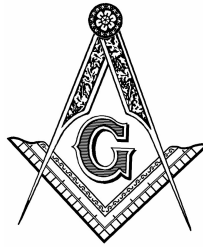


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D.D.G.M.'s Monthly Message

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Brethren, we are now into month two of 2009 and if you are like me you have probably forgotten or given up on your New Year's resolutions. In his Message from the East this month the Worshipful Master of Carp Lodge outlined some Masonic resolutions for his brethren that I would like to share with you.

- **Resolve to get back to Lodge in 2009.** With the recent surge in membership you may be interested in what is going on at Lodge.
- **Resolve to make the effort to improve your ritual work.** Accept requests for ritual work or volunteer to don charges with special menacing to you.
- **Resolve to further your Masonic education.** Read more and plan to attend Masonic workshops and seminars sponsored by District 2 and Grand Lodge.
- **Resolve to become a visitor.** Travel often to Lodges within and outside of District 2. Visitation is a spice of Masonic life that widens your circle of life long friends and expands your Masonic knowledge.
- **Resolve to consider becoming an officer of your Lodge.** This is a big commitment and a very rewarding experience. Becoming a Lodge officer will help to improve your public speaking, interpersonal, management and leadership skills. Discuss your thoughts with your Mentor or Worshipful Master.
- **Resolve to volunteer to help support Masonic events.** If an officer's commitment is too much right now, how about helping to maintain the Lodge building/room, manage or join a Lodge committee.
- **Resolve to make the effort to attend Masonic Memorial Services.** Masonry obviously meant a lot to the deceased Brother and his family because they asked for the Memorial Service and making the effort shows them that it means a lot to you too.

Brethren, let's try to implement those resolutions that apply to you and improve not only our respective Lodges, but our District and Grand Jurisdiction in particular as well as the Craft in general. Good luck.

Until next month, yours sincerely and fraternally,

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