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Good day Brethren of the Niagara Districts and Beyond

Following a suggestion I put forward along with discussions with the Deputy Grand Master, and in consultation with the Grand Master, I have been given permission and best wishes to create and offer a monthly event, whereby there will be a guest speaker for our educational enjoyment and pleasure through the internet. But perhaps first some explanations.

We will be utilizing the "ZOOM" program and you must be registered with them to gain accessibility to this meeting. Their website is <https://zoom.us>. There is no cost to you to sign up and register. Even though I, as host, will be aware of who has been invited and participating, the talks and presentations will be generic in nature as to allow Masons of all ranks to join in. No one will mention ritual, secrets or anything else they have sworn never to disclose. Nor will there be any Masonic business conducted.

The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The meetings shouldn't be more than sixty to ninety minutes. The first fifteen minutes will be for the brethren to log in and have a time to "meet and greet" with others. Following that the speaker will be formally introduced and he will proceed. All those in attendance will be "muted" during the presentation so as not to have background noises interfering with the presentation. If you wish to put forward a question to the speaker, there will be brethren assigned to receive text messages or emails and they in turn will present the questions to the speaker when he is finished.

I'm pleased to announce our first speaker. RW Bro. Richard Kaufman hails from Waterloo District. He is a member of our Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes and our Grand Lodge Management Committee, where he is chairman of the Operations Pillar. Some time this week Bro. Kaufman will be sharing with me the title of his presentation.

Brethren, if this is something you feel you would be interested in sitting in on and listening, please let me know. ZOOM allows up to one hundred participants but I'm hoping to keep the attendance numbers to about a third of that. And to think, you can sit in and listen all the while sipping on a glass, cup or mug of your favorite refreshment!

Once again, thank you Brethren. Take care and stay safe.

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