by supporting and encouraging them.

Therefore Brethren of Richmond Lodge and Brethren that are from various other Lodges that happen to be reading this, I encourage you to visit within or outside of your district to show support to the various Lodges and enjoy the fellowship and friendship that can only be achieved through visiting.

- Contributed by Bro. Nathaniel Ross Guerrero

PALINDROME DATE

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February 2nd, 2020

A Palindrome Day happens when the day's date is symmetrical and can be read the same way backward and forward.

It's also the 33rd day of the year with 333 days left until the end of the year.

Today marks a time of shifting as you move into the future and claim your power to live a more effective life.

The portal of synchronicities is open.

Healing Energy Tools



CRAFT BEER TASTING

Including PULLED PORK SANDWICH and CHICKEN WINGS

Date: March 28, 2020

Time: 6PM, Richmond Masonic Temple

Door opens@ 5:30PM, Casual attire

Ticket: \$55.00 / person (mason/ non mason)

Sale ends March 21, 2020

\$65.00 at the door



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