

Kansas Topics

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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE For February, 2008

To all Sir Knights of Kansas:

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over, and I expect your calendar is filled, as is mine, with more of the same as we prepare for our annual session and other important events of the spring and summer. Many times we divide our activities up in small increments...periods of high activity followed by slower times when we can re-charge our batteries, and regain our enthusiasm for the next goal. Keeping the 'fire burning' is often difficult, and doubtless most of us have, at one time or another, longed for those times in the past when we felt life was much simpler. But, was it really?

A recent documentary on one of the cable channels, hinting that Masons were involved in the famous Boston Tea Party and possibly in the lesser known Lexington Tea Bonfire, recounted in great detail the years of struggles leading up to the Revolutionary War; how the Colonists were imposed by endless taxes, some more an inconvenience than a burden, and how they persevered.

I doubt any of us will ever have to deal with anything equaling what our forefathers had to go through, and as tough as times may seem, let us call upon the same Heavenly Father who sustained them, to sustain us, and lighten our load.

Remember, every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

Fraternally,

T. Mike

You cannot do a kindness too soon,
for you never know when it will be too late
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Charity of the Heart

As each new year approaches, reflecting on his past, man is inspired to reach for higher goals in the years to come. Resolutions easily made, are more difficult to execute. That which is planned with utmost resolve and intention to perform, often is forgotten amid th multitude of cares and sorrows encountered in the performance of our daily duties in the world.

Essential to the daily duties of every Mason is his indispensable duty of remembering the poor, and, to them, a share of our wealth should be given. But, there are those who may be rich in worldly goods, yet poor in spirit, who do not need help from our pockets, but help from our hearts. And, to them we must share a part of our time rather than a part of our wealth.

Masons are so engaged in the affairs of their business, the care of their families, as well as civic and other activities that consume so much of their time; often they find little time left to fulfill their Masonic obligations and assist distressed Brethren who may need a moment of their time.

There is no better time for each of us to reexamine our conscience and honestly appraise our conduct in the past as when we are considering our resolutions for the new year. Let us place two resolutions in the highest priority for us to carry out:

1. Living up to our obligations.
2. Giving of our time to others.

For Masons, there can be no greater commitment for the year to come than to fulfill our obligations to the craft, and give of ourselves to our needy Brethren for it is charity of the heart, not charity of the pocket, that preserves among us the full and complete harmony of brotherly love.

-Raymond E. Wilmarth
The Cabletow, Jan 1979

Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
That's why they call it the present
-Eleanor Roosevelt