

## Chaplains Message - February '21

Brethren, as we approach the end of February, almost 1 year since the start of the pandemic, we hope and pray that you are all safe and keeping well. It's been a year of difficulties and tribulations for us all.

Hopefully you are all in good health and with the love and assistance from your families and friends you are weathering the storm that Covid-19 has rained down on the world.

From what we are hearing most of the Brethren have been able to keep in touch with each other through our own Lodges and with Zoom Calls.

Zoom meetings are very popular but caution has to be maintained as to how they are conducted. If anyone is unsure how to conduct these meetings, please contact PG Secretary regarding the protocol covering this form of media.

If a Brother needs help or assistance with any matter whatsoever please do so through your own Lodge or PGL who will be only too happy to advise.

There is light at the end of the tunnel Brethren, as the vaccine is being rolled out and most of us over the age of 70 have had our first jab and looking forward to the second one in the coming weeks. Once that has been administered it might help us get back to some kind of normality before the end of this year, bearing in mind that we will all still be working under some precautions in order to keep ourselves and the rest of our Brethren safe.

Once back into our Lodges there will be a fair bit of work to be done and a lot to catch up on, and this could take some time Brethren.

Everything will have to be done in accordance with the 'Laws and Constitution' of Grand Lodge of Scotland.

**Lets' take a moment to think of 'Other's' during their time of need,**

Lord, you were tested throughout your ministry on earth; help us in our own lives as we are tested to be dependent upon you. Thou Most High, you have called us to follow you, please now help us to point the way to others, so that they may follow you also.

GAOTU teach us day by day as your followers to place our faith in you and not ourselves. Help us by the guidance of your Holy Spirit to seek your path of life, to study your word earnestly, eagerly, and expectantly.

Give us the strength and means of helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We pray for our teachers and pupils who returned to the classrooms last week.

We pray for both the UK and Scottish Governments who have difficult decisions to make whilst still trying to keep this pandemic in check, the scientists who have worked tirelessly to find a vaccine that is charting a course out of this pandemic.

We pray also that soon we can meet up with our families who we have not seen in the past year. To those who have been affected mentally by all that has gone on, we pray that those who need the help can get that sooner than later.

All this we pray in your name of The Most High.

**So Mote It Be**

**'STAY SAFE BRETHREN'**