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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



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Upcoming Meridian Temple and Activity Schedule
(for updates, see <http://www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar>)

All Masonic Group Activities Dark Until Further Notice

By order of Gov Brad Little, and by edict of MWGM Steven L. Hall, all stated and called communications are suspended until the Covid19 pandemic is contained, and these orders rescinded.

MWGM Hall encourages Brethren to stay connected by telephone or internet as much as possible.

The Grandview Masonic Membership System has been updated to allow all registered members to access their lodge's roster of members, view posts and events and to access useful resources. If you have not yet registered on your portal, you can do so by:

1. Enter the URL: id.grandview.systems
2. Click on Member Portal
3. Click on Member Registration
4. Enter your Lodge Number: (47)
5. Enter your Member ID: (on your dues card)
6. Enter your Last Name: (case sensitive)
7. Click on Check Membership Status
8. Enter your email address
9. Enter a password that you can remember
10. Confirm by entering password again
11. Click on Submit

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In Memoriam

Wor **Joe R. Ross** was initiated, passed and raised in Eagle Rock Lodge #19, Idaho Falls, ID, in 1965. He was a Mason for 54 years of his nearly 80 year life. He was a Past Master of Eagle Rock Lodge and was active, when he could be, in Shrine and Eastern Star. He affiliated with Meridian Lodge in 2005.

His remains were cremated and will be spread at sea.

Raffle Ticket Sales Continue

Proceeds benefit the Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship

\$5 per chance or 3/\$10

\$600 cash prize

Contact the Secretary

MW Grand Master Steven L. Hall

Grand Masters Update #3

04-07-2020

Grand Masters update #3 letter

April 7, 2020

UPDATE #3

Brethren,

As we navigate our way through these unprecedented times let us turn to the lessons we are taught in Freemasonry.

I would like to draw attention to those Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

Temperance teaches us to have restraint upon the affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable. In these times of uncertainty of the COVID-19 Pandemic we must exercise that restraint and remember to practice those charges we received as a Mason, Citizen and Individual.

As a Mason, to remember the duty we owe to God, our country, our neighbor and ourselves.

As a Citizen, to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties, by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society.

As an Individual, to practice the domestic and public virtues. Be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic tenets, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Fortitude is that noble and steady purpose of mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger when prudentially deemed expedient. We need to stay true to the rules by which we are governed knowing that we will come out the stronger men when this pandemic is resolved.

Prudence teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeable to the dictates of reason and is that habit by which we wisely judge and prudentially determine on all things relative to our present, as well as our future happiness. We must make wise decisions as to the safety of our family, friends.

Justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with divine and human laws; but is the very cement and support of civil society. We should not deviate from the recommended rules given to us during the pandemic because we must give everyone the right to remain safe.

We have been given the tools we need to manage during this time of upheaval and although it is hard to see during these trying times, many good things are happening to our society. I see the outpouring of concern along with good works for our fellow man. I want to thank the Masonic Family for all that you do for Freemasonry.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Fraternally,

M.W. Steven L. Hall
Grand Master
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