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To: All Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Arizona

RE: Happy New Year!

Brothers,

As we begin the New Year I hope and pray that all of you are staying safe and maintaining the requirements currently in place for Meetings, Degrees and gatherings. As we look back on the year 2020, I hope that you acknowledge the challenges that we all faced, but more importantly, look at the accomplishments that we all achieved in Masonry.

Moving into this new year we are still going to face continued challenges. Building on our achievements is how we need to focus in this new year. Along with accepting new challenges and establishing realistic goals for the year we need to focus on our amazing Fraternity and how we can make it stronger than it is today. We need to continue to find ways to be together and remain safe. Use the technology that we thankfully have to continue to hold events or education. Hopefully each and every one of you can spend some time on your own growth and education. Whether that be in Masonry or just for yourself and family. What about your ritual work? These trying times have certainly been an opportunity to work on ritual and I hope that all of you have done so and continue throughout the year. It would be great to have numerous Master Ritualists in the upcoming years due to this virus.

Speak to your Grand Lodge representatives, let them know what you are doing that works and what needs to change. This way we can share with all of the Brothers of Arizona to help our Lodges improve. The Grand Lodge is still putting events together for the spring and for Grand Communication. We are moving forward with the goal of having both the Leadership Conference (Masonicon) and the Grand Communication in person. But we are not ignoring the issues that we face and are establishing back up plans for if we are unable to have these events live. Stay tuned for upcoming information on these events.

This year I would like to see all of you check in with your Brothers. If you haven't seen or heard from someone in a while call or go check up on them. As most of you are aware, we as Masons are expected to be charitable and help each other out, but most of us are sometimes too proud to ask for help. Take that out of the equation, check up on each other and if help is needed do it without the request. Even the smallest gesture can make a huge difference for someone



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who is stressed out or feeling overwhelmed. Keep not only your immediate family in mind while helping each other through this year, but the entire Masonic family.

My hope for each and every one of you this year is that you stay healthy, continue to grow as a man and a Mason, keep your family safe, and always turn to the Great Architect for support and guidance. Remember Brothers, we need to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our Brothers. If you are sick or uncomfortable with attending a Lodge event, PLEASE STAY HOME!

Fraternally & Sincerely

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