

## **Masters Message April 2022**

Greetings brethren. I pray that you have had a good winter and are excited for the warmer weather. We have had a chance to take a bit of a break while our Lodge has been in darkness to rest and recharge and look to hit the ground running as we get back together.

The Finance Committee met in February and we worked on a budget that we will share details with you at our upcoming meeting. We have started a fundraiser called a Bakeless Bake Sale. You should have all received a letter from our Secretary, Wor. Parker (Jay) Vanderhoof, with the details. This can be a great fundraiser for the Lodge to help us to meet our expenses and still provide for events that we would like to do for and with our members and will also allow us to make donations to worthwhile causes such as our youth organizations; Demolay and Rainbow as well as community charities such as the Wakefield Food Pantry and the Interfaith Food Pantry in Farmington.

Brother Marcus Robinson, would like us to bring all our aluminum cans to him to help fund our building fund. We are all getting older and we need to make our Lodge room accessible to those with mobility issues. We will be exploring possible upgrades to the building for the entrance and some kind of a lift for getting up to the Lodge room. At this time, this is just something we are discussing and investigating options that we may pursue in the future.

We will be getting back to work with our stated meeting on Monday April 18th at 7:00pm. There will be a meal at 6:15pm. We will be asking for a \$10 donation for all partaking in the meal. Thank-you Brother Robinson for taking care of the meal for this month.

RW Brother Timothy Stickney, our District Education Officer, will be providing a brief educational program that I am sure will be enlightening to all in attendance.

I would like to have a Veterans and Ladies at the Table program at some point this year. We will be discussing possible dates and details of putting this together. Many hands make lite work and it will be great to be able to provide this event to our deserving Veterans and Special Ladies. Stay tuned for further info.

On another note; as you know this is my fourth year in a row being Master of the Lodge. Two Years as Fraternal Lodge's Master and I am now in my 2nd year as Master of Unity Lodge. I am putting this out now that someone else in our Lodge needs to step up for next year. I will be stepping down one way or another as I need a break. I would hate to take a demit as I Love Unity Lodge and it is truly an honor to be your Master, but it is time for someone else to take over. It is not good for the Lodge to have the same Master for too long and I am burned out and do not have the drive or energy to keep pushing beyond this year. I will do whatever I can to be of service to the Lodge in upcoming years and will assist in any way that I can.

The following Brothers celebrated birthdays in January thru April and I hope you all had a special day:  
Dennis Badman - 2/9, John Blackwood - 3/14, Glenn Burnham - 2/28, Raymond Cardello - 3/18, David Clough - 2/19, Thomas Davenhall - 3/1, Andrew Denley - 12/27, William Denley - 4/28, Nick Dullinger - 2/1, Dean Giffen - 1/11, Gary Gould -4/25, Norman Greeley - 2/26,  
Frank Hunter - 3/9, Joseph King - 4/2, Russell Miller - 1/30, Roger Naplin - 2/11,  
James Patton - 2/19, Al Poulin - 1/2 , Troy Robidas - 4/11, Richard Sager - 3/28, Brian Vanderhoof - 3/18,  
Harry Stephen Wood - 3/12, Kirby Wood - 4/4, Ian Young - 12/28

I look forward to getting together for our Lodge meeting and I am hoping to see many of you there. Please reach out if you need a ride and I am sure we can get you to the Lodge. If you know someone that has not been to a meeting in a while, reach out and bring them along, we would love to see you.

Fraternally,  
Norman C. Greeley  
Worshipful Master Unity Lodge #62