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Naval Lodge No. 87 Vision Statement

Naval Lodge attracts and brings together good men of diverse generational, racial, religious, and cultural backgrounds for self-improvement, friendship, and service; Because, we provide an authentic initiatory experience and engaging education programs based on a tradition of living and animate speech to effect a personal transformation that inspires each man to a principle driven way of life based on brotherly love, relief and truth.

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NAVAL LODGE NO.87





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Everything Is Different

The world has turned into a different place over the past month.

Many of us are on the front lines of our community's-and our nation's-response to the COVID-19 health crisis. Some of us are working in hospitals, clinics, private practices and elsewhere as first responders. Some are working in offices, Senior and childcare centers, and other places of care. And that doesn't include the care you are providing to your own family, neighbors, friends, and often strangers.

We have seen much kindness and good will since we entered this tumultuous and difficult time. People are helping people. Neighbors shopping for neighbors. Friends and community volunteers picking up groceries and medications for people who are housebound.

Whatever you are doing, I thank you for your professionalism, your caring, your concern, your kindness-everything you are giving each day to help every friend or stranger, as well as your loved ones stay safe and, we hope, healthy.

Continued...

We all need to remember to take care of ourselves before we can help others. You know this, but it can be challenging to keep it at the top of one's mind. Just keep trying to remember to find time for yourself as you go through your day. I send my love and prayers out to all of you.

All brothers are encouraged to share with each other how we are coping during this difficult time by joining our Zoom Link on May 7th at 7:30 PM. Contact brother Benjamin Guy for information on joining the chat room.

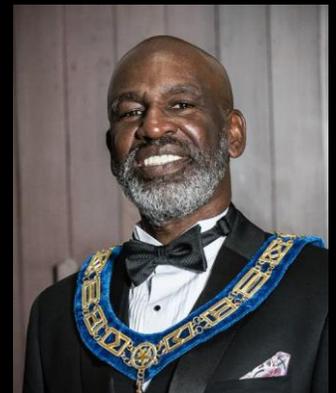
Take this opportunity to catch up on some of the latest masonic education provided by the Grand lodge online. Do not forget to donate to the Masonic Outreach Fund if able to do so. I have reached out to many of our widows over the past month. They have all stated they are being taken care of by family or friends and there is no immediate need from the lodge. This is good to know.

Let's all continue to maintain our state and counties imposed social distancing by observing the safety precaution, and also encouraging family and friends to do the same as the strict collective adherence to the health recommendations will allow us to overcome this pandemic.

Until we meet again stay safe,

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas
Worshipful Master
Naval Lodge #87



From the Senior in the West

As the Sun is in the West at the Close of the Day,

Another month has gone by and still no light at the end of the tunnel. As you all know, the State has set no date for the return “to normal” and as we all know, the Grand Master has also stated that no Masonic activities will occur until the Shelter-in-Place Order had been lifted.

As we face this situation together, I ask they all keep the course and do whatever we can to keep ourselves and our families safe. If you need ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to ask. We are all in this together and whatever we can do for you, we will. And if we can't get it done, we will find someone who can.

We have been holding ZOOM meetings every other Thursday. The next one will be on Thursday, May 7th. If you want to be a part of the meeting, please contact the Junior Warden, Brother Guy Benjamin, so he can help you get into the meeting. So far, it's been a great tool to keep in contact with each other and to keep each other informed of what we've been up to and any help we can give you.

As far as the Lodge goes, I am there Monday through Friday, usually from 9am to 3pm. If you have any questions or concerns that you may need assistance with, please don't hesitate to call me.

Standing in the West,

Keith E. Wattles, PM
Senior Warden



From the Junior in the South

As the sun at Meridian Height

Brethren, I long to be back in lodge with all of you and reciting the Junior Wardens charge or writing a trestleboard entry with a slight hint of teasing for what might be coming out of the kitchen this month. I had planned to prepare one of my specialties, Chile Verde for our May Stated meeting; I guess this will have to wait for some other time.

Alas, we are in what seems like a never-ending lock down. The World is definitely a different place today than it was on March 12th which was the last time we actually had a practice or March 5th when we last had a stated meeting.

It has been interesting to me to see how people have reacted to this crisis. I have personally witnessed amazing acts of generosity and kindness, Brethren helping Brethren and neighbors helping Neighbors. I have also seen incredible darkness with selfishness and greed. Images of Safeway just before the lockdown with lines of people with carts piled high with water and toilet paper will be forever ingrained in my mind. I believe some of the greatest acts that I have seen have come from our Masonic Brethren, this makes me proud to be a Mason.

Somebody from out of state shared this with me this week and I thought it appropriate to share with you.



Some people don't agree with the state opening.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some people are still planning to stay home.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may not lose their business or their homes.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some are thankful they can finally have a surgery they have put off.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job.... that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

Some will wear masks for weeks & some won't that's okay.

Be kind anyway.

The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay.

Be kind anyway

We each have a different story. If you want to stay home, stay home. Don't judge fellow humans because you're not in their story. We all are in different mental states than we were months ago, be kind anyway.

Bro. Guy Benjamin

Junior Warden



Twenty-four Inch Gauge

The following brethren have been reported to be incapacitated.

Please let them know that you are thinking of them.

Please see the Senior Warden for updates regarding brother's current health and wellbeing

From the desk of the Secretary

The lodge is closed until further notice per the Grand Master, but if you haven't paid your 2020 dues as yet please mail them to me ASAP. Please check on each other whenever possible if you're sick let us know we will help as much as possible stay safe and distance your self from others until this issue passes and it will in time.

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, PM

Secretary



Upcoming Events

May 7th, 2020

Zoom Meeting 7:30 PM

May 26th, 2020

Zoom Meeting 7:30 PM

