

Chaplains Monthly Message - November

Brethren as it comes to the end of another month of restrictions with more stringent and difficult restraints introduced a couple of weeks ago, we hope you are all well and keeping SAFE. Most of us, including ourselves thought that things were easing, and everything would improve, but alas this is not the case. There is a massive gap in all our social lives at the moment, missing our meetings, visiting other Lodges and generally missing the company of other Brethren. Maybe our wives aren't too happy either, disturbing their routine and not having control of the television remote!!!!

Joking aside it has affected us all in one way or another, not something we would suspect we would want to get used to. At least with the technology we have at hand we are kept updated of what the Sister Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge are trying to do in order to keep the day to day business of our orders turning over. The Sister Lodges Test Fees still have to be paid as is Grand Lodge dues, and Provincial Grand Lodge dues.

We are sure that you are all aware that every week a Brother/friend has been taken to the Grand Lodge Above and we remember them love and fondness. We also remember their families who are left behind. We would normally remember these Brethren at our Statutory Communications, but as all meetings have been cancelled it may be appropriate to honour them in our message this month. We are sure that as soon as we resume our meetings, we will all get the chance to honour and remember them all in our own way. With this in mind we have below a Memorial Prayer for those who have passed away since the start of the pandemic.

O Thou Most High, Eternal God, Father of us all, we offer you the praise and thanks today for many things, but especially today as we remember those from our respective Lodges who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above, and as we offer thanks for their lives we remember with Gratitude the Lodges which were dear to them, the places where they gave their skills, dedication, responsibility and particular gifts. We give thanks to You, O Thou Most High.

We offer thanks for the width of human experience that they have shared with us. They knew more than we did, their lives have touched ours with the

friendship they shared so much with us and without them our lives would have been impoverished, less colourful, less fulfilled.

Their wisdom, freshness of thought and vitality of spirit, their profound values that under girded the Lodges they loved and served, have given us a measure of direction that we would not otherwise have known and so today we remember them with pride.

So Mote It Be,

"STAY SAFE BRETHREN"