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My brothers,

I have no clue when you may read this message. It may be before or it may be after June 21, 2026, at 4:24 a.m.

It is a bit early to celebrate the fact that the day and time is Fathers' Day. I honor my late dad, late grandfathers, and all father-figures. I hope you do, too.

That day and time is actually, the Summer Solstice or the longest day of the year when the Earth is in "balance."

So many things in our lives are out of balance and so many things are in balance. Best work and best agreement are part of balance. Friendship, morality, and brotherly love as well as relief and truth help us keep life in balance.

The good news is that our loving Creator holds us in the balance of His great love for every human being.

So, whatever you are doing when you read this, think about the Royal Secret of which you are a Master. Live toward keeping faith, family, and fraternity in balance.

Then, as the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer, continue to live the beautiful teachings of Masonry that you have learned in the Subordinate Lodge and the Valley where you belong.

Apply them. Shake a hand. Look a brother in the eye.

The world needs what we have to offer. As it looks to its screens for relationships, we can give a physical and emotional presence that brings balance from absence to presence because we are brothers. Another way of looking at it is to offer light in the darkness.

But I know that you already knew that! Enjoy the Summer Solstice and Fathers' Day.

 *Alfred Cott* 
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in North Carolina