

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope all are doing well and staying as safe as the times will allow. It is my fervent prayer that we can all be together again soon.

I just got through with a Zoom meeting of both bodies of New Mexico Scottish Rite. It was so good to see and hear so many of “the brothers of my adoption”. We all truly one great family!

As I participate in these meetings and reach out to brothers and sisters, many of whom I am sad to say, we have neglected because they have moved away or moved on. I am reminded of a verse in the Bible that says, “Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” As Jesus is the Light unto the world, so are we each a light to our fellow man. Each time we wave, call, text or use any of our means of communications to touch another, we bring a little more light unto their world.

As Master Masons, we are taught to seek “further Light”, by reaching out, looking for council and understanding from those who are willing to guide and teach. But before we can perceive this light, we must be ready to see, to learn and to give of ourselves. This principal of Light is taught by every Masonic body I have had the privilege to be involved in. All you have to do is open your eyes and heart to the ritual and newfound sisters and brothers as they envelop you into the Masonic family. Sometimes, we older members also need to think about our ritual and obligations to each other, practice the art of tolerance and forbearance, mentor newer members and forgive old grie ances and become a beacon unto the world.

You may think you are one little pinpoint of light, but when we all glow together, we become a glorious radiance that cannot be extinguished!

Shine on Brothers and Sisters, and may the Lord Bless and Keep you by the Right Hand of His Power.

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