

Connecticut College Chief Adept's Message for 2019

“THE JOURNEY CONTINUES”

My Dear Fratres Wheresover Dispersed,

Greetings and welcome once again to news from CT College and how we fared this last year. With our 2018 year devoted to refining our areas of interest gleaned from my questionnaire, 2019 would see the start of implementation of many of the new themes and areas of discussion for the personal betterment of our Fratres and advancement of our College. By and large, we have focused on building our own “tree of knowledge” and variety of meeting formats to increase our participation. So far so good

We started the course of education designed and led by Fr. Martin Ede, VIII, renewed some basics to organize ourselves better, and bumped up some favorites to promote more interest. There is no question that those Fratres who have been regular attenders have received an abundance of new knowledge, but sadly, the attendance has been too variable and too early in our reformation to say that we have become a preferred “Masonic Destination” versus just a mere Masonic “something to do on an otherwise boring Saturday”. But our “Journey Continues”.

We did however manage a goodly amount of progress during the year with activities factored in from the survey along the way:

- A course outline and comprehensive reading list, along with explanations by Fr. Martin, advanced our insight into our personal and cosmic worlds; discussion modules will continue into next year.
- A composite trestleboard last fall provided a longer range forecast of both planned SRICF and AMD activities, that support each other while keeping our separation and independence for each body. This too shall be continued.
- The November meeting featured an informal breakfast and discussion forum; the casual setting seemed popular, with the College convened to take care of the formal necessities.
- Our membership remains stable. The GAU called two prior Fratres, Leo Lorman and Don Robinson and Charles Maxson, VIII active until just recently. One Frater was admitted, John Amarilios.
- Money-wise, pay check to pay check as they say. Tres. Chuck did some magic bookkeeping to keep up with the High Council, and some Fratres also added some

donations; a full set of colorful robes for the officers was donated courtesy of Fr. James McNeeley and Martin Ede, and earn our thanks. (The CA's colored scarves will continue to be used for decorative purposes.)

- Frater travelers Jim, Martin and Rob to the November High Council session returned with additional news and training materials gleaned from the erudite for use by the masses. This year it is likely they will return and rumors abound that the CA will also venture west.
- Presentation of papers, however, did not fare as well. We do have a few under review, and others in work, and will devote September's meeting to catching up. Our 4th grade Fratres are reminded to keep at this – we want to hear from you.
- I must also express my personal appreciation of every Frater for what he brings to this college of ours, small as it is. And blessed to have our Recorder-Treasurer Fr. Chuck back in his saddle after his “knee” hiatus and the leadership of our VIII Grade Fratres.

In Closing

Our journey is never nor will it be complete, whether we walk this earth together, or are rejoined on the eternal path our Saviour has created for us by the sacrifice of his Body and Blood. As we were renewed by the His Easter Resurrection, let us be ever mindful of His grand design and giving us His tools for our eternal passage. Let us suffer our hearts to show our love of Him in the Holy Trinity, our compassion for our fellow man, and thanks for the joy of having been chosen beacons, not to hide under a basket, but shine into His universe.

May the grace of our Blessed Lord and Savior continue to be with us all, now and forever more,

Amen. Amen



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“Ad Astra per Aspera”