

February 2021 Newsletter

*Brothers and sisters in Lodge 2223,*

*First of all, I hope everyone is well and somehow enduring the endless self quarantines we find ourselves in due to COVID. Some of us have received anti-COVID injections already and soon we ALL will have the opportunity to received them and finally defeat the corona virus.. It's just the first step in defeating the pandemic but is a promising beginning!*

*Our lodge has truly been impacted as all our plans for last year's 50th lodge anniversary were scrapped as well as the social and culture programs we were planning to re-introduce.*

*This year we're still in a state of limbo until the 'all clear' is announced and we can get on with our lodge business. However, we don't know when that will be as yet.*

*To that end and because the Grand Lodge is still assessing quarterly per capita payments, I have decided, as interim president, to suspend our lodge until after our summer break in September. Per capita assessments are an unnecessary burden for us at this time since we have no dues, no Italian classes income and no social activities to raise operating income.*

*Hopefully, by September, and if the Senior Center will allow us the space, I would like our council to meet and determine what we need to do to get our lodge active again and decide if we indeed have a future at all. ALL our members can help us chart a course by responding to this note with suggestions for possible events, activities, programs, etc. I will compile a list of ideas for us to consider at the council meeting. I am optimistic that we can restore our lodge to what it was a short while ago when we were the shining star of the Grand Lodge. But to do so we NEED you input and suggestions. PLEASE respond with your thoughts.*

*I look forward to hearing from you.*

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