S & D

An important part of our Lodge meeting is our concern of our brothers and their families. .

W. Jim Gregory ,PM has been experiencing some difficulty with his health. At a recent evening out with our wives for dinner, Jim suddenly lost consciousness with his head coming to rest on the shoulder of the person sitting next to him. His pace maker kicked in and his consciousness returned.. We all were concerned with this since it can happen at anytime.

Yours truly, made a mistake a week ago or so, and while attempting to change a light bulb on a ladder, I lost my balance and received some bruises on my arm and back. Thankfully all tests were positive and I am on my way back to good health.

So, we see these happenings that will happen to any of us. We must be careful and watch our step in our daily walk.

 THOUGHT

What’s is popular is not always right’ And what is right is not always popular.

STUDY IN

 HUMANITY

Over the past several years, we have been told that everything must be changed. This has been accepted by many of our young people, who have no defense against those who propose these massive changes. Education is useless unless it motivates them to discriminate between right and wrong. Between what is god for society and what is detrimental. It is also useless unless they have a sincere understanding what it takes to make the government mean “We the people”. Or to teach them the right to dissent, and mob violence.

Through education we can

accomplish these goals which began with the understanding of our own responsibility to society.

 ACACIA

A term that is familiar to all Masons. It grew in abundance in Jerusalem. According to Jewish law, no interments were permitted within the walls of the city. It being unlawfull for the priests to Passover a grave. It became necessary to place marks wherever a body had been buried.. For this purpose.For this purpose, acacia was used. .In Masonry,, the acacia, together with other circumstances, reminds us of the immortality of the souls.

 THE GAVEL

In Freemasonry,we have two Gavels. One is the Master’s Gavel, symbol of authority. The other is the working tool of the Entered Apprentice. In either sense the Gavel is of ancient origin and honorable history.

As a symbol of Authority,

The Gavel has always ruled in a Masonic Lodge. Handing the Gavel to another, transform for the time, the authority of the Lodge.

The other Gavel mentioned is for the Craft to use for their labors. In one sense it is as important as the other Gavel.For no Master may open a lodge unless the Craft are present.Then the Masters term in office requires the Craft being interested in their labors.Once the duly elected Officers installed,

The Gavel is passed to the new Officers. Knowing full well that they will work together for the benefit of

Of the Craft.