

# THE WEBB LODGE CRIER



## 2017 and 2018 Recap

It has been almost two years since I landed in the East. Much has changed, some things are the same. I entered this station during some difficult times. Our line was broke and no one wanted to fill the seats necessary to conduct business as a lodge. Finally, we filled the chairs needed. Participation has been diminishing for several years and we are now in great need of brothers help.

“Great vision without great people is irrelevant.”  
\_ Jim Collins

While sitting in the South I formulated ideas for the time I would be worshipful master. Lots of plans and activities on my agenda. My hope was to bring brothers and their families closer and form the bonds we need to survive as a fraternity in this modern day and age. Sadly, lack of interest and participation caused me to abandon these plans.

I prayed that enough brothers would show up to open the lodge. Several times we waited past starting time

to see if anyone else would show up so we could open. At annual communication this year I heard this same thing over and over again. It's not just our lodge, it's the majority of lodges. I hope and pray that we can reverse this trend of non-participation and absence. I appeal to all brothers to give some time and thought about your own participation and decide if the fraternity is getting what it deserves from you. Volunteer for at least one event a year and contribute a happy and healthy example for the younger members to learn from.

Finally, we need to get new members. More importantly, we need good members. Quality membership will be the key to our survival. If you are on the investigating committee, ask if the prospective candidate plans on being active in the lodge. It does not matter if we have 1,000 members if only 4 or 5 show up for stated meetings and only 10 or 12 show up for functions or events.

“But lest some unlucky event should happen unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered by every gentleman in the room that I this day declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with.”

— George Washington