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Yuletide Message

From:
Rt. Hon. Walter L. Benjamin
***Most Worshipful Grand
 Master***

Yes Brothers and Sisters:

The Christmas Season has come once again! Time has passed by so quickly and we find ourselves in the hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season.

Some of us have been fortunate with good health, while others may have had wealth throughout the year, while others have, and continue to face other life's challenges. Be as it may, let us continue to give thanks for "all things" with the assurance that the Great Geometrician has blessed us with another year!

Remembering that the story of Christmas is one of Love, Hope, Peace and Joy; we must continue to exhibit these qualities as we celebrate with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, extended families, our brothers and sisters and the un-initiated, which we should endeavor to aspire. However, while we are celebrating, we should not forget the true meaning of the Season which is the "Gift of Giving" especially to those who are in need.

As the year draws to a close, I am pleased to report that the renovation has begun at our world headquarters in Brooklyn, which will make us compliant with the mandated New York City Building Code. This project has been an uphill battle for the Order, but with determination and perseverance it should be completed by early spring 2019.

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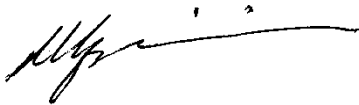
2019 will be a busy year for our Order, with the slated 26th Triennial International Convention, in Panama City, Republic of Panama. The Executive Committee has been working tirelessly setting the Agenda, and has ensured easy access with credit card registration both on the IUOM Website and through District Grand Lodges. I look forward to seeing our members in Panama, with the promise that this will be a Convention second to none.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the worldwide membership, jurisdictional leadership, members of the Executive Committee of Grand Council and our loyal and dedicated supporters for the dedication and support to our Order. Your effort in promoting and preserving the Order throughout the world is immeasurable, and we are grateful for your dedication and commitment.

May you be blest with the spirit of the Christ-Child, and your homes be filled with happiness and joy during this Christmas Season.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Grand Council, my family and myself, and Mechanics worldwide, I extend a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to you and your family.

God's continued Blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter L. Benjamin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

"Members Matter Most"