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MECHANICS DAY MESSAGE

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In the name of the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, I bring you greetings from the Executive Committee of Grand Council and share with you the hopes and aspirations of all members worldwide. We are thankful for all the many blessings we have received over the past Two Hundred and Sixty Three (263) years. And we pray that the Almighty GOD will continue to direct our organization towards the fulfillment of **His** will for us, allowing us to experience the true meaning of our Motto: Friendship, Love and Truth. Moreover, as Mechanics, our actions and our decisions must always be compatible with the Four Cardinal Virtues.

TEMPERANCE: In words and deeds:

PRUDENCE: In wisely judging

FORTITUDE: In noble purpose

JUSTICE: To the humblest and greatest alike.

My fellow Mechanics, we must take this special day to give thanks and praises to the Great Geometrician of the Universe for ALL HIS tender mercies and blessings, we are ever so mindful that in these trying days, when we are overwhelmed with the devastating results of the Covid 19 Pandemic, that HE will protect us. We therefore know that prayers are our only hope. We therefore, pray for all who have succumbed to the horrific Covid 19 virus. May their souls deservingly R.I.P. And may light perpetual shine on them.

The Challenges before us will be for us, to keep intact the basic foundation on which our forefathers built this Order and to make the necessary changes to enhance our effectiveness procedurally, esoterically and exoterically. We are constantly reminded that Mechanism is based primarily on the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Hence, Mechanism is not a material thing, it is a science of the soul, and it is not a creed or doctrine, but a universal expression of Divine wisdom.

Therefore, my Brothers and Sisters, the decree of our Order embrace the spirit of UNITY; UNITY actuates TEAMWORK, HARMONY and SERENITY. We cannot acquire full time blessings with part time devotion. We must be persistent in all our just and laudable undertakings. And we must understand our imperfections.

Moreover, if we take the time to analyze Psalm 133, along with the opening and closing prayers at our meetings, we will inevitably come to that conscious state of total acceptance and realize that our forefathers did not arbitrary select these readings and writings as the foundation for the intuition of Mechanism.

Let us therefore reflect on the basic fundamental principles of the institution of Mechanism. You may recall vividly, that the Institution of Mechanism facilitates us with the knowledge, that it is necessary for us to taste the bitter, before we can appreciate the sweet. That it is necessary for us to learn by actual experience, the difference between good and evil. That it is necessary for us to feel the effects of sickness, to enable us to fully appreciate the boom of health. The institution of Mechanism further tells us: that we must feel pain before we can enjoy immunity therefrom. And that we must feel the influence and power of death before we can appreciate eternal life.

Finally: The institution of Mechanism teaches us, that we must comprehend the effects of sin, before we can enjoy the **Rest** promised to the faithful. As in “well done, though good and faithful servant”.

Although we are surrounded with ancient rites, ceremonies and secrecy, Mechanism continues to personify a unique equilibrium of camaraderie, Virtue and Uprightness. The philosophy of Mechanism therefore, assists us in our endless quest of self and in our noble pursuit of **Truth**.

When we as Mechanics, wholeheartedly meet and greet and refer to each other as Brothers and Sisters. We are ever mindful, that the salutations embodied and personify a unique equilibrium of camaraderie, Compassion, Fellowship, Infinite Trust and Mutual Respect. We are fully aware, that we became Mechanics on our own freewill and accord. Hence, we share a common bond. A bond that became

congenial. A bond that continues to manifest itself by the Tongue of good report, and a bond which steadfastly, faithfully and adamantly inculcated its maxims, its decree its precepts, its code of ethics and its virtues on all its devoted members.

So Onward Christian Soldiers Marching on to our next Two Hundred and Sixty Three (263) years. Keep the standard High.

We must continue to be cautious of our surroundings. We must continue to be alert. We must continue to be conversant of our roles in the society. We must continue to remember that:

The Lord by HIS death; replaced Hatred with Love: Vengeance with forgiveness; Apathy with consideration; And Torture with Tolerance.

May Love, Liberal Benevolence and Diffusive Charity, Prudence and Discipline, guide us in all our equitable and laudable deliberations. May we draw the strength and the comfort from those elevated standards that symbolize our fraternity. May the Divine words inspire us and enlighten us.

Matthew 5 v 16 “ Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven”. I will close on a philosophical note: To all my Brothers and to all my Sisters and to all my friends: “May you live as long as you want and never want, as long as you live” (**Shakespeare**)

Brothers and Sisters: to the world, you may be one person; but to one person, you may be the world

May the great Provider continue to grant you the serenity to accept all the things that you cannot change. Courage to change the things you can, and the wisdom to know the difference. We know that we cannot change our yesterdays; they are gone. We know that we cannot bring back our departed; they too, are gone. But with open minds; clean and contrite hearts; listening ears and tongues of goodwill; we can Worship, fortify, Justify, Magnify and simplify all our tomorrow. May the Great Geometrician of the Universe continue to bless you

Individually, and collectively and may HE continue to bless the Independent United Order of Mechanism.

Fraternally,



Most Worshipful Grand Master