



From the East

Greetings from the East Brethren,

I hope everyone is staying healthy and getting by as best as possible. This is an unprecedented time in Masonry where meetings and social activities have been put on hold until further notice due to the dangers and concerns of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. I urge everyone, especially our elder brethren to take heed of the warnings and continue to practice the protocols of the Center for Disease Control ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)).

As Americans, we have endured tough times and survived. We shall also survive this. Our greatest strengths as Americans and Masons is our hope, faith and charity. Let us as Masons show the world what Masons do by helping our friends, neighbors and others in our Masonic family by checking upon one another and rendering assistance whenever needed. Also make an effort to look out for the elderly. If you are in contact with any widows, please reach out and check on them. Also check on your elderly family members, neighbors and citizens while out in public to ensure they are safe and have the provisions they need to get through this ordeal.

Most of us are hunkered down at home observing stay at home mandates or just avoiding exposure. While we have all this free time and going through Masonic withdrawals, continue to seek Masonic education while at home. Continue to practice your catechisms and seek further light by Masonic podcasts, YouTube channels, or websites. Find a book to read online. There are many texts available as pdfs, e-books, and audiobooks online for little or no cost at all.

Don't neglect your family as well, take advantage of the bonding time to play games, watch family movies, and plan trips later on down the road. Do not continuously watch the news 24/7, this will only feed your fears and drown you in doubt, loathing and depression. Watch a comedy or other types of entertainment to take your mind off things. Focus on the opportunities to get things done around the house and take advantage of your inner work. Also check with your churches for online sermons of hope and inspiration.

Yes, the virus is contagious. And yes, the fear is contagious. But you know what? Hope is contagious too.

If any further information comes down from the Grand Lodge, I will send out email and Facebook updates to notify everyone.

May the Great Architect of the Universe shine his blessings upon us and those we love. May we find strength to endure

these dark times and find the courage to sustain ourselves and return to our labors with renewed energy.

Remember your obligations brothers and stay on the level.

Fraternally,

Michael McMillan

Worshipful Master



From the West

Greeting from the West Brethren,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I cannot believe how quickly our lives have changed in the past few weeks. It is in these difficult times that we must come together and emerge stronger.

Just a few days ago the Grand master issued a directive cancelling communications and functions taking place in masonic lodges. Since then local, state, and the federal government have put in place additional safeguards to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

I ask all of you to join me in prayer for a quick end to this pandemic. I would like to see as many brothers as possible at our next stated communication, as soon as it is safe to meet again. Stay safe brothers and enjoy the poem below until we travel again.

Fraternally,

Norberto Monell (Moe)

Senior Warden

I See You've Traveled Some

I SEE YOUVE TRAVELED SOME
WHEREVER YOU MAY CHANCE TO BE;
WHEREVER YOU MAY ROAM,
FAR AWAY IN FOREIGN LANDS,
OR JUST AT HOME, A SWEET HOME,
IT ALWAYS GIVES YOU PLEASURE,
IT MAKES YOUR HEARTSTRINGS HUM
JUST TO HEAR THE WORDS OF CHEER:
I SEE YOUVE TRAVELED SOME
WHEN YOU GET THE BROTHERS GREETING,
AS HE TAKES YOU BY THE HAND,
IT THRILLS YOU WITH A FEELING
THAT YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND;
YOU FEEL THAT BOND OF BROTHERHOOD,
THAT AID THATS SURE TO COME
WHEN YOU HEAR HIM SAY IN A FRIENDLY WAY,
I SEE YOUVE TRAVELED SOME
AND IF YOU ARE A STRANGER,
IN STRANGE LANDS ALL ALONE,



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IF FATE HAS LEFT YOU STRANDED....
 DEAD BROKE AND FAR FROM HOME;
 OH, ITS A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING
 IT THRILLS YOU; MAKES YOU NUMB...
 WHEN HE SAYS WITH A GRIP OF FELLOWSHIP:
 I SEE YOUVE TRAVELED SOME
 AND WHEN YOUR FINAL SUMMONS COMES,
 TO MAKE THAT LAST LONG TRIP,
 ADORNED WITH LAMBSKIN APRON WHITE
 AND GEMS OF FELLOWSHIP,
 THE TYLER AT THE GOLDEN GATE,
 WITH SQUARE AND RULE AND PLUM
 WILL SIZE UP YOUR PIN, AND SAY:
 WALK IN; I SEE YOU TRAVELED SOME

-Anonymous-



Order of the Eastern Star

As we all deal with the inconveniences of the COVID-19 virus and its impacts on our daily lives, let us remember that we will make it through this period and life will get back to normal in the near future. We will see each

other again in our meetings and at our social events. Please remember to stay safe and follow the guidelines for social distancing.

Per the Grand Master's Directive regarding Appendant Bodies meeting in Lodge Buildings, Pine Castle Chapter No. 321 will not have a meeting until May 18th, at the earliest.

Additionally, per the Worthy Grand Matron's order, Grand Chapter has been rescheduled to June 16-18 at Renaissance Golf Village in St. Augustine. Forms for hotel reservations and events are available at <https://floridaoes.org/forms/>

If any Sisters or Brothers are in need of anything due to COVID-19, please reach out to me or the Worth Patron at our contact information below.

In Star Love,

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Rainbow Assembly

Per our Supreme Inspector and the Grand Master's ruling, the Assembly will not have an in-person meeting until May 10th at the earliest. We are able to have non-ritual meetings over video conference. I will be contacting the members of the Assembly and/or the Advisory Board with the specifics of these meetings as they are scheduled.

Till next month and stay safe,

Mom Ceal



From the Chaplain

Sickness and Distress:

W.: Don Martin - continuing health issues

Bro. Scott Shaffer - continuing health issues

Beverly White, wife of W.: Randy White - continuing health issues

Bro. Del Smith - continuing health issues

issues

Bro. Jim Pegram Jr. and his wife - health issues

Bro. Mauricio Damus - recovering from surgery

Please keep these, our Military and our First Responders in your prayers.

If you know of any sickness or distress, or if I can be of any service to you, please feel free to contact me any time. My cell phone number is 407-953-4758.

Jose Diaz,