



Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

## The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

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# Grand Master's Monthly Musings



***“If you build it, he will come”***

MW Bro. Dean Elliott, Grand Master, 2022-23

As we enter February, thoughts may turn to our annual celebration of Valentine's Day as the day of love in many cultures. Although modern practices of exchanging cards, flowers and chocolates are not closely connected to the original traditions associated with the Feast of Saint Valentine, the day does remind us of the importance of those who we care about in our lives, including ourselves.

February is also unfortunately associated with the February blues, often due to the feeling that winter will never end and feeling cooped up indoors. Do whatever you need to do to tackle those blues and re-energize yourself for the coming months. We need to remember that by looking after ourselves, we are better positioned to look after and serve others. Perhaps February can serve as the month to actualize one example of my theme **“If you build it, he will come.”**

- If you engage Masons' ladies and families in education about the Craft, they will understand what is special about Freemasonry and how it can help them in all aspects of his life.

It is not too early to start thinking about this year's Masonic Youth Leadership Camp (MYLC). It will take place July 30 – August 4 at Wakaw Lake and is open to any student who will be entering Grades 9 – 12 this fall. Lodges are encouraged to sponsor students for this exciting week of learning and friendship hosted by Saskatchewan Masons.

The Youth Programs Committee is hosting an informal presentation about DeMolay for young men between the ages of 13 – 21 and their parents. This will take place at the Red Room in the Regina Masonic Temple on Saturday, March 4 beginning with a pizza lunch at noon.

Lastly, I would like to let everyone know about some major changes coming to the Annual Communication this year. Traditionally the meeting began on Friday morning around 8:30 with the public procession, followed by the business meeting. That will change so that the meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday at the Masonic Temple in Saskatoon. The banquet will be held on Friday evening at the host hotel – the Sandman Signature South on Lorne Ave. Grand Lodge will be tyled on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for business and elections. The public installation will take place from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., followed by the incoming Grand Master's BBQ. Note that there will still be golf on Thursday followed by a Meet and Greet in the evening. We hope these changes will make it easier for Masons to attend more of the weekend festivities.

Also, this is a reminder that the Constitution no longer allows for nominations for any of the elected positions at the Annual Communication.

Further information about the MYLC, DeMolay meeting and the Annual Communication is available on the Grand Lodge website or will be posted soon.

