My Brothers,

I am writing to inform you of one of the new programs introduced by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin Education Committee. One of the primary areas of focus for the committee is to provide opportunities for Masonic education to the Brethren and the Lodges. To help with that focus, earlier this year the Education Committee introduced the “Masonic Study Series”.

The Masonic Study Series is a succession of brief two-minute reads followed by a series of discussion questions that is intended to be an education program that can be used by the Lodges. Each edition of the series is centered on one of the points or lessons from our ritual and they rotate between the three degrees. They are appropriate to be presented either in an open Lodge or during fellowship before or after the meeting, but care should be taken to ensure the Brothers present are entitled to the mysteries of the degree that edition of the study series is centered on.

There are many ways the Masonic Study Series can be presented in the Lodge, but the purpose is to foster discussion among those in attendance for that discussion is a critical source of our individual understanding of these lessons. The discussion questions included with each edition is a starting point and often times the discussion goes in many different directions.

Each edition of the Study Series is introduced in the Wisconsin Masonic Journal and can be found in the Member Area of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin website under Masonic Education. To date there have been eight editions published and the next two editions are planned. For your convenience, the first edition, “The Three Principal Rounds” is included with this letter.

This tool is published to assist you and your Lodges in increasing the Masonic knowledge and understanding of yourself and your Brethren. I hope you explore the Masonic Study Series. I encourage you to share your comments and questions with me directly at grand_orator@wisc-freemasonry.org.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

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