

Believe in the Future

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams,” a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt.

Farmers and gardeners believe in the future. In the spring they take a dried, wizened up seed, scatter it on the ground with the belief that there will appear later in the year some stalks of corn, stems of wheat or some beautiful flowers. They know that the crop will depend on the DNA in those seeds, the weather, the soil type, disease and insect invasion. They believe in the beauty of their dreams, that in the future there will be a great crop.

Planting seeds is much like that of leadership where you plant an idea and nurture that idea as it grows. The seeds need water, warmth and nutrients to blossom, grow and put forth their fruit. Similarly when you share your ideas with the brethren it is necessary to follow up with your support, encouragement and praise.

Our Grand Master M. W. Bro. D. Garry Dowling practices the planting and nurturing of ideas in our fraternity as taken from his motto, “I believe in the future of Freemasonry.”

Do you believe in the future of Freemasonry? Freemasonry depends on every one of us, particularly those who lead our craft. This evening we will be installing a new Worshipful Master into Fidelity Lodge. He takes on the responsibility as Master of this lodge, the future of Masonry in general and Fidelity Lodge in particular.

Under his guidance and leadership we in Ontario District and the brethren of this lodge believe that Fidelity Lodge will indeed flourish and bear fruit in the coming year. We believe that the candidates for admission will be properly prepared and briefed on Freemasonry so that they will, when initiated, continue with Freemasonry until they at least obtain the level of a Master Mason. It behooves all of us to ensure that each and every candidate for admission is aware of what they are joining.

There is a saying that you should, “Plan your year and then work your plan.” Worshipful Master Elect, you believe in the future of Fidelity lodge and I know that you will indeed plan your year, take steps to develop long range plans for this lodge and develop a detailed budget.

Worshipful Master Elect, you are experienced at leading this lodge and serving in the Worshipful Master’s Chair. You are also experienced at the District and Grand Lodge level, consequently you can appreciate my comments. As we move forward into

the coming year we will as the farmers, gardeners and our Grand Master cultivate and tend our organization. Believe in the future of Freemasonry and I know that you will do well.

During this year I have presented to each of the Worshipful Master's Elect a Master's Working Tool. For you as a reminder of our Belief in the Future of Freemasonry I have as your Worshipful Master's Working Tool a package of seeds. During the coming year carry this package of seeds in your apron to remind you of the importance of, "Believing in the Future of Freemasonry." Have a great year!

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