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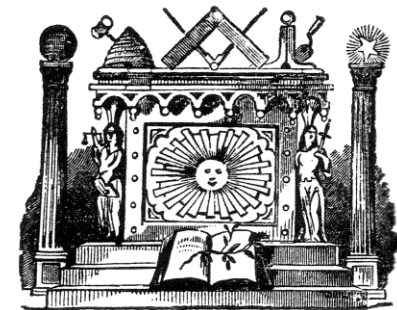
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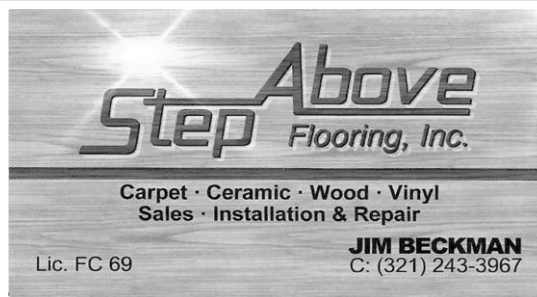
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LODGE WORK DAY

Your assistance is needed on Saturday, January 16th ! Our building needs work on the downspouts and creating a dry area around the building due to water intrusion. W.: Mike Hampton will lead this effort. The main effort for assisting brothers will be creating a three-foot bed around the building perimeter, installing edging and weed block barrier, before filling in with white limestone rock. The sod will be removed by a powered sod cutter. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Eight to ten brothers are needed to complete this important project. Please bring your hat and rake and join us to accomplish this needed project.

From the South

Greetings from the South,

As we move away from the year 2020, let us remember those who have touched our lives and given us joy and strength to persevere through one of the most unusual time on record. I would like to share a message penned by Bricks Masons.

Anchor and Ark

The Masonic anchor is a symbol of hope and has been found on tombs among the catacombs dating as far back as ancient Rome. It's theorized that the use of the anchor as a symbol of hope is from the Apostle Paul who spoke about it in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 6:19: "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil"

In the Masonic Third Degree, the ark and the anchor are symbols of a well-spent life and a well-grounded hope. They show that the Divine ark will carry us over the rough sea and the anchor shall bring us to a place of hope, patience and permanence to rest eternally beside our God.

As Mason's we are tasked to keep those who are sick or suffering in our thoughts and prayers. And we mourn those lost in 2020.

With the changing of the calendar we are reminded that tomorrow isn't guaranteed, and we should live for the day (Yes, I went with "Carpe Diem"). Today is the ONLY time to love one another and strive to make the best "today" we can.

Blessings from the South,
John Sutton, Junior Warden

From the East

Fraternal Greetings Brothers,

I sure hope that every brother is doing well, and you had the time and ability to gather with loved ones and celebrate the season. My wife and I had a joyous time with a small group of friends and brothers, and of course some Zoom time with those we could not be around. I think this is the way it will be for a very long time. This reminds me of listening to my Grand Father talk about the great depression of the 30s and illustrates the need for us to teach those among us that are too young to remember this in the years to come.

I am so proud to be your next Worshipful Master; this is a great honor and I am excited to be in the East for 2021. I am also a bit frightened with this position. I have been in the West, South and the Senior Deacon but none of these really prepares us for the demands of the Worshipful position. I will do my utmost ability to be the best I can be. I ask for each brother to give a quiet whisper to direct me in the right direction when I drift away from the path.

The installation was very moving, and emotional, I want to make a very sincere thank you to each Brother who attended and participated.

As I stated in our first meeting our schedule is very fluid over the next few months our first fund raiser will be our priority and I hope each brother can lend support for this endeavor. I am always open for suggestion how we can raise some funds for our lodge

Membership has been falling over the past several years and we need to find a solution to this problem. It is not just us but Masons all over the world are seeing this problem. I hope to be able to bring a bit of fellowship back in the lodge.

From the East Continued

A breakfast day once a month is needed. I would like for us to spread this around with two brothers willing to split the cost of a breakfast and set the day of the event.

Brothers my door (or Phone) is always open, if you need something please reach out, and also be sure to call a brother you have not seen in a while. Let him know we care.

Fraternally,
Richard Earls, Worshipful Master

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From the West

Hello Brothers,

First, thank you for electing me as Senior Warden for 2021. This is a great honor to me. With this said, I will need input and assistance from each of you this next year.

2020 was perhaps the most difficult year for most of us. 2021 is completely unknown and maybe a continuation of the difficulties. During these times, the values as Masons we hold dear, are even more important. Our success this next year will depend on flexibility, listening to each other, thinking clearly, good communications, forgiveness, and brotherly love. It is my opinion, our objectives for 2021 should be moderate and attainable. Whatever the objectives are we should be expected to complete them for the better of the craft.

From the West, as chairman of the Finance Committee, improvement of the financial reporting to the Craft is a priority. It is my commitment to support and assist the Worshipful Master within the length of my cable tow.

I look forward to serving you, the Craft, and the Worshipful Master.

Yours Fraternaly,
Ron Lentz, Senior Warden

January 2021

Melbourne Lodge No. 143, F. & A.M.
Charity of the Month - West Melbourne Little League

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>NO MASTERS AND WARDENS</u> <u>Will Resume</u> <u>February 6th</u>
3	4 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	5	6 <u>NO OPEN BOOKS</u> <u>Will Resume</u> <u>February 3rd</u>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <u>LODGE WORKDAY</u> <u>8AM</u> See note in this trestleboard for more details
17	18 <u>Stated</u> <u>Communication</u> <u>Dinner 6:30PM</u> <u>Lodge Opens 7:30PM</u>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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