

From The East

Warm Fraternal Greetings,

Dearest Brethren, **Please Pay Heed!** We will be voting on the proposed changes to the By-Laws enclosed at our May communication. There will be four votes held, as described in the attachment. Each of the four will be presented individually followed by a very brief discussion and a vote by paper ballot. In accordance with our By-Laws each vote must receive a yes vote by at least two-thirds of the members present to pass.

We will also be discussing many other matters important to our Lodge and District, as well as beginning to make plans for next year. High on the list of things I would like to see us well prepared for are starting a new approach to getting our service committees active again and preparing for running a MyCHIP event to coincide with the Victorian Fair this coming fall. We will also be discussing Lodge finances and planned and possible fund raisers.

One initiative I am excited to announce is our own 'Commitment to Fidelity' support recognition plaque. While Fidelity can not survive primarily on the generosity of our members, the donations the Lodge receives from time to time certainly do help. To both acknowledge this and encourage others I am commissioning a plaque which will be hung in the room outside the Lodge. This plaque will be themed on Jacob's ladder, with three rungs: Faith, Hope and Charity representing commitments of \$250, \$500 and \$1000 respectively. Similar to the Grand Lodge program these will represent amounts pledged over a 5 year span, and any donations to Fidelity already made this past Masonic year would count towards your commitment. Any Brother making such a commitment would get a plate to be affixed to the plaque, on which would be engraved your name and/or any other text as will fit on the plate.

The annual Fidelity & Wyoming steak and lobster social will be on June 12 this year. Dinner will be \$15 for steak, \$18 for lobster, \$28 for both and \$5 for kids (hot dogs & burgers). Make reservations soon, and bring the whole family! The evening will begin with a social hour at 4PM and dinner will begin at 5PM.

Fraternally,

Sean P Quinlan