APPRECIATION

We all wish to join those brothers as they relive their “Masonic walk”, during this new year. As they reflect upon their many years of dedicated service to their Creator, their family and their fraternity.

We hope that their years in the future will be as fruitful as their years that are now memories.

THOUGHT

There is something unique in Freemasonry, when men from all walks of life, of different temperament, unite into a closely knit fellowship. No one can analyze it. Together we sit in lodge, each knowing exactly what will come next. We meet upon the level, and part upon the square. Simple symbols. No one knows how the tie is woven, that is light as the air and as strong as steel.

THOUGHT

We all start our Masonic journey the day that we decide that “Freemasonry”

Is a “ way of life”.

MAN AND MASON

On February the 22nd we celebrate the birthday of George Washington, our first President. Brother Washington, being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1753, strongly believed that the morals exemplified by the fraternity, was a necessary value for a strong country.

During his years in the military he received recognition, and in 1776 was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor. He served in the formation of the early government. And on

April 30, 1789 he was sworn in as the first President of the United States. Being the first President was one of the many “First’s” for the country. He established some of the governmental agencies that we know of today. The First Ten Amendments of the Constitution , known as the “ Bill of Rights”, was ratified during his watch. A specific Masonic event occurred in 1799 with the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capital. He worked diligently until he laid down his working tools on December 14, 1799.

FRATERNAL

HONORS

Village Lodge was pleased to recently receive Grand Lodge Certificates for four of our brothers who have served Village Lodge through the previous years.

The year was 1988, when three brothers began their Masonic journey. And they have continued to serve their fellowman through the past 25 Years.

Brother John C.Davenport

Brother John L,Hengesch

Brother James C.GregoryJr

The fourth Certiificate was received for

Brother Robert D Russell, who has completed forty years of Masonic service to his fellowman.

We are very proud of these brothers as we are of all Masons. We will be presenting them their Grand Lodge Certificates for Service, very soon.

SENSE OF VALUES

The :

Value of Time

Success of Perseverance

Pleasure of Working

Dignity of Simplicity

Worth of Character

Power of Kindness

Influence of Example

Obligation of Duty

Wisdom of Economy

Virtue of Patience

Improvement of Talent