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From the East

By Arthur C. Kyle, III, PM, Master

We are admonished to consider the Holy Bible, whichever version we prefer, as “the rule and guide of our faith.” I can understand the wisdom in that, but I must confess that I have not consulted it nearly as often as I should. I try to keep at least one copy in each of my bookshelves to have one handy, but so many other intriguing titles often crowd around them. But under our current circumstances I am turning to it more often for guidance and self-improvement. For example, I came across a reference to Luke chapter 12, starting at verse 13, I found comforting and thought-provoking--the Parable of the Rich Fool. An important lesson from it is that material wealth is not the purpose of our life. From the King James Version: “And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” If God has blessed us with material comfort, we must be grateful for that and realize that we must help our fellows who are not as fortunate. Our lives could end at any moment and how then would our wealth help us?

We also must not despair. Millions are suffering physically and financially from the continuing disastrous lockdowns implemented by so many governments. Yelp.com recently found that more than 80,000 businesses have permanently closed since March 1 and a July 28 Forbes article says “More Than 40% Of U.S. Renter Households Are At Risk Of Eviction.” Verse 24 of Luke chapter 12 has words that may provide us at least some comfort: “Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?” We have been blessed by the Great Architect with intelligence and industriousness. The beehive is symbolic of need to be a contributing member

of society, to work together to make our communities better and our fellow man comforted.

In the spirit of maintaining our own beehive, we continue to meet every Thursday evening, albeit still via video. On August 13th Brother Guy Lasseron talked about his research into “The History of Louisiana Masonry and the Far West Frontier” and some of the history behind La Parfaite Union Lodge #17 here in San Francisco, and on August 29th Brother Michael Mason showed photos from his trips to Venice; Machu Picchu, Peru; and Istanbul, Turkey. His photos of the architecture in all three locations were terrific, revealing their beauty and the breathtaking skills of the architects. Worshipful Mark Harris will be giving us a presentation on September 10th on “Masonry and Music: Connoting the Universe.” If you would like to attend but don’t have the details, please contact me or our Secretary Dan Boyd and we will help you get connected with us.

Finally, I am so pleased to be able to conclude this month’s article with some terrific news: our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Arthur Weiss, has informed me that should he be elected and installed as Grand Master at Annual Communication, he will appoint Worshipful Brother Mark McNee to serve as Grand Chaplain. This is a great honor for both Worshipful Mark and for Phoenix Lodge, too, so please join me in congratulating our Brother for receiving this highly deserved honor. He has been a consistent and strong supporter of our Craft and I am very glad he is being recognized this way. The installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be via a Zoom conference on Sunday, October 11th and the public ceremonies begin at 9:15am, so I encourage everyone to attend and enjoy seeing Brother Mark’s installation. Brother Dan and I will make sure we pass on the Zoom details as soon as we know them.