

Brethren,

Our theme for the year is **Building Through Participation**. I believe we can achieve this goal by having the lodges work together in sharing resources and information. It's a simple plan which will require minimal effort from the lodges and its members.

1. **Get involved in the MAED.** The MAED association meets 5 times a year but attendance at these meetings are usually very low. The goal this year is to have all 12 lodges represented at one of those meetings. Little known fact, the SW of each lodge is the representative to the MAED.
2. I would like to develop a **District Degree Work List**. This allows a Lodge experiencing a difficult time in finding a member the resources to quickly get the assistance it requires to ensure they can provide the best possible Degree for the candidate.
3. **Re-establish the EA Visiting Team.** This year for each EA degree within the district I would like to see as many Masons as possible from the different lodges attend and bring with them a copy of their summons. At the end of the night all the visitors may introduce themselves which would provide the opportunity to present their summons personally. I also plan to present each new Mason will a membership card to the MAED. Wouldn't it be a great achievement if we were able to have all 12 lodges presence at an EA degree once this year.
4. **Masonic Education.** V.W. Bro. Mike Purvis is the District Chairman of the Masonic Education program. Please fell free to use him. He would willingly make himself available to come to your lodge to lead a discussion or provide a presentation on any topic you wish.
5. **Maintain the website.** The website is our only source of information for visiting Brethren or people interested in Masonry. This means contact information needs to be continuously updated along with the Master's message.

I believe these 5 simple goals can be achieved if we work together as a team. I feel this will benefit the District immensely by allowing us to re-establish old friendships while creating new ones. Making our District stronger by **Building Through Participation**.

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