Dear Brethen

September, 1993

When summer started, we all looked forward to the extendeddays, relaxed pace and that long awaited, well-deserved vacation. Now as summer draws to a close, we each return from our holiday to familiar surroundings and individual daily routines. But are we really sorry it's all over?

My son and his new wife left for a leisurely drive across the country to see the land and to visit time-honored traditional vacation spots, like Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone. They left with nearly three weeks of free time, with no schedule and lots to do. Yet they returned to New Jersey only eight days later, having driven 2300 nonstop miles from Western Wyoming to Millville.

Puzzled as I was by their apparent eagerness to get home, I was even more surprised to hear that they had gotten homesick as early as the third day. As they relayed all they had done and seen, their enthusiastic description of the trips events was tempered by a repeated admission that they were glad to be back, that they had missed being home, that another such trip would be a very long way off.

It dawned on me that they had learned first-hand a valuable truth which we may all have stumbled across at one time or another: we yearn for what we do not presently have. Our vacation, for instance. We work all year for it, plan toward it, anticipate it. In our minds, our vacation will be the highlight of the year. Indeed, we reminiscence by pouring over vacation pictures and momentos while donning rose colored glasses of idealism.

But, if the truth be known, as much as we enjoy a trip to a new place or to a favorite family getaway, somewhere deep down we miss the comforts of our daily lives, our routines - HOME.

And by far the most valuable benefit of a successful vacation is the realization that, when you get back, you really had it pretty good at home after all. The bed is comfortable; the pillow, yours. You know where everything is, what stations are on the television, what's in the fridge. You have returned to the place where you are king of your domain. And while you were away, you have gained a renewed appreciation for what you had all along. For a while, at least, you can sit in your favorite chair and sigh with contentment, "ah, it's great to be back home."

I hope that we as Masons can recognize the joy of returning. I trust each of us has had a relaxing summer break. I am also confident that we have each missed that vital fraternal contact the lodge provides us during the year.

We have always heard that the grass is greener on the other side. May I suggest that we adopt an alternate view - one in which we appreciate that the best place to be is where we already are. I believe it is a choice to enjoy what you are doing, where you are, the "right here and now." We need not forever live for what we do not have, for a future date, for a vacation.

We can instead relish the familiarity and comforts of our everyday lives. And we can choose to retain those feelings of homecoming, using them to motivate us to actively participate during the year, to appreciate and enjoy what we are presently doing, and to live our lives, as men and as Masons, to the fullest.

Welcome back.

Fraternally, E. Lee Myers, Worshipful Master

September, 1993

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You are cordially invited to attend the following communications:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, 1993 - 7:30 p.m. Regular business meeting. Refreshments.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1993 There will be a meeting of the Past Masters at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 1993, 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for all officers.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 1993 Regular meeting - Awards Nite presentation of 35 & 45 year pins.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9, 1993 Sub Sale - pick up 11:00 to 1:00. If willing to help contact the Master.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23, 1993 Table Lodge

Lodge opens 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Donation: \$15.00

Attested: Milton, Moroz, Secy.

Remember to donate blood.

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