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Stated Meeting Third Tuesday
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FROM THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:



Another month with no Stated Meeting, good thing we have budgeted for our bills. We are going to attempt a fellowship meeting on the 17th, in lieu of our Stated Meeting using ZOOM conference call. Hope to see you then. Stay safe my Brothers.

May Brotherly love prevail

Joseph Scholari
Worshipful Master



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN:



The corona virus has put a damper on 'life as usual', including Masonic activities. The new 'normal' may be something we're not expecting...and it will make us all be more diligent with the duties we accept in our roles of Masonry, let alone the other avenues of our lives,

Hopefully, we can hold Stated Meetings again soon. We have officer elections to hold as well as other business. Just so you know, the scheduled date for officer installation is 27 JUN @ 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow, so if you are planning to attend, please RSVP to my email address noted below so the caterer can plan accordingly.

This year as Senior Warden seems to have just flown by. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge again real soon, but until then, stay safe and be well.

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Regards and may peace and harmony prevail!

Thank you,
Jon Kenneth Wych
Senior Warden



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:



Hello All,

The message from the Junior Wardens Office is be vigilant, levelheaded, and educate yourselves with facts at this critical time in our lives. Help educate those around you. A lot of common sense is just as useful as well. Help where you can, stay and contact with one another. Be resourceful in finding things to do.

Be inventive with entertainment for yourself and others. Check your neighbors when you go to the store. One person going for 5 or more people is better than 5 going for one thing. If we work together we can get through these times much easier and safer. Bless our Healthcare workers, First Responders, and all the other "Essential Workers". Doing the best, we can do to keep this great country going.

May God walk with you forever and hold you in His hands.

Justin Quade Watson
Junior Warden



Mark Myers, Treasurer



Treasurer Accounts

Brethren.... These last few weeks and months has been trying for our professional families, our personal families, and certainly our masonic family. I hope and pray that each of you, your families, and friends are well. Covid-19 will soon become a part of Texas Masonic History.

It seems like a lifetime since I saw many of you at the 5th Annual Alamo Remembrance Program in February. It was an honor and pleasure to have Most Worshipful Paul Underwood attend, and participate, in this historic occasion. It has been my distinct pleasure to have been involved in this innovative program over the last five years. As I step down from the coordination and management role, I proudly hand the reins to Brother Senior Warden Jon Wych. I am confident in his ability to continue and improve the program going forward! Please join me in congratulations to Brother Wych and please stand behind him in his endeavors.

Regarding the finances of the lodge, I have some thoughts I would like to share with you.

The Treasurer of the lodge is a **position of trust and profound responsibility**. Think about what the duties of the treasurer are; “To receive all moneys from the Secretary, make due entries thereof, and pay them out by order of the Worshipful Master AND consent of the Lodge”. The Treasurer does not pick or chose, but performs his duty with those two criteria in mind at all times; by order or the Worshipful Master AND consent of the lodge. When the Worshipful Master formulates a budget and it is presented to, and approved by, the lodge; this becomes easy... the approved budget becomes the order and the consent. If an expenditure is presented that is not contained on the budget, a vote is required to justify the expenditure. When the lodge does not have an approved budget for the current masonic year, you will hear the Treasurer, usually after the Treasurer’s Report during stated meeting, ask for permission to ‘pay the bills’. This fulfills the duty... request for an order, and consent; on a month to month basis.

Another part of his duties is the receipt of all moneys from the Secretary, making due entries thereof. What does this mean? The Grand Lodge of Texas requires double entry bookkeeping. This meaning that no one individual manages the receipt and disbursement of funds. Instead, all moneys DUE the lodge are received by the Secretary. The secretary records the moneys received, categorizes them (dues, donations, fund raiser, Grand Lodge disbursements, etc. He then pays them to the Treasurer who verifies the amounts, denominations (if cash), checks, square receipts, etc. in order to confirm what is being payed to him so he can make the deposit and record the information for the accounting report (Form 71) and assure that the lodges books are correct. These functions continue, regardless of if a pandemic is occurring, weather, or other conditions. These processes cannot be put off, without negatively impacting the lodge, including its financial health and reputation.

We are fortunate; Webb really only has two monthly operational bills; Water and Electricity, both of which are paid online, but if you have been to a lodge meeting in the last 3 years, the electric bill, during the winter, can be brutal. Our water bill, fortunately, is pretty stable. Of course, we have

the Grand Lodge per capita, MWSA and MSB donations, the 64th district breakfast donation and other such items that come up each year.

Scholarships are managed separately. We have been spoiled over the last couple of years. When the Webb Community Center closed, the organization that managed the center made a sizable (nearly \$10,000) donation to our scholarship account. This has been a blessing, but without replenishment, those funds will dwindle and soon disappear. Unfortunately, we have had to rely on some of those funds to literally keep the lights on.

This brings me to my second point. **FUNDRAISING.** Brethren, to be blunt... without the concerted effort of every brother in creating, managing, working and promoting fundraising, the financial future of Webb Lodge is challenged at best. This is not just for Scholarships. Scholarships are special and may be a future installment... I will focus on Ops.

Our dues do not cover the operating costs of running this lodge. Not with the other expenses outside of the standard bills. We need to do better managing our electric utilization especially during the winter. We must also formulate a means to bring in additional funds (registration fees on the Motor Rally is one that does not require an initial investment), the TMRC booth with some small and donated items to sell has been another. We sold a custom bench recently that had the potential to be quite lucrative, but fell short of what was anticipated. We need something else. My suggestion has been to host a Car Show with registration fees going to our operations account. Maybe a monthly Breakfast/Dominoes tourney? Dime a day? Think outside the box. But remember, a raffle, by state law, cannot be used for a fundraiser that is NOT for charitable use. Charitable Raffles are managed by the Lottery Commission of the State of Texas with very explicit rules and regulations on how they can be operated. Let's work together, and make this happen. "Fundraising does not have to be complicated, but you need eight to ten months to start planning. There is no fundraising without MARKETING" - Worshipful Sam Gibbins

Brethren, it has been my pleasure to be entrusted as lodge treasurer for the last two years. I am certain that whoever the lodge votes to be treasurer in the future years will perform his duty with integrity and attention to detail... but let us work hard to give him something to work with.... Also, be thinking, is this something you would like to do? I can assure whoever it is, I will be there to assist in assuring a smooth transition.

Mark Myers, PM

"Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."

– Marcus Aurelius, Meditations



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

To My Webb Lodge Brothers,

With the world's schedules changing, please check your calendars before leaving out of the house. Remember, TMRC Brothers and Sisters ... Text Brother R.:W.: Keith Arterburn, DDGM for guarding TMRC's South Gate. Brother Arterburn wishes to thank all Brothers who assisted. The need is no longer required. I like letting my mind wonder and evaluation cause and effect.

For example, why is April the tax month. Was it because too many of Americans would be too busy at the end of the year – Christmas and New Year's Day? Yet many businesses operate on January 1 to December 31 time schedule. Masonry in Texas has two schedules – one for financial on Form 71 being January 1 to December 31 and the election 'Masonic Year' being June 24 to June 23 the next year.

Taxes for the general public I guess goes a far back as history itself – the conquered countries paid taxes to the master, jolly old England had taxes upon the poor for payment to the King or Lord of the Manor. But why April 15th?

Consider Mary and Joseph going into Bethlehem for their annual censuses and tax payment. This would have been in the time of Passover which I believe is in April time period. One reason I heard the Jesus was born in a manger was that every place was full for the year's activity. The 'Star' has been thought to be a light shining from the alignment of several planets at one time with the sunlight reflecting off the planets toward Earth. If this thought has any basis, then running the heavens back two thousand years ago would have placed the event in April year four. Therefore, if the tax payments, Passover, censuses count and the 'star' all add up together, then April 15 is a very old tradition. Just a thought from a retired, old Mason...

Until next time, My Brothers, SMIB

Actual Birthdays for April:

Brothers Charles Kelley Howard, 04/05/1968; James Dale Kirkpatrick, 04/07/1963; and, Mark Eric Myers, 04/10/1962.

Masonic Anniversary for April:

Brothers Tommy Joe Baldwin, 04/04/2001, 14.36 service years; Elliott Eugene Dailey, 04/10/1990, 29.31 service years; Michael Jason McClain, 04/10/1995, 24.99 service years; Michael Chad Robinson, 04/08/2017, 2.99 service years; Mark W. Shearer, 04/17/1982, 37.97 service years; and, Jon Kenneth Wych 04/23/2016, 3.96 service years.

Brothers:

**with all that is going on in our lives, country, world,
business, health, mental and personal
– if you have faith, and if you have faith in God –
then it will all work out for the betterment.
See you next time...**

