



## FROM THE EAST

By: James H. Williams, PM WM

On July 4, 1776, our forefathers brought upon this Continent a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the equality of all men. The fact that these principles mirror those of Masonry should not be lost upon us. Several leaders at that time were Masons, including John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress of 1776. The Declaration brought about a change in leadership on this Continent. It is, therefore, fitting that we find our leadership changing at this same time of year.

Our ideals include the brotherhood of man, no matter that man's station in life. We are not concerned with the external, but with the internal—the mind, the character of the man. However, our lawfulness has increasingly turned to lawlessness, selflessness to selfishness and generosity to greed. Is this what our forefathers risked their lives to create? We are living in a period where police officers cannot effectively do their job for fear of lawsuit or fear of death threats putting their families in danger.

Our nation is desperately in need of the moral and equitable teachings of Masonry. A few years ago, during a Masonic Education presented by Brother Frank Hughes, during his speech we heard what masons have done. During that time, it was mentioned that Masons moved to America and created a country, moved westward, and made States, filtered through the states, and made cities in which they influenced the creation of communities. Our job did not and should not stop there. Just like houses fall apart without proper maintenance, communities fall apart without proper influence. For that reason, we need a new purification of the spirit of citizenship, a new public mindedness or devotion to the Union that will help influence our community to the better. It is a new time in your Lodge and an ever-changing time in Our Nation. Help us make changes in the direction of harmony and brotherhood among all men and all Masons. I look forward to your thoughts and most welcomingly your visit.



## SECRETARY'S CORNOR

By Andrew Young

Greetings Brothers,

First, I pray that this newsletter finds you and your family healthy. We all know this has been a rough time for many people. It seems everyone knows someone who has become ill, or worse, from Coronavirus. Please be mindful of your own health as well as others by taking necessary precautions when in lodge, and elsewhere.

Second, please know that I am behind on processing dues payments. I expect to be caught up and have the dues posted to your lodge accounts and to have your checks deposited very soon. Thank you for remitting your dues.

Next, for those lodge brothers who have not sent in your due's payment yet, be on the lookout for a letter from me informing you of the past due status and that you are at risk of losing membership in your lodge if dues are not satisfied.

With the lodge not hosting fund raisers, the member dues are much more vital to keeping our lodge open and functioning. We count on dues to cover the costs of cleaning supplies, lights, help fund the Christmas baskets for needy people in our community. Also, we would love to have your donations to our other functions such as our scholarship fund, our relief fund, and our capital funds.

Brothers, thank you for being a part of Keystone Lodge.

Fraternally,

Andrew Young, Secretary



## CHAPLINS'S CORNOR

By Chris Steel, PM

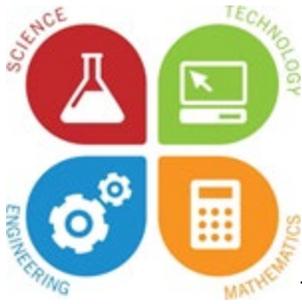
World-wide pandemic, masks, constant restrictions, shutdowns, jobs lost, businesses closing, vicious, self-absorbed social media, violence, divisive politics on all sides, worry, anxiety - What is the answer, what is the solution?

Is not at least part of the answer right before us, surrounding us as we enter the Lodge room? Here we are all equally on the level and the square. Here we find brotherly love, relief, and truth. Here we find kindness, conciliation, trust, forgiveness, and compassion. Here we value faith, education, hard work, leadership, family, patriotism, and discipline. We take much for granted in this life but let us not take the uniquely life-long experience we call Freemasonry for granted. Let us share what we know with other good men who are seeking what we know we can provide. Open their eyes to Masonic light. Let us also daily remember that supremely valuable passage of Holy Scripture - "I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So, do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid". JOHN 14:27.



Brother Thomas B. Fosnight      Brother Gordon L. Brinegar

Brother Charles Soden    Brother Paul K. Wood    Brother Fredrick W. Farrell    Brother Robert L. Bray



The Indiana Freemasons are dedicated to supporting post-secondary education for their members and families. Our scholarship fund was created to help those who have a need-based request first and foremost. The Scholarship Information and Application is available on the Grand Lodge website <https://indianafreemasons.com> under the Charity, 3rd tab from the right back to left. Please read carefully.

The Application process will end on March 31, 2021. Keystone Lodge officers a yearly \$500.00 scholarship that is open to ALL members of the Keystone Lodge Family and Appendant Bodies of Keystone Lodge. Simply contact Andrew Young, Lodge Secretary for additional information. You can contact Brother Andrew at [keystonemasoniclodge251@gmail.com](mailto:keystonemasoniclodge251@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2021.

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| February 1, 2021 | August 2, 2021                    |
| March 1, 2021    | September 13, 2021                |
| April 5, 2021    | October 4, 2021                   |
| May 3, 2021      | November 1, 2021                  |
| June 7, 2021     | December 6, 2021                  |
| July 5, 2021     | December—Officer Installation TBA |



**ALL Brothers are welcome and encouraged to join us each month for our Stated Meetings. Dinner and Fellowship will commence at 6:30 PM, followed by our meeting at 7:30 PM.**

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## 2021 Keystone Officers

Worshipful Master—James H. Williams, PM

Senior Warden—Danny Terril, PM

Junior Warden—David Chamberlin, PM

Secretary—Andrew Young

Treasure—Richard Autry, PM

Senior Deacon—Douglas Whitcomb, PM

Junior Deacon—Nicholas Phillips

Chaplin—Christopher Steel, PM

Senior Steward—William Short, PM

Junior Steward—Wayne Harmon, PM

Tyler—Jeffrey Craig, PM

