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Dear Brothers,

At this time, most of us are reflecting on the previous year and wondering what the new year will bring. We realize that this is also the time of year many organizations are requesting your time and support. This is why I would like to suggest that you consider making our Masonic Fraternity your priority and start off by being our guest for the Annual Masonic Home Pilgrimage Day to be held on March 16, 2024, in St. Petersburg. This will be an event for the entire Masonic Family and friends.

ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- 10:00 Coffee and Donuts in the Main Lobby
 - 10:30 Presentation of First Lady Odessa Bishop's Tree of Life Program
 - 11:00 Vendor Bazaar along The Bayou Opens
 - 12:00 Lunch on The Lawn
 - 1:00 Car Show and Chili Cook-Off Winners Announced
- *** Tours of The Masonic Home will take place throughout the day beginning at 10:00*

Our Pilgrimage Day was once the talk of St. Petersburg, with a large parade down 1st Street. As the years have gone by, and the city has grown up around us, those days have since become but a fond memory. This year, however, our Masonic Family aims to see a larger participation than in years past. In addition, we are looking to bring back the Golden Era of Pilgrimage Days by revisiting some old traditions while adding in some new ones. Regardless, it promises to be a good time for all who attend!

Whether or not you plan to be with us on our special day, there are ways you can be of assistance to The Masonic Home. As always, your financial contributions to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund enable us to operate our Home. You can also help by donating your time as a volunteer, purchasing items for Corky's Cupboard, funding a special treat or activity for the Residents or even with Charitable Giving through Wills, Gifts and Annuities. By clicking here, you can go directly to our [Masonic Home Donation Page](#) and make your donation today to the Fund of your choice. No gift is too small or too large, and they are all appreciated!

The goal is to have the largest attended Pilgrimage Day in the last decade, and I look forward to personally seeing all of you there enjoying our Home, visiting with our Residents and spending time in the place that M.:W.: Albert W. Gilchrist was so passionate about ensuring existed for our Brothers and their loved ones when they needed it.

So gather your family and friends, including those who may have expressed an interest in joining our Fraternity, and join us for a day of fellowship and fun.

Fraternally Yours,



Chairman, Board of Trustees

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“Remember Our Masonic Home in Your Will”