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## A Word from the East



Brethren,

In preparation for our table lodge of instruction on September 18th I spoke briefly on the history of “cannons firing” and how it has become somewhat of a metaphor for our toasts. In short, public toasts were in olden times followed by musket and cannon fire. Where it crossed over into the Lodge is unknown, and whether it was the English or French who first took it up is equally unknown. What is known is that it is a common practice at our table lodges, and tends to vary in presentation and custom. There is no right or wrong way to toast... vive la difference!

So that being said, I hope you can come out and join us on the 18th. Remember the table lodge is open in the Entered Apprentice degree, so all initiated brethren are more than welcome to attend. There will of course be a meal, a presentation by Brother Edwin Steffes, and the Ceremony of Seven Toasts. Expect more toasts as the brethren are getting quite comfortable standing up and giving toasts to all the wonderful things in life. Wine and non-alcoholic grape juice will be provided. RSVP is not necessary, but if you would contact JW Steven Belongie if you know for sure you are coming it would be appreciated.

❖ *Brother Carl Peterson, Worshipful Master*

## A Word from the West



### Values that can preserve Freemasonry

Part 3 of a series

What should I be doing? I find, in my senior moments, that much of what really excites me is what I am just now learning to do very well. Yes, we can learn just as long as we are able to take nourishment. I am totally bored with televised or even live baseball at a park. I believe a part of this is because of the defensive skills I had developed in my youth. Baseball was not a spectator sport to me and I can't bridge that gap now.

You may wonder why I suggest that baseball cannot be a spectator sport for me. I use this example to lead into a motto used by a recent Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin. He proclaimed “Masonry is a way of life.” I believe that is an accurate assessment of what this Brotherhood is about. Your life is pretty dull and drab unless you participate in it. You cannot feel fulfilled until you actually do something with your life. Life for all, like baseball for

me, is not a spectator sport.

We must conclude that if Masonry is indeed a way of life that if cannot be lived as a spectator sport either. We can't all do all things in Masonry. We can't all do the same things with equal skill, grace and fervor, but we will quickly despair of Masonry if we allow ourselves to be content to be spectators. Activity is one of the vital values that can preserve Freemasonry. Your activity is particularly important to you.

❖ *Brother Harold Peterson, KYCH, Senior Warden*

## Up Coming Masonic Year

The lodge is in need of non-elected officers. If you are interested in a position please let one of the elected officers know about your interest so you can be considered.

## Trestleboard of Upcoming Events

**Meacham Chapter No. 98 RAM, Plymouth, Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> 7:30 P.M.**

**Stated Meeting, Table Lodge, Tuesday October 18th, 5:30 P.M.**

**Stated Meeting, Annual Communication, Tuesday November 1st, 5:30 P.M.**

