



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren, I hope all our brothers and their families had a joyful and blessed holiday despite the challenges of covid. I wish all a bountiful and prosperous new year and hopefully a return to normalcy as we develop a vaccine for this disease.

I would like to thank the brothers for giving me this opportunity to lead the Lodge and I am looking forward to a great year where we can get back to the fund raisers and letting the community know we are still around.

My hope for the new year is that we have the opportunity to add new members and thus perform degree work. It is important that we grow the Lodge to keep it viable in the future. If you know anyone that might be a good candidate invite them to a meal so they can meet the brothers and learn what Masons have to offer them. If you know of a brother that has not attended a meeting in a while reach out to them and invite them back.

Lastly, if you have not paid your dues yet please do so. I am always open to suggestions on how we can improve the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Greg Goodrich  
Worshipful Master

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Hopefully, despite covid, everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season with friends and family. Another year has passed, we have lost some brothers and have not raised any new brothers. This year was difficult but we did manage to make it through EA and FC degrees on a young man, though he shipped off to boot camp before his MM degree. We hope to raise him in the upcoming months. I keep looking for new faces at our meetings but tend to see the same brothers every month. Please, I implore you to come to at least one meeting this year if you're able to. All of our 2020 fundraisers were cancelled but we'd love to see you attend this year if we're allowed to have them. I will continue sending a group email reminder for events and work. If you are not receiving the messages and would like to, send me an email at [rlodge585@outlook.com](mailto:rlodge585@outlook.com) and I'll make sure to add you to the list.

If you haven't already done so, please pay dues ASAP. If you are unable to pay, please call me at (574)709-0066 or email me at [rlodge585@outlook.com](mailto:rlodge585@outlook.com) and I'm happy to work with you. Remember 50 year and life members do not owe dues, but donations to the Lodge are always appreciated. Thanks to your donations we were able to support summer reading programs, school meal programs, an essay contest, youth baseball, buy Christmas gifts for children less fortunate, and donate to the community.

Scholarship awards are open to qualifying Master Masons or children, stepchildren, and orphans of Master Masons in good standing in an Indiana Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Applicants must be accepted into an accredited Indiana university or college. Scholarship applications are now submitted online at <https://indianafreemasons.com/charity/scholarships/> and are available mid-January through mid-March. If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I'll help you through the process. I hope to see you at Lodge functions this year. As always, if there's anything I can do to help get you there let me know.

Fraternally,

Matt Kitchell, Secretary