



Newsletter



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Masonry is alive and well !

Brethren,

We must stay engaged in our Masonic endeavours. In an attempt to keep you up to date, you are receiving this Newsletter. If you have any suggestions or interesting thoughts, pass them on to me for inclusion in the next edition.

Please try and think of a fundraiser to help support Lodge and various Charities. During these trying times, many need our support.

Gary Blake -garyblake@gmail.com



And not once was the need for the proposed levy increase mentioned.

How could any brethren be expected to elect someone seeking the Office of Grand Treasurer who has, not once, presented his views regarding Grand Lodge finances.

The candidate elected to this office has, apparently, not had any say in the proposed budget which will be voted on during Grand Lodge Convocation. How does this process follow normal business practices? Should not any new treasurer prepare and present, for approval, his own ideas regarding the budget for his term in office?

Chalmer R. Conn

Past Master

Mount Zion Lodge #26

St Lawrence District

Mt Zion # 28 will be **voting against** the motion to increase dues. We wish all Lodges in SLD to be fully aware of this issue.

From the East

*IPM Evan Thompson
(acting Master)*

Brethren of Mount Zion #28

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I share in your frustrations regarding the current state of the pandemic and do look forward to meeting with you all and getting back to work in the quarries as soon as it is safe to do so my brothers! I would encourage each of you to continue to reach out to your fellow brethren.

On another note, although I know a vast majority of you have not seen the changes that are taking place in lodge prior to our safe return, I have been truly humbled by the experience of watching this transformation: I've seen brethren working together; focusing intensely on the future of the lodge – either through the physical improvements (e.g., painting, installing new or in ensuring that we have the infrastructure we need to move forward. Without this dedication, none of this would have happened. To them, I say a huge thank-you.

As we have been doing up until now, as soon as we receive updates from the Grand Lodge regarding any changes due to the pandemic (i.e. our ability to meet and conduct our masonic work), we will make sure to let you all know immediately.

May the GAOTU watch over you all, and may He guide, protect, and bless you and your families.

Sincerely and fraternally,
W.M. Thompson

GL Dues to Increase

The Brethren should be aware of a 20.00 increase in the GL levy per member. This is to support a budget in excess of 1 million dollars, 760,000.00 of which is for computers and software. This seems extravagant in these times. The following is the observations by W Bro. Conn:

I joined the "Meet the Candidates Night" on May 6th to listen to the presentations by the candidates running for the Office of Grand Treasurer. I must say I was completely confused, surprised and dumbfounded that all three of the candidates would ask for our support to consider electing them to the Office of Grand Treasurer without once mentioning the finances of Grand Lodge. Not once was the upcoming budget mentioned. Not once were their ideas for the financial direction or security of Grand Lodge mentioned.