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FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER



During this holiday season please remember our brave men and women in uniform. I remember a few holidays spent away from home. As much as our leaders tried to make it special for us it just wasn't the same. It was worse for our loved ones at home. The uncertainty they faced on a daily basis about our situation and the conditions we lived under made it disheartening to enjoy the holidays even surrounded by family. Nothing can replace family, but the camaraderie we experienced during our time in the combat zone made life bearable and cemented friendships that are still strong today. Give thanks for our Armed Forces, because without their sacrifices we may not have a holiday season to celebrate.

Remember, the Marine Corps Birthday is November 10th, followed by Veterans Day on November 11th. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:



November begins the holiday season with what we should express with the appreciation for what we have. Thanksgiving should take precedence with remembering those who have been a positive influence in our lives, as well as with the possession of the fruits of our labors. Each of us can make a difference in others' lives by the donation of our time and/or treasure. Time can come into play on Thanksgiving Day. Many of us in the lodge are going to assist Tillie Bergen's "Mission Arlington", by donating our time to deliver a holiday meal to those less fortunate. Possibly, some of our other brothers and families can participate as well. A great learning lesson for our younger children. Please make yourselves available by arriving between 7-7:30am on Thanksgiving Day to participate. Look for the rest of us, and we'll team up together. The delivery goes quickly, then you go home to celebrate with your family. What a great start for giving thanks by giving back.

By the way, please keep in mind that any charitable time you spend helping others, as well as your mileage in doing so, is a credit for Webb Masonic Lodge #1454 in keeping our tax-free status as a 501c10 entity. Please be sure to inform the lodge secretary with all your charitable activities so they can be documented.

We are growing... Webb lodge currently has three Entered Apprentices. If you have not been to lodge in a while, please try to come and participate in the great goings on that we are accomplishing. The fellowship with like-minded men is very rewarding and creates a stronger brotherhood within our doors. Outside our doors, we are also trying to bring others to light. We celebrated "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween evening for a couple hours. Several of us, spouses included, dressed up, decorated our vehicles and area and spread some cheer, laughs and candy.

May this holiday season be especially blessed for you all, your families, and more especially our Masonic brotherhood!



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:



We're now in the full swing of the holiday season. The hustle of life becomes a little more with the holidays. Trying to get this, finish that, put this decoration up etc...

With all that going on by pure accident we miss all the enjoyable little things that make the holiday's beautiful, happy, and those precious moments brought to us by our little ones. So, my message is this, it's ok to take a deep breath, pause and reflect. Enjoy the fruits of your labor on putting those decorations up, enjoy all those little moments of excitement and awe that our little ones have at this time of year.

Again, slow down it's ok, and enjoy the holidays. It's not a season of stress unless you make it that way. If you come into with joy and love, you'll help bring in that to the holidays. It becomes contagious and before you know it, you'll see that it wasn't so stressful at all. And if you really want to top it off volunteer at any of the charities that are out there and bring a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner to a less fortunate family and it'll be a thing that your family will talk about the most.

After all, 'Tis the season to give.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:



To My Webb Lodge Brothers,

Well Happy Turkey Day or is it Happy Day You Turkey – I get these confused.

This is the time we look at our blessings and give thanks for them. Each of us is more blessed than we even think – a warm bed, a full stomach, kind words from friends and family and at least a couple of coins to rub together in our pockets!

A very famous artist named Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) composed his famous 'Four Freedoms' in which he summarized our global, God given freedoms – God given not man made.

His freedoms are: "Freedom of Speech", 1943; "Freedom of Worship, 1943; "Freedom from Fear", 1943 and "Freedom from Want", 1943. The Four Freedoms are now a part of the permanent collection of Norman Rockwell Museum and reside in the own specially designed gallery space, inviting visitors to reflect on their inspiring message. How much time and effort do we spend on such minor issues such as if it is going to rain tomorrow when we really need to devote that time and effort to a bigger picture – how to keep our past, present and future? Our time and thoughts are important – do not waste them...

Masonic Anniversaries: Jeffrey W. Baldwin, 10.96 service years; Robert J. Elrich, 43.85 service years; Rolland D. LaLone, 19.95 service years; Marcus M. Lowthorp, 54.92 service years; Jimmie J. Mason, 8.97 service years and Daniel L. Page, 37.00 service years. Actual Birthdays: Christopher L. Howard, 11.04.1987; and Michael J. McClain, 11.06.1972. Please keep in mind and in your prayers, all Brothers and Sisters who are in pain and suffering.

Also, there are new rules regarding the payment of lodge dues: per GLOT, payment must be made by December 31, 2019 or restrictions will apply and there will be a surcharge of \$3.00 per credit swiped credit card payment. Payment request letters will be mailed shortly.

Until next time, My Brothers, SMIB

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