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From the East . . .



Brethren,

A new year always brings a sense of renewal. Making amends, new promises, “resolutions” and other goals are set. But how do we keep them past the first 3 weeks of the new year? I have studied extensively on personal development and growth and will try my best to give you insight on how to crush your goals in 2020.

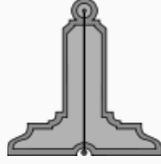
1. You must have long term perspective (more than 1 year in my opinion)
2. Clearly define what you want
3. Find an accountability partner and use them!
4. Limit your goals to the most important first, once achieved, set new goal
5. Think about your goal for only 15 minutes max per week...The other times, go get it!
6. Stay organized and track your results
7. Be prepared for small setbacks
8. Take your big long-term goal and break it down into small short-term goals.
9. Give yourself a little slack and a day off every now and then
10. Surround yourself with people who are as successful as you want to be

Our fraternity is rich with great men in whom you can confide your 2020 goals. Remember, you joined this fraternity for a reason, and it probably wasn't to learn the ritual work. I joined to be a part of a group of men that I could count on and be a part of a bigger society. Come to lodge, be a part, get an accountability partner, and let's make 2020 the best year yet!

God Bless,
Joey Powers - WM

Floor Practice is the 1st, 3rd, & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Come and take part.

From the West . . .



Greetings Brethren,

Honor when defined as a noun means high respect or, adherence to what is right or to a conventional standard of conduct. When defined as a verb, regard with great respect, or fulfill (an obligation) or keep (an agreement).

It is a word we hear quite often; he was a man of great honor; I am honored to receive this award. As a student at Texas Tech I was taught the school motto “Strive for Honor” and it is inscribed on the ring I wear as an alumnus. The Ten Commandments teaches us to honor our fathers and our mothers.

Living a life of honor means remaining faithful to our Lord, our wives, and our country. Striving to be the best we can in our professions, no matter how prestigious or mundane. Being a man of his word.

But what should we as Masons take honor to mean above the rest of the world? It is that we should not only live honorable lives but that we should always honor our obligations that we swear to each other at the altar. For without those are we really any different than any other honorable man. I say no.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Nathan Shrode
Senior Warden

From the South . . .



Greetings Brethren,

The memorization of ritual is important within Freemasonry. However, without learning the biblical, symbolic and historical components within Freemasonry's depths, your journey will end without you truly finding Freemasonry's true light.

True Masonic retention is obtained when both ritual and Masonic knowledge are balanced with one another.

Masonic education is the only means with which the fraternity can both retain its current membership and produce new members to carry on Freemasonry's proud traditions

Steve Sperry,

Junior Warden



Steward's Corner:

Meal: Shepard's Pie

Sickness and Distress:

Andy Wines (recovering)