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S & D

Though we have some brothers who are experiencing some form of discomfort in their daily walk, we want them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers, during this time of need. We also want to express our concern for their family members in this time of need. We also realize that while some are recovering more quickly than others, we want to encourage those who have met problem “ head on”, and are looking toward the future.

THE LODGE

Webster defines the word lodge as the local hall for a fraternal society. But, throughout our rituals and lectures, the reference made to the Lodge, are not of the building where we hold our meetings. But, is a symbol, which is to conceal something else. The real Lodge referred to in our ritual, is our individual personalities. And if the teachings of Freemasonry are applied in this light, we will see that it reveals to us an entirely new viewpoint

Of the Fraternity.

PERFECTION

As the rough Ashlar

symbolizes man as he begins his walk in Freemasonry, he can, only take on the form of the perfect ashlar. For no use of the Gavel or chisel can add to a rough ashlar. It may only remove. So we offer congratulations to those brothers as they celebrate their renewal of service, as they strive to become that perfect ashlar.

FOUR MEN

There names were Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it. But, Nobody did it.

Somebody became angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, and Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when actually Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

CHARITY

Along with supporting our Youth this month, we have made the Medical Research Lab in Utica, N.Y.our monthly charity. Please contact the lodge if any brother wishes the Lodge to consider a specific charity in the months ahead.

THE OUTLOOK

As we recall the events of this past year, recognizing the pluses and also those experiences that we were unable to fulfill. Let’s plan a renewed effort to accomplish not only the unfulfilled goals of this year, but also to add even greater expectations during this year. So, persevere. If you are not sure where you are going, you are liable to end up someplace else. Enjoy it.

THOUGHT

A gentle reminder. We are rapidly approaching the end of the first quarter of the year 2014. We appreciate the remittance

of your annual dues for the year. We also realize that at times, there are certain obligations that must take precedent. Your

remittance is appreciated.