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**Message
From
Most Worshipful
Grand Master**

Fraternal Greetings:

On this day, we gather around the world, wherever dispersed as members of the Independent United Order of Mechanics, Friendly Society, Western Hemisphere, Inc. to give thanks and celebrate yet another year of our Order's existence.

In its 262nd year, as we reflect and give thanks to the Great Geometrician of the Universe for leading this Great and Noble Order; in retrospect, it is also necessary for each individual member to examine the changes and or the benefits that we have experienced. Regardless of what rank we may have accomplished, each of us should have a story to share, based on our experience as we travel on our Mechanics Journey.

In my own reflections, as Most Worshipful Grand Master, the decision for me to become a member, were compelling and challenging. However, I feel very humbled by the transformation and changes which led me to this zenith within the Order, and yes, feel tremendously grateful for the incredible privilege and satisfaction of serving in this capacity.

Today, the occasion to celebrate in our various Churches, with families and friends, is also an opportunity to reaffirm and recommit ourselves to the teachings and Tenets of the Order. While **“Serving with Integrity”**. However, while we celebrate let us not forget the sacrifices of those who paved the way for our existence. I admonish you all therefore to pause with a smile, and while expressing gratitude, offer a **“BIG THANKS.”** So may our spirits be lifted by the **“WORDS”** from the Scripture readings, and our souls be blessed with God’s great benediction and grace.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our 26th Triennial International Convention to be held in the beautiful City of Panama, commencing October 18, 2019 – October 27, 2019.

This Convention promises to be second to none, where members will get the opportunity to participate in the various workshops relative to the Order. I am also looking forward to meeting and greeting those members who have been recommended for their many years of service.

May your celebration be filled with inspiration to guide you on your journey, and on behalf of the Executive Committee of Grand Council, my wife Wendella and myself, Happy Mechanics Day, and may the blessings of the Great Geometrician of the Universe, be with you always.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter L. Benjamin', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Rt. Hon. Walter L. Benjamin
Most Worshipful Grand Master

“Serving with Integrity”