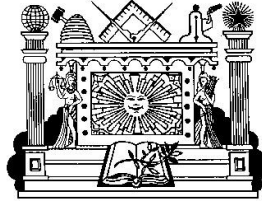


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James 1:12 “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

June 6, 2022,

Greetings brothers and sisters of the National Compact, I, The Honorable Tyrone J. Montgomery, Sr. 33rd National Grand Master for The Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin, National Compact U.S.A. rejoice as we prepare to gather for the 116th Grand Masters Council and National Department Heads Workshop in Charlotte North Carolina I am filled with joy and optimism. On July 2021, we entered The Triennial in Virginia with three (3) Grand Lodges, not even a full 12 months later and we have experienced extraordinary growth in several states.

I am looking forward to the teaching part of this upcoming workshop, more importantly I am excited to see my brothers and sisters of The Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Ancient Yorkrite Masons, Prince Hall Origin, National Compact, U.S.A. Over the past months I have communicated with many of you on many topics, what has kept my spirits high has been the positive and uplifting messages from many of you. I thank you for your prayers and support.

Our motto for this workshop is “**One Team, One Fight**” no words could exemplify our recent journey more accurately. As a fraternal organization **One Team** is exemplified in our relationship with our Order of Eastern Star sisters, without whom our cup would be half full. The relationship between Freemasons and Eastern Stars is more than 120 years old. By adhering to open communication, understanding, patience and love we continue to thrive and will continue to grow. Truly our cup runneth over.

Our appendant upper houses, National Royal Arch/National Heroines of Jericho, National Knight Templars/National Council of Crusader, National Consistory/National Court of Amaranth, Imperial Council of Shriners/National DOI and The National Supreme Council also exemplify **One Team**. Our upper houses remind us of our commitment to further masonic growth and teachings, fortitude, a reminder to charity, and deepening the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood.

One Fight shows our determination to succeed, to continue to grow, to oppose all obstacles put in our path. There have been many obstacles thrown in our path the past two years but like the song says, we go over, we go around, we go under or we go thru those obstacles. An article published on the U.S Air Forces website titled **One Team, One Fight** written by Sr. Master Sgt Charles J. Rudy on March 16, 2011 states “**One Team, One Fight**, when reflecting on this phrase, most everyone comes away with a similar thought; everyone working together to accomplish the mission. He further writes ‘we

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have core values for a reason. They keep us grounded. They remind us of the team. Take pride and work together day in and day out. Stay focused with a sense of urgency and attention to detail. What you do and how you do it can and will make a difference to the team”.

Like the Air Force, we as Masons and Eastern Stars have core values, our Constitution and By-Laws, our oath and obligations. Joshua 1:9 says, “be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

So far 2022 has been a banner year, we can only go up from here. I pray all continue to support the National Grand Lodge, to keep all our members in prayer, to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws and most importantly to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER!**

Remember the old Mcfadden and Whitehead song “**Ain’t no Stoppin Us Now.**”

Update

July 17, 2022

Since the printing this letter on June 6, 2022, we have completed our 116th National Department Heads Workshop and Grand Masters Council in Charlotte North Carolina. This was my first National meeting since being duly elected and installed last year in Roanoke VA, as the National Grand Master, and I was extremely proud of all the efforts of the brothers and sisters in North Carolina, The National Grand Lodge is truly blessed. The hard work and planning paid great dividends as member after member expressed their positive thoughts on the workshop training, the hospitality and after-hour events, the Sunday services and the overall work of the North Carolina group. Those who were not able to attend missed a great workshop.

North Carolina, I Thank you!

Additionally, after leaving North Carolina, we continue to experience growth, my “Coming Home” reaped dividends and we continue to accept many members back into our legitimate National Grand Lodge. Masonry exists on every continent on the globe, it reaches across all lines, religious, language, race, etc. Men want to become Masons all around the Globe. The National Grand Lodge has a history of reaching across borders such as Canada, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ontario was established as the M. W. Widow's Son Grand Lodge of the Province of Ontario Canada, August 25, 1856 under warrant of the National Grand Lodge, our reach was also evident when we added the Bahamas several years ago. Those pursuits continue today.

In closing, I ended our annual banquet with a speech on forgiveness, it was titled 9 points of forgiveness. I close this annual report with point number four:

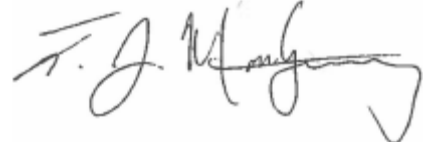
Forgiveness sets us free.

When we are harboring hatred in our hearts, we think we are hurting the person who wronged us. But in reality, we are only hurting ourselves. Unforgiveness grows bitterness in OUR heart. It festers. The bible tells us that, and science has proven it to be true. It can lead to real symptoms such as depression, anxiety, heart issues, stress and diabetes. When **We** forgive **We** are set free. **We** can experience the good life that God has for us.

Matthew 18:22 Peter asks if forgiving seven times is appropriate, and Jesus responds “not seven times, but seventy times seven.

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Witness my hand and seal, at the city of Mesa, Arizona
The 17th day of July 6022, A.L. 2022, A.D.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Fraternally,
Hon. Tyrone J. Montgomery, Sr 33*, National Grand Master