

## Masters Message July 2020

Brethren, I know it has been quite some time since my last communication and I am sorry about that. I hope that you and your family members are remaining safe and healthy. During these unprecedented times, we have not been able to meet in person, but there have been many virtual, online meetings through-out the district and state. I hope that you have been able to attend some of those virtual meetings.

Now that the Governor has lifted the stay at home order, Most Worshipful Grand Master Kenneth A. Clay, Jr. has declared that NH Lodges can now meet again for Stated Communications and activities, while following the State and local laws and guidelines. His EDICT remains in effect, that any duly elected Worshipful Master can cancel any Stated Communication for reasons specific to the COVID-19 pandemic. The safety of our membership is of the utmost importance.

Included in this mailing is information on the Grand Masters Re-entry Plans, the Grand Lecturer's inspection Guidelines and a Flyer for the Master Mason Education Seminar to be held at the Horace Chase Masonic Temple on Saturday August 1, 2020. Registration 8:30am and runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm. See flyer for details.

I was originally planning on having our July Stated Communication on Monday 7/13/2020, but several of our members have underlying health issues and do not feel safe attending meetings at this time. So I am cancelling the July meeting, but will plan on having our stated meeting in August. In the meantime, I would like to set up a virtual Zoom Meeting on Monday 7/13/2020 at our stated time of 7:30pm. I will need to have your e-mail addresses to send you an invite to the meeting. If you do not have a computer or smartphone, I encourage you to possibly hook up with a Brother to attend with them as we need to determine a time for our inspection on the EA degree and it will be great to see each other even if it is just virtually.

Topic: Fraternal Lodge #71 July Meeting

Time: Jul 13, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5990136407?pwd=Z09hNFcwam5OVjFhQ2N5Q3JKSnJQUT09>

Meeting ID: 599 013 6407

Password: 3zagW8

Please send your e-mail address to [greenorm1963@gmail.com](mailto:greenorm1963@gmail.com) or text it to me at 603-534-1118 and I will forward the meeting invite. You could also join on your Smartphone if you install the Zoom app.

Another important item we need to get back on track is our plans to possibly merge our Lodge with Unity Lodge #62. Our merger committee had completed much work before we got off-track a bit with some tension on a few items and then COVID-19 hit and we have not been able to continue. We need to get this back on our radar as we need to do something soon or we could risk losing our Charter, since we are unable to fill our officer positions and our member participation is very low. We only have a total of 6-7 members of the 28 members on our roster who are actively participating. We cannot continue this way indefinitely, as it is not healthy or conducive for bringing in new members. It is very difficult to get anything done with such a small Lodge. I believe that if we can successfully merge, it will be beneficial to both Lodges, allowing us to do the work that we should be doing for our communities and to our Fraternity. Expect to hear more on this in the coming weeks.

I hope you had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July and I wish you all the best.

Norman C Greeley

Worshipful Master Fraternal Lodge #71