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### Announcements

#### STATED MEETING

No Stated Meeting in April per edict of the Grand Master.

#### STATED PROGRAM

No stated meeting in April per edict of the Grand Master.

### STATED DINNER (NO STATED MEETING IN APRIL PER GRAMD MASTER EDICT)

#### BREAKFAST BUFFET

April Breakfast buffet is cancelled per Grand Master's edict and to protect the health and safety of the Brethren.

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### From the East, W. David Collier

**Greetings Brethren!** 

In response to the unfortunate circumstances with the COVID 19 Pandemic which has taken hold on the world since our last Stated, there has since been stay at home orders issued by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire. In line with these our Most Worshipful Grand Master has also released an Edict and guidelines for us to follow. After much discussion with the Officers of Winnipisaukee Lodge and in line with the Grand Masters Edict, his guidelines and the Governor's orders, we have decided that we cancel the Stated meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020 and our breakfast scheduled for April 19, 2020. We will be sending out more information about the status of future Stated meetings and our breakfast in next month's Trestleboard or via email.

Our last stated meeting was held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who volunteered on the kitchen crew to help prepare the wonderful meal and dessert for the evening. Following dinner, we were joined in the Lodge room by two investment managers from Citizens Bank who joined us to discuss better ways of investing the funds of the Lodge. They gave us a lot to consider. Lodge members discussed these many options and decided to pursue one of the more secure investment opportunities.

We must stay strong in these times and I urge all brethren to follow the Grand Master's guidelines and the Governor's orders as best we can. Please continue to practice Freemasonry outside of the Lodge at this time when many need a helping hand, an encouraging word or those who shall need assistance. Stay healthy and strong Brethren. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Fraternally,

W.M. David M. Collier

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### **Events for the Month**

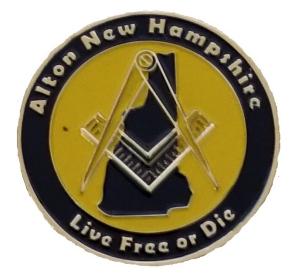
Brethren,

GRAND LODGE OF NH – POSTPONED - Please take note that the Grand Master has postponed the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of NH, which was to take place on May 16, 2020.

NO STATED COMMUNICIATION IN APRIL

NO BREAKFAST BUFFET IN APRIL

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#### Secretary's Corner



If you receive the Trestleboard by Mail and have an email address, please send that address to the Secretary so we add you to our email distribution list, which will help us keep our postal costs down.

As of today, we mail about 50 Trestleboards a month. That's \$17.50 a month in postage!

Thank you all in advance for your continued support.

Oh, and I hope everyone enjoys the new format. If you have comments please send them to the secretary's email address.

W. John Alden, email: aldenjl@comcast.net

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#### Nuggets – For the Brethren

Salutations Brethren!

I hope everyone is doing well! In these trying times I like to look at The Craft for how it's responded in the past. During the trench wars of WWI French and German soldiers were among the first to contract what notoriously became the Spanish Flu. The Spanish Government was the first to enact a "Social Distancing" issue in 1918 to curb the spread of the virus. The news took like cosmic fire to the world and the people responded by accusing Spain. The culprit however was sick soldiers coming home from a terrible war with horrific costs.

That didn't stop Freemasons. Worldwide we responded by opening our hospitals to those without the flu so nations could prioritize resources and healthcare to the sick. Here is an excerpt from Pennsylvania Grand Lodge:

"The influenza outbreak of 1918 devastated the world, killing an estimated 50 million people in contrast to the 16 million who died during World War I. With soldiers trekking across battlefields and returning home, the virus spread rapidly. One-fifth of the population worldwide suffered from the influenza outbreak to some extent, and one-fourth of Americans contracted it.

The influenza epidemic struck the Elizabethtown, Pa., area as severely as other locations. In a grand gesture of service to the community, doctors transferred the Masonic Homes residents without influenza from the Philadelphia Freemasons Hospital to the Grand Lodge Hall Infirmary and opened the on-site hospital to community members with influenza. "This became a splendid asylum for the sorely stricken families of the vicinity who had no place else to go," the Committee on Masonic Homes reported.

During the several months the hospital took patients from the community, 82 people with no Masonic affiliation received the best treatment possible. As a result of quarantines and precautions, no Masonic Homes residents or guests died from the influenza epidemic."

<u>https://pagrandlodge.org/brief-history-masonic-charity/</u>

Now for those with an attentive ear below are a couple of OUTSTANDING lectures put together by Brother Randall Carlson. One of mystery and another of discovery.

"The Mystery of Our Lost History" <u>https://youtu.be/Wh7zleXI6XM</u>

"Opening the Book of Esoterica" (a segment of the "Architect of Creation" lecture) https://youtu.be/OoyAxyF1Q3Q

Stay in, stay strong. With love and honour.

Bro. Calvin W. Cline

Grand Lodge Representative

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