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May is named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also from the Latin word maiores, “elders,” who were celebrated during this month. Maia was considered a nurturer and an earth goddess, which may explain the connection with this spring-month. May Day is celebrated on May 1 to mark the return of spring.

Brethren: March went out like a lion, and we hope that April showers/snow will bring us flowers in May. This has been quite the roller coaster ride this past year. I thought I could start relaxing the guidelines for meetings and ritual work but the third wave with variants has hit us. We can see the finish line but we cannot be tempted to try and take a shortcut. I sure hope that everyone will be able to be vaccinated by June and maybe we can return to activities as normal this fall. Be patient and please remember that Freemasonry begins in your heart. Fellowship and Brotherly Love are first lessons of the Craft. We do not need to be in a tiled lodge to practice fellowship or express brotherly love.

Thank you to RW Bro. Cossette and his hard working team for putting on a very successful Symposium. It ran very smoothly and was professionally done. There were about 95 participants, some of whom were from other jurisdictions and parts of the world.

Hats off to RW Bro. Frank Atchison for coming up with the “Where is Frank Fundraiser” to raise money for the Shriner’s Hospital and the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital. He is walking 5 km a day and plans to reach Regina on June 15 to celebrate his 95th birthday. Those wanting to donate can go to the Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital website or the Wa Wa Shrine website.

Finally, I would like to say “Ramadan Mubarak” to our Muslim brothers.

Hope: Is the second round or stave on Jacob’s Ladder that ascends to the Grand Lodge above and is one of the three theological virtues. Hope is a combination of the desire for something with an expectation of receiving it. Hope is different than Faith. Faith is a belief based on proof, or reality and reason, whereas Hope is an optimistic attitude of expectation. The theological virtue is hoping for the immortality of the soul and eternal happiness. Hope combined with Faith will give us a belief that anything is possible. Hope is envisioning a better future and inspires us to take the necessary steps to make it happen, leading to Happiness.

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.

Robert H. Goddard

Be hopeful. Be optimistic. Never lose that sense of hope.

John Lewis



Stay safe, and Happy!

MCW Bro. Dan Olmsted, Grand Master, 2020-2021