

Unity Lodge #62 Masters Message January 2021

Greeting Brethren! I hope that this communication finds you doing well and healthy. I want to express my sincere thanks for the honor you have provided me by electing me to be the first Master of the now combined Unity and Fraternal Lodge. I am greatly humbled by the honor and I pray that I am able to make a positive contribution to the history and the future of OUR Lodge! I am very hopeful that we will grow and prosper in the months and years ahead, but we can only do that by working together and putting any differences aside and growing in trust and brotherhood. We have to know that we are one Lodge and that this Lodge is Unity Lodge #62. We preserve the long and honorable history of Fraternal Lodge #71 and I assure you that we will always remember and celebrate that history. It is my sincere hope and prayer that we will be a stronger and healthier Lodge as one combined Lodge, than either Lodge was separately and that there is no US and THEM only US! We have work ahead of us to get our accounts and books combined as one Lodge and we will be working together to get that done in the immediate future.

In our December meeting Brother Ryan Murphy did a wonderful job on his Fellow-Craft lesson and as such is ready to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. While we are in darkness for the months of January through March our building is not available for doing degree work. Worshipful Kirby Wood, current Master of Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton, NH has graciously offered the use of his Lodge building to perform the MM degree and also hold rehearsals. We have scheduled a special communication for the 3rd Tuesday in March (3/15/2021) at 7:00pm for the purpose of performing the Master Mason Degree on Brother Ryan Murphy. There will be no meal or collation that evening, as we will only be doing the degree work, no other business will take place.

In speaking with several of my officers, it appears that Wednesday evenings will be best for rehearsals and as such I have scheduled us to have rehearsals every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm at Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton, NH starting on January 27th, 2021. I ask that all of my officers make every effort to attend as many of the rehearsals as possible, especially since we have several officers in new positions. Bring your ritual books and be ready to work hard on the ritual. We want to give Brother Murphy the best degree that we are capable of giving. I will be reaching out to our members to fill all of the roles of the degree as we move forward. If there are any non-officer positions in the degree that you would like to do please let me know and I will certainly let you fill those positions, otherwise I will be calling individuals to ask them to fill those roles.

I assure you we will be following all social distancing rules and guidelines as outlined by Grand Lodge. Please bring your masks, but we will have some available for anyone that needs one. There will be hand sanitizer available in several stations in the Lodge and we will be sanitizing rods and paraphernalia before and after use.

During this time that we are not having meetings please reach out to your Brothers and check on them regularly to make sure they are OK and also just so that they know we are thinking of them. A phone call, an e-mail or a letter or card can make a big difference in someone's life and really brighten their day.

God Bless you all and I hope to see all of my officers on the 27th at 7:00pm at Winnepesaukee Lodge in Alton, NH. Thanks again Worshipful Wood and Winnepesaukee Lodge for making your Lodge available for our use. It is greatly appreciated.

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