



Prattville

Lodge #89

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Dear Brother:

Greetings and salutations from Prattville Lodge 89. I know your time is valuable but this letter is neither a solicitation for funds nor is it simply a newsletter. If you read nothing else I ask you to read the line in the last paragraph that is in bold print prior to discarding this letter. My name is John Allsup and I am honored to be your current Worshipful Master for the 2016-2017 election year. I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and spirits. The purpose of this letter is twofold. The first purpose is to relay some news to you about our lodge...news both good and bad.

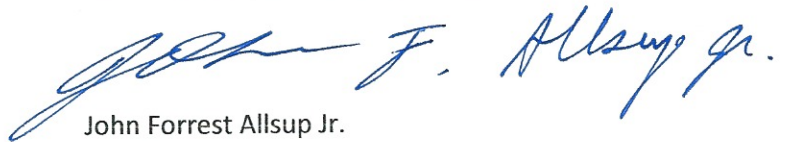
The Good: The good news is that our lodge is growing. Since January of this year we have raised three new Master Masons and we had many new EAs and FCs last calendar year. We also have many new projects and initiatives that we are currently working on. We have modernized the lodge with a kitchen renovation, convenient handicap parking, and technological updates. These technological updates include smart thermometers, a smart TV, and wireless internet. We also have several new initiatives designed to provide family based fellowship that will simultaneously provide benefits for our current members while increasing our footprint in the community and growing our membership. All of these things should show you that you are a member of a healthy, vibrant lodge that cares about its members and the community in which we live.

The Bad: Several brothers have passed away this year. Although we have gained new Master Masons they are not enough to replace the number of brothers we have lost. Alabama Masonry is in a crises due to decreasing membership and diminishing ability to connect with younger generations of Alabamians. Additionally our lodge has suffered from a low retention rate among Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who fail to advance to Master Mason within a year of being initiated/passed. Finally, we have a very large membership in our lodge but we generally have only a dozen or so members who regularly attend lodge. This is a ratio of only about 1 in 15 members and there are over 100 members of this lodge that I HAVE NEVER MET!

Brother, I love you and I miss you. Your lodge misses you. All of these reasons combine in my second purpose of writing this letter. **You are hereby summoned to Prattville Lodge 89's first ever annual reunion on 5 June 2017 at 6 p.m for dinner, a short presentation, and a lodge meeting.** This event is open to all Masons EA and above but is closed to non-Masons. This event is by no means whatsoever meant to embarrass, harass, or punish any of our brothers but its sole purpose is to show you how much we care about you and to foment fellowship and brotherly love. We are proud of our lodge and we are proud of you, our brother. It is time to

reunite the two and we look forward to seeing you there. Although this summons invokes a solemn oath you took, it is not binding if it is beyond the length of your cable tow and I only ask that you RSVP via letter, email, or phone to let us know how you are doing and that you will be unable to attend this event. I look forward to meeting you or hearing from you soon and I am proud to serve as your WM for the rest of my term. May the Grand Architect of the Universe keep and preserve you.

With Brotherly Love and Affection;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John F. Allsup Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John Forrest Allsup Jr.
WM Prattville Lodge 89

P.S. If due to illness, family commitments, travel or for other reasons you are unable to obey this summons please call me directly at (808) 343-1281, text me at the same number, email me at john.allsup@gmail.com or as a last resort email the secretary at secretary@prattvillelodge89.org.