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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

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November was the ninth month when the year was but ten months, before the reforming of the calendar by Julius Caesar. Its name was taken from the Latin word that means “nine.” After January and February were added its name was not changed.

Brethren:

November 11th is a day set aside to remember those brave men and women across this country who paid the ultimate price to provide us a free and democratic country. This is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Undoubtedly the pandemic will hamper live ceremonies honoring our Veterans. If you cannot attend a ceremony in your community, please pause for a moment of silence on November 11th to remember the sacrifice of others. We should also take time to remember and pray for all those who continue to go into harm’s way to keep us healthy and safe: health workers, police, firefighters, to name a few.

It appears the second wave of the pandemic has hit Canada. The Saskatchewan Health Authority has reduced the allowable private or family gatherings to **15**. Please remember to keep yourself and your loved ones safe by practicing the guidelines set out by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Their website address is <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/>.

Civility and Tolerance

The original meaning of Civility is the willingness of a citizen to give himself up for the greater good of the community, but the modern definition equates civility with formal decorum and politeness. Tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with.

We as Freemasons are charged to be good citizens and give ourselves up for the greater good of society. We are also charged to be tolerant with the debilities of others. We believe in freedom of religion and the right to judge the truth of any belief, but no man has any higher right to judge than the other.

Tolerance and Civility go hand and hand. It is important that issues or beliefs can be debated rationally with civility in open dialogue. I can think of several incidences where issues were debated in Lodge passionately with opposing views. When the majority spoke, all brothers accepted the decision and harmony prevailed. It is more important than ever that all Masons lead by example in this ever increasing polarized world.

A civil and tolerant society is a happy society.

“We never have a true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others.” Bro. Will Rogers

“Only tolerance will provide social cohesion between different groups, and save us from harming each other.” Dr. Norman Doidge



Stay Safe and Happy

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