

Chaplains New Year Message January '21

Brethren, as we set foot on the path of another year, we thought it may be apt to reflect on this preamble to the poem "God Knows" written by Minnie Louise Haskins in 1908 and still has relevance today.

Another point of interest is that this preamble was used by an eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in his Christmas address in 1939 as they were entering a dark tunnel which unknown to them would stretch for six years. It was suggested to him by his eldest daughter.

God Knows.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Fortunately for us Brethren that light appears to be coming a lot sooner than it did for those in 1939. So, Brethren, reach out, take that Hand and be guided on that path in the sure and safe knowledge that the Great Architect of the Universe will always be there for us.

Until the next time,

Stay safe and here's wishing you all a better New Year than the one that's just passed.