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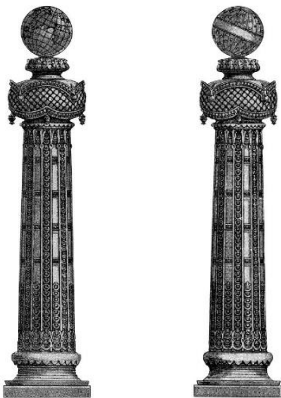
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From the East:

As we start another month of suspended activities, I am reminded of the saying “May you live in interesting times” which is often credited as a translation of an ancient Chinese Blessing and Curse. (The actual origin appears to be British and not quite 100 years ago.) I often add the follow-up to the quote, “These are interesting times indeed”, which seems particularly accurate now. Many of us are adjusting to a “new normal” by observing social distancing rules and minimizing contact with others. For some, the “stay at home” order has resulted in a loss of work or a very different work environment with regards to new health and safety regulations.

For me, as a telecommuter, working from home for more than a decade, the changes in day to day living are minimal. There are definitely some changes that require getting used to, such as having my children home, all day, every day. With the “distance learning” policy for public schools, my wife and I are now also part-time teachers. The travel my wife had for work has been temporarily canceled, and there has been a schedule shift in our house at times, so that she can work with an Eastern Time Zone client that she would have been on-site for. Neither of us are experiencing a sudden surplus of time. Due to new government regulations as a response to the pandemic, my work has actually increased so that the financial institution I work for remains in compliance and offers our members opportunities for relief.

For Cornerstone Lodge, the impact has been much greater. In addition to the two officer’s meetings and two stated meetings that we are missing, we have also had to cancel our Annual Spring (Easter) Breakfast this year. The proceeds from the breakfast are donated to the Community Transitional School which is currently closed under the executive order, but is still providing food to the families of their students. Hopefully, we can find a way to continue our support of this school and its mission.

When the executive order is lifted, we will reschedule the two degrees that have been postponed from March. At this time, we are still planning on having Table Lodge in June and our Picnic in July, subject to the directives of Grand Lodge and our State Government. Until we can again greet each other with hugs and handshakes, please follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and OHA to stay healthy. Anyone needing assistance should contact myself or the Wardens and we will make arrangements.

Stay Home. Stay Safe. Save Lives.

Sincerely,

Scott Kennedy

Worshipful Master, Cornerstone Lodge #157 AF&AM



From the West:

Dearest Brothers,

This note wishes you all good health, and I hope you and your families are weathering the current crisis. Every brother I have reached out to with an offer of help was not only self-sufficient, but in the process of helping someone else. That makes me proud.

My wife is a cardiac-trauma nurse at a local hospital and my daughter is a paramedic. They have both been heavily exposed while treating the sick population, and I know they will both feel the trauma long after this is over. My wife has seen more deaths on her ward in two months than in two years. Oregonians have done a fantastic job at following the guidelines which has greatly reduced the infection and mortality rate, and they both thank you.

These days I do a lot of laundry. When they get home, they change out of scrubs at the back door, their scrubs and shoes go into trash bags, and I wash them while wearing PPE and using all kinds of germ killers. My ladies are Batman, and I am Alfred. I work as their support person. They are out there doing the heavy lifting, my job is to make sure they have everything they need to get it done.

Regardless, I have some serious hopes and plans for the fall. There have been talks with representatives of Lents, the Widow's Sons and Cornerstone of doing a late fall event. We are still talking and working out the details while trying to anticipate any possible health restrictions. We have been talking with Lents about collaborating more on some events, and plan on doing the same with other lodges. We are reaching out.

Sacred Geometry has been on hold, but I have been gathering some really fascinating topics, and I am looking forward to what you bring to the table. They include recent discoveries of advanced geometry at Gobekle Tepe to fractals in nature.

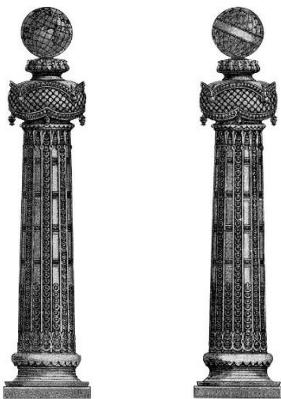
Last but not least, we have some beautiful new window coverings for the lodge, we are just waiting until things cool down before we put them up.

Before the Covid 19 situation Scott, Joseph and I were focusing on momentum, and we won't let this stop us. There may have to be changes in exactly how we have fun and grow as Masons, but we are an ancient fraternity, something like this isn't powerful enough to impede our progress. Just temporarily slow it down.

Fraternal Love and Respect,

David Gillette

Senior Warden, Cornerstone Lodge #157 AF&AM





From the South:

Greetings and well-being from the South!

I trust this correspondence finds our craft, family, and friends healthy and safe during these twilight zone of times. I have faith that everyone will regroup and hug each other as we once did.

Before the full fledge of this pandemic hitting, my fiancé (at the time) and I had planned an elopement in Hawaii on the island of Kauai. Amongst everything shutting down, including parks and beaches, there was hurricane inbound. After a few days of watching the weather like an indoor cat, we were blessed with a clear sunset on Hanalei bay, which commenced a beautiful ceremony. It will forever instill this memory knowing that faith always prevails.

Nowadays, my business is considered essential, operating a recreational cannabis company, while my wife can work from home comfortably in her office for a Swiss shoe brand.

We've taken up a couple of new hobbies to pass the time, she discovered her love for oil painting, while I found my new love for video games, and she's still getting used to mine.

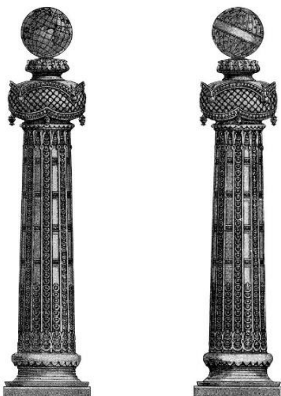
Once we can assemble I feel that Cornerstone will be stronger than ever, with awaiting candidates for initiation and members waiting to be pass to their next degree.

I, for myself dearly miss my Brothers, Lodge, and fellowship that comforts me during happy and or uncertain times. I know that within our hearts of hearts this will only make us builders stronger and ample to withstand any storms.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Aguirre

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From the Amaranth Court:

Good afternoon from Christina Court

We hope everything is well with all you. I think as a whole, we have managed to avoid the little viral villains 😊.

We are still on hold as is everyone else. Our last meeting was held via email and then hard copies were sent to our members that do not have internet access. We are going to try a zoom meeting on May 1st, however there is not much business to take care of.

I would like to express a big THANK YOU to Cornerstone lodge for not charging us rent during this time. We really appreciate it!!!!

I'm feeling confident that we should be up and running by the end of May.

Wendy Bednarik Royal Matron,

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From Mt. Hood Chapter DeMolay:

Currently Mt. Hood chapter is inactive due to stay at home orders but we are still making an effort to hold meetings by conference calls. In these meetings we discuss what our plans are after orders are lifted and how we can still take social distancing precautions.

We are making an effort to keep the Flower Baskets for Mother's Day fundraiser, which we are selling for \$25 each. If you are interested in a hanging flower basket, the order form is being included as attachment to the distribution email, or can be downloaded from the Cornerstone Lodge website, using this link [Flower Basket Order Form](#) and returning to Jeff Gannaway at Jeff.Gannawayz@gmail.com.

On behalf of Mt. Hood Chapter, stay home, stay healthy.

From Job's Daughters:

Hi All,

Bethel #1 has been lucky enough to be able to continue having our meetings over Zoom (which is similar to Skype). We have had two meetings since the social distancing went into effect and at both meetings we had all daughters in attendance. Our Bethel has been doing online quiz games together; both on Jobie trivia and on Disney trivia. We have four Bees (prospective members) we are working on getting involved in the Zoom meetings.

Looking forward, our Bethel is still planning on attending Supreme Session in Omaha, Nebraska, as long as it does not get cancelled. We have not heard whether our Grand Session in June is still in progress, but at the moment we are assuming it will happen as planned. We are moving our doll raffle to online to continue raising funds. The raffle has been extended to June 30 in light of our social distancing. We are also looking into other fundraisers we can do online.

Statewide, we have had to postpone all in person Bethel events until further notice. However, our Bethel recorder Audrey has hosted 1-2 statewide Jobie Zoom meetings to maintain our statewide sisterhood. There, they had an online trivia game and spent time reconnecting to each other.

I hope everyone is being safe and staying inside as much as possible.

Jazmine (Nyx) Pickard

Honor Queen Spring 2020