

Masters Message September 2021

Greetings Brethren.

I hope you all had a great summer as we now hit Labor Day weekend and the summer is about over. As the days get cooler and shorter, the leaves start to change and a new season is upon us, I hope you get a chance to be out and enjoy the season. It will be nice to enjoy some of the state fairs in Maine and NH, after the pandemic cancelled them last year.

The next few months are going to be very busy. Our next stated communication will be on September 20th 2021 and will be our official Visitation of RW DDGM Jackson Marston. We will be opening on the Master Mason Degree and The District Officers will have a very interesting program for all to see. Let's fill the sidelines with our members and put together a nice suite to be introduced to the DDGM. Our newest member Brother Ryan Murphy will be providing the meal for the evening. If anyone needs to have assistance to be able to attend, please reach out to either myself or Worshipful Parker (Jay) Vanderhoof and we will do our best to assist you with transportation.

Last month we voted to initiate the degrees on a candidate Mr. Alan Charles Drouin. Due to the fact that our next two stated meetings will be for our Official Visitation and then October will be our annual meeting, it is necessary to have a special communication on Monday September 27th at 7:00pm for the purpose of doing an Entered Apprentice degree for our candidate. There will be no meal before the meeting and there will be no business other than the opening, degree work and closing. We are currently having rehearsals every Wednesday evening at the Lodge at 6:30pm to prepare for this degree. Let's put on the best degree that we can by being fully prepared to do so. These practices will help assure that the experience will be special for the candidate.

One of the responsibilities of our elected officers, (WM, SW, JW, Tres and Secretary) is to attend the Lodge of Instruction (LOI) for their district, but all brothers are welcome to attend. The District 5 LOI will be held in Rochester at Humane Lodge, Meal at 6:00pm followed by the meeting at 7:00pm. The Grand Lodge Ladies will be going out to dinner at a local restaurant while the brethren are having dinner and will return to the Lodge before the end of the LOI. Brethren's ladies are welcome to attend, but need to RSVP to the Grand Master's wife Colleen Collins at bellekitkat@gmail.com for meal planning. If you are required to attend, but are unable to attend this session, please plan to attend a session in one of the other district to meet your responsibility. Officers will wear Tuxes or dark suits and ties with their aprons, collars and jewels. The LOI Schedule notice will also be enclosed with this message with the details.

Our October meeting will be our annual meeting and we will have an election of officers. It has been a year of transition as we merged with Fraternal Lodge and although it has been a bit turbulent and there has been much conflict to contend with, I am confident that we will get past these struggles and become a strong vibrant Lodge. The only way to do that is through the brethrens participation in stated communications and our various social events. I hope to see the sidelines filled and brothers be willing to step up for participation in committees and offer their input to influence the life of our Lodge going forward. The social interaction with our

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brethren is what makes us a Lodge and makes people want to attend and do the work required to meet our obligations.

The following brethren have birthdays in September and October before our October meeting. Please take time to reach out to wish them a happy birthday or give them a card and/or a call.

Ralph R. Currier Jr. 9/2, Macolm W. Joy 9/13, Thomas G. Mix 9/12, Thomas J. Scirocco 9/7, James W. Souza 9/10, Russell T. Baldwin 9/16, Malcolm W. Glidden 10/18, William H. Maleham 10/12, Joseph A. Palmariello Jr., Charles W. Pixley 9/24, William D. Stephen 10/17

Please check in on your family, friends and brothers. Let them know you are thinking of them. Reach out to brothers you have not seen for a while and offer to pick them up and bring them to a meeting and catch up.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming meetings. I wish you and yours good health and may the blessings of our heavenly father be with you all.

Fraternally,

Norman C Greeley
Worshipful Master
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