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Embrace the Past Forever
Empower the Present Feverishly
Encourage the Potential Future

Greetings & Salutations,

As masons we are asked a series of questions which we learn to answer in the course of time. A prerequisite necessary that for years prior, our forefathers of the craft, as well performed. Today we continue this time honored tradition, more or less, with respect of what came before us which simultaneously dictates "whence we came ". Thus, we Embrace the Past Forever-- its chronicles write the remaining chapters to come.

In writing these chapters, we take the teachings and practices of the past, taught through our ritual of today, and begin to practice what we preach- to enable us to TEACH what we PREACH. Holding on to what we are taught means nothing if it's not shared and taught to others. We live in the present to make sure we have steady ground to stand on and make noticeable differences. Thus, we Empower the Present Feverishly.

It is our hopes, as leaders in our Council's (Past & Present) to encourage our new companions to take the mantles of leadership and become the NEW leaders! Encourage their new ideas & ideals and always use Selective Wise Counsel when advice is sought! This process will determine the Potential Future of our Council because it is up to you, my companions, to decide to what depth will EACH of you Embrace The Past; to what depth will EACH of you Empower The Present; and how will EACH of you Encourage those around you to face what the Potential Future holds.

Sincerely Yours In The Cryptic Rite,

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