



Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

To be the Fraternal Organization of choice for men in the Province of Saskatchewan

Grand Master's Monthly Musings

"Dispensing Light through Happiness"



October was the eighth month when the year was but ten months, before the reforming of the calendar by Julius Caesar. Its name was taken from the Latin word that means "eight." After January and February were added its name was not changed.

Brethren: This past month has been a busy one for most Lodges - trying to get as much done before another possible COVID shut down. It is surprising how the memory comes back after doing little to no degree work for 18 months. I have been honoured and happy to be a part of two degree teams, raising a couple of brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

The first degree team I participated in was for Bro. Sean Montague, son of MW Bro. Rob Montague, Asquith-Harmony Lodge No. 75 . It is a proud moment when a father can raise his own son to the third degree. I had the privilege of raising my son to the third degree a few years ago. The other third degree was for Bro. Cesar Cuardado of Swift Current No. 26. Bros. Cuardado and Montague had been waiting for over 18 months. Both degree nights went well although a bit of rust was evident. All in all, they were both really good nights for the candidates and the brethren present.

Don't be too anxious to get the backlog of candidates through their respective degrees. Make sure you give them the time and support between degrees to absorb the lessons in the ritual . Please do not forget them on the sidelines after the degrees are done. Establish mentorship programs for these new brothers to keep them engaged and keep them from exiting the west gate.

Brethren, please remain vigilant with COVID precautions. It appears we might have a long winter ahead of us. Cherish the moments you can spend with your families, friends and brothers of the Craft for we do not know what tomorrow brings.

Prudence: is one of the four cardinal virtues and is defined as *"the ability to govern oneself by use of reason or the exercise of good judgment or common sense in practical manners."* Aristotle lists prudence as one of the intellectual virtues that assist us to arrive at the truth. When you are prudent , you are stopping to think, reviewing the facts and contemplating the consequences of your actions before you act our say something you might regret.

Prudence is a cautious, practical wisdom and an invaluable virtue to possess. It is more important than ever to be prudent in this age of information and misinformation overload. As Freemasons, we try to live a centered life and exercise a 360 degree view around us. We are encouraged to always seek the truth. Prudence moves us closer to the centre, which leads to contentment and happiness.



"Life is always uncertain, and common prudence dictates to every man the necessity of settling his temporal concerns, while it is in his power, and while the mind is calm and undisturbed." George Washington

"Prudence is the footstep of Wisdom." Amos Bronson Alcott

Stay Safe and Happy

MW Bro. Dan Olmsted, Grand Master, 2021-2022