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### From the East . . .



Brethren,

Happy Easter! How quickly things can change! To me, it is a reminder that our Supreme Architect is in absolute control! A few announcements:

First, we are operating under a direct proclamation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master Terry Hitt to suspend all stated and called meetings until further notice. This is in response to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) illness that has swept the nation and disrupted our everyday life.

Second, I have been given permission from the Grand Master to pay all usual and customary bills that come in during this suspension of lodge activities. I have been in direct contact with the SW and JW as required. Any unusual bills or expenses will be approved or denied using the best judgement of our lodge principal officers. As of the writing of this newsletter, all lodge expenses have been usual and customary. If you would like an electronic copy of our Treasurer's report, please email me directly and I will provide it to you.

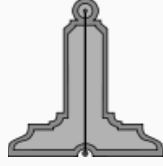
Third, if you are in need of anything during this quarantine period, please reach out to any of your principal officers. We will do whatever we can within our power to make sure that our membership remains healthy, safe and provided for.

Finally: Check on your neighbor. Call a fellow member and ask if you can help. Do as much as you can, but stay safe. If you are sick, stay home and ask for help. Use common sense. Pray for your family, city, state, nation and the world as we all fight and experience this together. Look for ways to help. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for possible ways for us to connect virtually!

God Bless,  
Joey Powers – WM ([joeypowers@gmail.com](mailto:joeypowers@gmail.com))

***Floor Practices are currently suspended.***

# From the West . . .



Greetings Brethren,

My how things have changed in a month. This time last month most of us probably didn't pay too much attention to that virus that started in Wuhan, China. Now COVID-19, Coronavirus, Wuhan Virus, which ever name you want to call it is pretty much the only thing in the news. With all the unknowns that surround the virus many people are scared and acting irrational.

Fear is defined as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. Fear, especially fear of the unknown can be quite a problem for some people. It can cause some people to become paranoid and distrust others. It can cause others to irrationally purchase large quantities of toilet paper in preparation for a virus that has no gastrointestinal symptoms.

Fear is however a natural part of life. A healthy amount of fear will tell you that you probably shouldn't pick up a rattlesnake, or tell your wife, "I told you so!" Fear is normal, we all just must learn to deal with it. We must learn to differentiate the healthy fear, from the irrational.

Here are some thoughts on fear from folks much wiser than I.

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." – Plato

"He who indulges in empty fears earns himself real fears." – Seneca

"Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is." – German Proverb

"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear." – Mark Twain

"There are things which a man is afraid to tell even to himself, and every decent man has a number of such things stored away in his mind." – Fyodor Dostoevsky

"...the only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." – Franklin Delano Roosevelt

"Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering." – Yoda

I hope all of you are doing well and that we get to resume our Masonic labors with one another soon.

Faternally,

Nathan Shrode

Senior Warden

## From the South . . .



Greetings Brethren,

I hope we can look at this crisis we are experiencing as an opportunity for the world to see Masonry at work! A Mason will always do the right thing especially when no one is around and I know without a doubt we are handling things in this manner! Faith, Hope, and Charity are big parts that bind our fraternity together! The Most Worshipful Grand Master spoke about how people see us. We owe it to the fraternity to let the light of Masonry shine the brightest in this time of darkness! I encourage you brethren to help your fellow man with whatever assistance you can offer as long as you stay safe of course! Remember if you have a cap with the square and compasses or jacket or shirt to wear it proudly especially during this time! Our actions will be seen and associated with our brand!

Fraternally,  
Junior Warden  
Steve Sperry



Steward's Corner:

Sickness and Distress:

Pray for our Nation