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

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Brethren, my sister recently sent me a short parable called "Two Wolves" that provides an explanation of life that I believe can be equally applied to Freemasonry.

*"One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, ' My son, the battle is between two ' wolves ' inside us all. One is EVIL – It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is GOOD – It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: Which wolf wins? The old Cherokee simply replied, the one you feed."*

Throughout the three Craft degrees we are charged to live a virtuous life and set an example for others to emulate. The story of the Two Wolves lays out an excellent lesson of what attributes we as Masons should try to achieve in our daily lives and also the traits that we should do everything in our power to avoid.

Although it would be super if we could only feed the Good Wolf and achieve his attributes, life does not always allow us to do so and many times over our life span we will experience one or more of the traits of the Evil Wolf. The secret is to be able to recognize those evil characteristics, take a moment to evaluate why it has come to light and try to implement the corresponding good attribute to overcome the evil trait.

In these times of uncertainty living the virtuous life of Mason can help, for whatever sea of misfortunes may overwhelm us, if we have practiced the virtues inculcated by the attributes of the Good Wolf we shall still find consolation, and be able to bear patiently the storms of evil fortune.

My brethren, now is the time to think back to the description of a true Mason in the General Charge and try to emulate as much of that description as possible in our daily lives.

Until next month, yours sincerely and fraternally,

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