

FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren!

As many of you are aware Grand Lodge is currently running a \$3 million deficit in order to pay for lots of new programs like the Ben Franklin awareness campaign. Grand lodge has a proposal on the table to raise Grand Lodge Dues from \$29 to \$60 and increase the minimum initiation fee a Lodge demands from a candidate from \$50 to \$300. This proposal will be discussed at the March Grand Lodge quarterly and voted on at the June Quarterly. Currently Fidelity Lodge's By-Laws state that Fidelity Lodges dues will be twice the Grand Lodge dues. This would mean that Fidelity Lodge's dues would rise from \$58 currently to \$120 a year. In response to this Grand Lodge Proposal I have appointed a By-Law committee for Fidelity Lodge to be chaired by R.W. David Lucas with R.W. Paul Carroll and Brother Joe Caci as members. Fidelity Lodge sent a lot of brothers to the Celestial Lodge above last year so currently we need to do extra fundraising in order to balance our Lodge budget. This issue is of great importance to the future of Fidelity Lodge so I hope lots of brethren will come to Lodge in order to listen and have your opinions be heard.

On a lighter note, after a successful second degree our candidate Chris Paul Waites will be taking his third degree at our November Communication. The Third degree is a special time for a candidate who is about to become a Master Mason so I hope to see lots of brethren on the sidelines. In addition, Fidelity Lodge is looking for help with our fundraising efforts. W. Nick Soter will be leading the Placemat fundraiser again so please support him with that effort. On another note W. Sean Quinlan will be looking for volunteers for Home for the Holiday's and volunteers to help organize a joint Fidelity-Wyoming Table Lodge for some time in January or February. Fidelity Lodge had a successful Square & Compass Day so with a lot of prospective candidates we will need brothers will to serve on Investigation committees as well.

Master,

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