



# 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*

#### **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.

## **From the Master**

*IPM Evan Thompson  
(acting Master)*

Words of Wisdom

Brethren,

I see that the Summer Solstice "the longest day of the year" is upon us this month. The term 'solstice' comes from Latin —'sol' means sun and 'sistere' means to stand still. The Summer Solstice, by its very nature, then is a time of perfect balance between the day and the night, between the darkness and light. It should also serve as a reminder to us that, as Masons, we should constantly seek balance in everything we do. Between our public and private avocations, between time spent in work, leisure and time spent in study and prayer.

I am also reminded of the working tool that best illustrates this point: the 24 IG.

When I was initiated I learned that the 24 IG was the first instrument placed in our hands as Masons. It teaches us that we should first measure the work in which we are about to engage, as well as the costs – both material and spiritual. The day has 24 hours and it should be divided properly between work, prayer, refreshment and rest.

Too often the work takes a lot more than it's allocated time, at the expense of the other three. When that happens the strength of the gavel and the perseverance of the chisel are to little avail, and the work inevitably suffers – we can't achieve balance and we cannot hope to reach our potential.

Stay safe and stay healthy  
Brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Evan Thompson