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News From the East



Fellow Brothers of Lodge 12,

I hope this finds you all healthy and safe. Brothers it's hard to believe all that has happened since our last issue. As a Lodge we are a very diverse group with many different challenges in our personal lives as we deal with COVID-19. Some of us have been deemed essential workers and have been out working. Others have unfortunately been laid off and are waiting for the green light to go back to work. Those of us with young children are trying to parent, teach and work all while social distancing from our friends and family. There are also those of us that have been deemed high risk and have to be very careful not to catch the virus for it could be life threatening. What we all have in common is that we are Brothers in the greatest Fraternity in the world. If there is anything that you need please reach out to the Lodge and we will do what we can to help. We are in this together and I look forward to restrictions being lifted and joining you all in and outside of Lodge again. With the warmest regards, from the officers of the Lodge, stay healthy and we hope to see you all soon.

WB Jerry Brown, Secretary

ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS



Order of the Eastern Star

The members of Cereal Chapter #2 Order of the Eastern Star are looking forward to a new year's activities. Unfortunately, "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-glee." The current pandemic sweeping across the globe is affecting us directly. As I write this (April 6, 2020), all meetings and installations are canceled (by order of MN Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter), until the end of May. At our March 11 the meeting a new corp of officers was elected. Officers elect are: Kathy Smith, WM; Ted Smith, WP; C J Brase, AM; Janis St. Onge, Sec.; Marie Squires, Treas.; Delores Lutteral, Cond.; Janet Johnson, Assoc. Cond.. Plans for an April installation of officers were canceled by the "shelter in place" rules, and the direction of Gen. Grand Chapter. Until the new officers can be installed, the current officers remain in charge. (Barb Spencer, WM; Ted Smith WP, Janet Johnson, AM; Janis St. Onge, Sec., Marie Squires, Treas; C J Brase, Conductress;) As of this writing, tentative plans are for installation of officers to occur at the first meeting we are allowed to hold after the shut down. We hope that will be June 10, 2020. The tentative calendar for the remainder of the year are to hold meetings on July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, plus meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wed of March 2021. In addition, Cereal Chapter has been asked to host the MN Grand Chapter area conference on Sept. 19, 2020. Plans for this have not yet been finalized, details in a future issue. I borrow a bit from a quote by MN Grand Lodge: Remember, while meetings have been canceled, our Masonic and Eastern Star principles still need to shine in our lives. Let Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, also Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love direct our actions.

Stay safe, Stay healthy,

Kathy Smith, Worthy Matron-elect

Ted Smith, Worthy Patron/Worthy Patron-elect

George Washington's Rules For Freemasons in Life and Lodge



Rule 081: Be not curious to know the affairs of others neither approach those that speak in private.

That is to say: Do not pry into other people's business and never attempt to cut into a private conversation.

Source: *George Washington's Rules for Freemasons in Life and Lodge* By Mark A Tabbert

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Recent Fellowship and Upcoming Events

BLUE LODGE

Due to Covid-19 current Lodge schedule is up in the air. The Lodge will notify members as soon as we have our next meeting date. Please contact the Lodge Officers if you have any questions.

OES TENTATIVE CALENDAR

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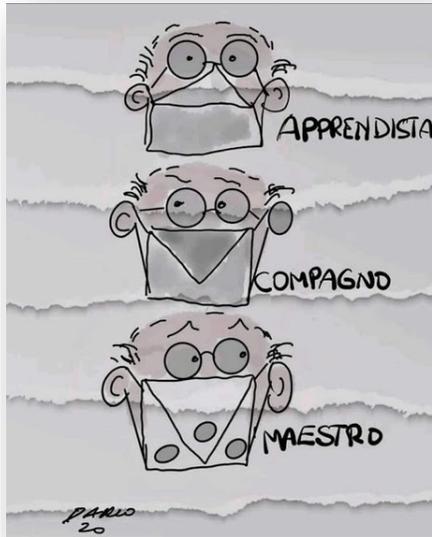
The Lodge is waiting for us Brothers. Looking forward to hearing the knocks of the gavel again soon.



The Lodge would like to recognize Brother Josiah Geiger for his contributions using a 3D printer to make ear guards to help essential workers during the coronavirus crisis.

They are used to alleviate pain caused by the surgical masks. I encourage you to check out the full article at <https://www.southernminnesotanews.com/msu-student-uses-3d-printer-to-make-ear-guards-for-essential-workers/>

The LIGHTer Side



A Note from the Editor

Please send feedback to the contact below. Thank you to everyone that has sent me support and suggestions as I work on this publication.

As always in all our actions make sure we do all we can to uphold the values of Masonry in every thought word and deed.

Masonic Quote

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not.."—Mark Twain

Source: A Freemason Said That? By Todd E. Creason

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