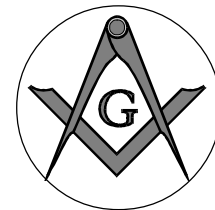


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Brothers,

What a joy this spring (or summer) has been! I am sure we will pay for it sooner or later. We all know Michigan weather, so... don't empty the gas out of the snow blower yet!

We had a great Master Mason Degree on Tuesday, March 26th. We had a great turnout and we were strongly supported by our Brothers from other Lodges. I appreciate the excellent work all of the Officers did and the great efforts put forth by our visiting Brothers to make this a very special evening for our newest Master Mason.

In thinking about what to write about for this month's TrestleBoard, I began thinking about the "Working Tools" presentation in our EA Degree. In talking with many of the Brothers recently, it is apparent that those of us that are still in the workforce are, and have been, burning the candle at both ends. As many of you know, many companies have "downsized", "right sized", "outsourced", etc. These actions have resulted in some Brothers losing their jobs, others working longer hours, doing the jobs of 3 people, working weekends, bringing work home at night, night school, etc. I know it is not by choice, but it is because it better enables us to support ourselves, family, and contribute to the relief of a distressed Master Mason, their widows, and orphans.

We are taught to divide to time into 3 equal parts, one for the service of God and a distressed Master Mason, one for our regular vocation, and one for refreshment and sleep. As a result of all the changes in the

workplace, I believe that the 3 parts are beginning to blur into 2. The need to hold on to our jobs and resulting pressure we routinely operate under, coupled with the desire to succeed and provide for our families, causes our vocation to creep into our refreshment and sleep.

The workplace is a tough place to be right now, and none of us want to be the ones without a chair when the music stops so we do what we have to do to hang on to what we have. I remember in a Leadership conference put on by Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Grand Master stated that the average Brother has about 5 disposable hours per month! Wow, that is a pretty incredible number considering that in an average month there are 720 hours.

Remember, that there are still 24 hours in a day, and it can still be divided into 3 equal parts, or maybe one-third and two-thirds, or however you must divide it up. Just remember that for our health, the well being of our families, and our need to interact with family, friends, neighbors, and Brothers; we each need to re-visit our priorities. We need to leave work for a while and concentrate on what is really important. Plan a vacation (try and leave the blackberry at home), have the family over for Sunday dinner, take your kids or grand kids to the zoo or circus, go for a walk every day, ride your bike (pedal or motorcycle), visit a Brother who is homebound or in distress, volunteer at a shelter or food kitchen, etc.

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“Try” to not let your vocation creep into your time set aside for refreshment/sleep, and our service to God and a distressed Brother. Your job may be here tomorrow or it might not be, but your family, friends, and Brothers will be. Take care of yourself and your families. Time passes so quickly not to take advantage of every available minute.

I wish you and your family the very best.

From the East,

Jeff Rolph, Worshipful Master

Best Wishes to you all from New Zealand

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It's Fall in New Zealand!

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Calendar of Events - April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Corinthian Lodge #241 Regular 6:30 P.M.	Regular Meeting Stony Creek Lodge #5, 7:30 P.M. Orion #46 Regular 7:00 P.M.		Roosevelt #510 Regular 7:00 P.M. Cedar #60 Regular 8:00 P.M.	Pontiac #21 Regular 7:30 P.M.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Rochester Masonic Temple Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.		SEMMA 7:30 P.M. @ Utica-Macomb Lodge.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
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