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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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CANDIDATE COACHING.....

Keith Wattles

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SMEF (Elected).....

Albert Lawson, PM - President, Glenn Munkers, PM, Jim Jaeger, Jose Ferrer, Manuel Sarmiento, Mervyn Nicholas

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Glen Munkers, PM (2021) (Chairman), Guy Benjamin (2022), Douglas Campbell, PHD (2023)

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Jim Jaeger (Chairman), Gerald Bettman, Seth Thomas Sunshine: Keith Wattles, PM

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Mike Nesmith (Chairman)

NAVAL LODGE NO.87





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

COVID-19 has viciously swept through the cities of California and disease-ridden over 502,000 individuals and claimed over 9,222 lives. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 is now the 2nd worst pandemic in U.S. history. The only pandemic responsible for more American fatalities is the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, which killed approximately 675,000.

The statistics are disturbing but accurate and we cannot ignore the facts. Although, there appears to be no vaccine available at this time; as citizens we can do our part by continuing to adhere to CDCs plea to wear a face covering when going out to limit the spread of the virus. Working together as a Nation with respect for one another will keep America strong and sovereign against any pandemic or fascist. We are ONE America!

In the words of Civil-Rights Leader and Representative John Robert Lewis who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death July 17, 2020, *"Together, We Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation."*

In honoring the legacy of Congressman Lewis, it is our calling and duty to register and vote in November's Presidential Election. Congressman Lewis left us with some powering words, and I quote:

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"Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself."

Rest in peace, my brother and know that your words will not fall on deaf ears.

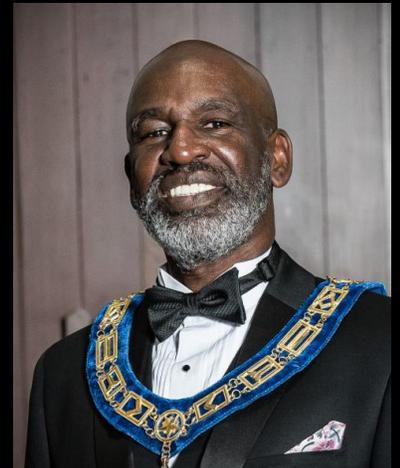
The month of August begins with shout-outs to the team of individuals who were so instrumental in supporting the Food Bank for the previous month. Brethren and family members of Naval Lodge 87 has consistently volunteered at the local food bank, and we continue to welcome all who are interested in donating their time for the upcoming months. Please contact Brother Alex Gaiaron for more information. A face covering is required for participation to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Naval Lodge 87, will continue our face-to-face gathering via Zoom, please contact brother Guy Benjamin for more information on joining our session. Also, please visit Naval Lodge 87 Face Book website at [navallodge87](https://www.facebook.com/navallodge87) free and accepted masons for more information on current and upcoming events. Furthermore, I encourage you to sign-up at freemason.org to review our new website 2.0.

As Worshipful Master, I am often reminded that "I Am My Brother's Keeper." Therefore, I challenge each of you to continue to reach out to one another during this pandemic to ensure no one is forgotten through phone calls, texts, Skype, etc. Until next time continue to be safe and watchful for one another!

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas
Worshipful Master
Naval Lodge #87



From the Senior in the West

As the Sun is in the West...

As July comes to a close, I can't help but ask "will this ever end?" Will we ever be able to get back to having regular meetings and if we do, what will those regular meetings be like? My answer: Your guess is as good as mine! All I'll tell you is I'm as anxious as you all are. I can't wait to see all of you in the flesh rather than on ZOOM.

That being said, I hope that you have had a chance to get signed up for iMember 2.0. There are some problems still being addressed as far as the program goes but for the most part, it is a great addition to the tools that Grand Lodge is making available to us. If you haven't registered yet, you are missing out on several new available links. Also, since it has been introduced, you've lost some links that have been removed, such as the Naval Lodge APP. That is now incorporated into iMember 2.0. You can receive and send posts to any Naval Lodge member who is registered. In addition to the ability to send and receive posts, our Trestleboard and calendar are also right there in the Members Center. If you have problems signing up, call me or one of the Lodge Officers and we will walk you through the process.

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As I have said every month since this Pandemic hit us, I hope you are all well and keeping up with your Ritual. It would be GREAT if we could hit the ground running when we are allowed to, instead of having to start over. You are always welcome to stop by the Lodge during the day for help, to practice or just to chat. I'm usually there and if I'm not, I'm not far away. I know that our Officers Coach feels the same way I do and is always ready to lend a helping hand. Not to mention that each of our EA's and FC's have Coaches who are there for you too. So do our recently Raised MM's so they can work on their Third Degree Proficiency

. Until we get to meet on the Level and part on the Square, stay healthy and know that if you or yours need anything, please ask!

Fraternally,

Keith E. Wattles, PM
Senior Warden



From the Junior in the South

As the sun at Meridian Height

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

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, PM

Secretary



Upcoming Events

August 6, 2020

Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM

