



# Newsletter



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## ***Masonry is alive and well !***

### Despite COVID-19

**Brethren,**

We must stay engaged in our Masonic endeavours. In an attempt to keep you up to date, this is the first of several newsletters you will receive. If you have any suggestions or interesting thoughts, pass them on to me for inclusion in the next edition.

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### **2021 DUES**

**Dues will be forgiven for 2021.**

However, there are ongoing expenses, dues to Grand Lodge, and the loss of revenue from rentals. The Lodge is asking for a small donation (\$25.00 -or more if affordable) to assist in these difficult times. Please make payment to:

Mount Zion Lodge

Box 1495 Kemptville ON

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Or to a Lodge Officer directly.

*Remember- you are overdue after January 1,2021*

## **From the Master**

*IPM Evan Thompson*

*(acting Master)*

Words of Wisdom

Brethren,

As I write this, I am saddened by the uncertainty of when we will once again sit together in Lodge as we are faced with yet another province-wide lock down. We are living through events that are unprecedented in most of our lifetimes. As we all maintain the required physical distancing, it is impossible not to long for that in person, face-to-face contact that is a hallmark of humanity and of our Fraternity. I am, however, impressed by what I have seen from our membership, and from The Craft in general, in these uncharted waters. I have seen brethren reaching out to help each other through phone calls and emails. I have seen messages from the brethren excited about the

physical improvements we are making to the lodge and wanting to help with that. The number of people stepping forward is truly an indication of the best that Masonry has to offer, and a very real example of Brotherly Love.

As we go forward with some uncertainty, I can't tell you when we will once again be called to Labour. What I can tell you, is that as soon as we are able, Mount Zion Lodge will pick right back up with the zeal and enthusiasm for which we are known and which we pride ourselves on.

For now, we have all been asked to stay home, to stay safe, and to stay healthy. This is the best advice right now and we are wise to heed it.

Stay safe and stay healthy Brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Evan Thompson

### **INTERSTING**

Hers is a link to Prince Philips' connection to Freemasonry

[the Duke and Masonry](#)

### **SURVEY**

If you have any suggestions to involve the brethren during this crisis, please forward them to G. Blake. We are looking for fundraisers, activities for members, education etc. This is a time where we can prove our true value as Masons.

# Jackalopes – truth or reality?

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