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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 do 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,

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