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GDS GRAND EXECUTIVE REPORT
DISTRICT 1

Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Members of Grand Chapter.

To date I have virtually visited most of the Chapters in District #1. In general, all Chapters in conjunction with their members have adjusted to meeting by way of virtual meetings. This shift has enabled them all to keep in contact with their members and perform the work required to allow the Chapters to progress during this time of the pandemic. The Chapters have been able to perform their standard business of paying ongoing expenses, vote on potential candidates, education, elect officers and some have elected to install their 2022 Officers by taking advantage of the Grand Chapter's modified virtual installation ceremony. The Companions also take advantage of some time prior to the meeting and/or following the meeting for social interaction. Unfortunately, until we get back to in-person meetings we will not be able to confer any degrees on candidates or members in the process of completing their degrees to become a Royal Arch Mason.

In saying this the members on a whole still prefer to hold their meetings in person and are increasingly looking forward to the day when they can comfortably and safely sit in Chapter together. This time will no doubt vary from Chapter to Chapter pending the circumstances in each area and the personal situation of each Companion and his family.

**North Star #2-**
North Star #2 runs a good meeting and as many Chapters have done relaxed the dress code for the virtual meetings. The Officers and Companions are looking into the future to determine ways to prepare the Chapter for future in-person meetings and prepare a plan to execute the activities they have not been able complete in a virtual platform such as degree work and special social events while keeping everyone safe.

**Capital City #13-**
Capital City #13 is a strong Chapter and needs to develop a plan to return to normal and complete the key activities and events which have had to lapse due to the restrictions in place over the last two years. They too, have taken the necessary steps to keep their Chapter healthy and have kept open communication with their members and took advantage of the Grand Chapter Virtual Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony.

**Norwood #18-**
Norwood #18 does conduct a good Zoom meeting. They are actively working to answer any issues that have developed during this period. They have had an ongoing and very engaging educational discussion on Royal arch Masonry and how it fills its role as the Center of Masonry. Chapter is looking forward to when they will install their officers and like other Chapters when they can resume degrees. This Chapter is an improving chapter and should do well.

**Edson #30-**
Edson Chapter #30 has also taken the necessary steps to keep up with their ongoing financial commitments. The stress of the Covid restrictions seems to have impacted a couple of their members more than others which I understand is not an isolated concern. The Companions have joined together to develop a plan improve the fraternity of the Chapter and to elect and install their 2022 Officers with the assistance of Grand Chapter and the virtual Chapter Installation Ceremony. The incoming Chapter Officers are, in conjunction with the Companions, developing a plan proceed with degrees, social events, such other important activities identified for the short and long term future.

**Wapiti #34-**
Wapiti #34 is doing well and have struggles with technology to hold Virtual meetings. They have maintained good communication with their Companions. Wapiti also took advantage of the Grand Chapter virtual Installation of Officers Ceremony for their 2022 Officer Term. The Chapter Officers are positive for the future of the Chapter and are developing plans for those activities which could not be dealt with during the Pandemic Restriction period..

**Stoney #41-**
Stoney #41 meet virtually both for business meeting purposes as well as having just social virtual meetings prior to their standard winter break. They started off their year with virtual meetings which contained good educational discussion on:

-Virtual meetings, are they helping out in the community;
-Genealogy; and
-The history of the 100th yr. Of the Poppy.

In their virtual meeting they continued their work on such items as:

-The Mentor-ship program;
-Updating on the Chapter plan for the future;
-Remembrance of those who have passed to the Grand Chapter Above.
-Any other Chapter work which could be attended to in the virtual format; and
-A virtual Remembrance Day ceremony of those who fought and paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

This Chapter is doing well and will continue to well on into the future.

The Annual District Meeting of District #1 was held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with all Chapters represented. The highlights of the day were the educational presentation on the 2022 Proposed Constitution and Regulations and the election of the 2022 GDS-elect Excellent Companion Bob Lemmens.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

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