



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"



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

Brethren: The dog days of summer are almost over and fall will soon be upon us. The drought we are experiencing has led to an early harvest, and the yields are nothing to write home about. And as autumn comes upon us, our labour resumes in lodges. We are anxious to meet in our lodges with no restrictions. Candidates have been waiting patiently to either be Initiated or to get their next degree. Lodges will be busy with degree work for the next few months. The Grand Line is willing to help out where needed and will start lodge visitations again. Although COVID restrictions have been lifted, we must remain cautious as the 4th wave travels through our province. I would strongly recommend to continue using masks indoors as most of the lodges in our province are not well ventilated and we know that the highest transmission of virus is through the air. I will continue to follow the Saskatchewan Health Authority guidelines and will adjust guidelines for our lodge meetings accordingly. The COVID vaccines have been proven very successful in minimizing hospitalization, death and new variants. Please get the jab if you are able, for yourself, your Lodge brothers, and your loved ones.

Symbolism and Allegory:

Symbolism: *is the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities.*

Allegory: *A symbolic fictional narrative that conveys a meaning in a narrative.*

One of the earliest teaching tools of man was the use of symbols. Freemasonry has always used, and still uses, a combination of symbolism and allegory as instructional tools. The symbols are not hidden from view and the truth or meaning of symbols in Freemasonry is there for all to see; but only the earnest seeker can see beyond the veil of allegory and observe the beautiful, simple truth of virtue and morality, which is concealed to the multitude but is revealed to the earnest at heart. One might conclude that Freemasonry is a science of symbolism in which Masons intently search for the meanings of symbols and their application to everyday life. Symbols will always remind the dedicated Mason of their meaning, which will lead to a happier, healthy life.

"Freemasonry is 'veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols' because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also the heart."

Carl H. Claudy



Stay safe and Happy!

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