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Brethren,

December is upon us. As we enter the twilight of the year let us all take time to remember that which we have to be Thankful for - Family, Friends, Faith and Brotherhood.

It seems like only yesterday that I was installed in the East and now I find myself sitting here and reflecting on the Installation of Officers that occurred this week with the induction of Worshipful Brother Michael Gibson into the East, where he will no doubt serve this Lodge in an outstanding capacity as our Worshipful Master for 2015.

The time has flown by and I simultaneously ponder all that has been done and what is yet to be done. I am so proud to have served as Master of this Lodge but I am even more proud to call each of you Brother. While my time in the East is winding down, my passion to continue the good work of this Lodge and Masonry in general is just gearing up.

I firmly believe that Masonry is a never ending Journey, not a finite race. When we took our obligations, we were clearly instructed that you get from Masonry what you put into Masonry by continuing to build upon your own foundation through living the tenants of the Craft and continuing to seek more light. One of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal is the bond we share as Brothers - one that is cultivated through support and camaraderie.

I cherish my time in the East, I look forward to fulfilling the obligations of my new appointment and most importantly, I cherish the bond we share as members of Etiwan Lodge No. 95.

I challenge each of you to make it a priority to become more active in your Lodge. She's a grand old structure filled with history and it is our responsibility to not only maintain the physical structure, but also the internal heartbeat of the Lodge through our active membership for decades to come.

Our annual Ladies Night (Holiday) Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as Brothers along with friends and family for great fellowship and I hope that each of you will take advantage of this.

I look forward to our next meeting and I wish each of you the very best for a joyous, safe and rewarding Holiday season.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

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