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*Live for today;
Plan for tomorrow;
Remember yesterday---- AESOP*

The following article was received from Worshipful Brother Harley Johnson who is a member of our Grand Lodge Writers Guild and Education Committee. Here he does a fine piece in the style of Carl Claudy in "Old Tiler Talks."

"Say old man, we have spoken so often that I can say that and know you won't disown me. Why do we keep all those pictures of the past Masters on the wall for at least 100 years?"

"Well, I guess it is to remind us of how far back we go as a local Lodge, and who we have to thank for our Lodge. If you think about it these old Masters had to deal with wood or coal heat, they had to deal with where to tie up the teams of horses the older farmers brought in from their farms, and how would you like to do lectures with only a chart to teach from? The memory work and lessons were learned only from mouth to ear. Remember, only a few could read or write, so how else could you learn the work? Keep in mind oil lamps were common and electricity was new. Many of these early leaders were in the Civil War, and had that to remind them of how important Masonic beliefs were, and how it was on both sides of that war. Then there was World War I, World War II, Korea, The Berlin Wall, Vietnam, The Cold War, Desert Storm, up to the present time. How so many of them served their nation, to save what we so often take for granted. This, and all the Masons who served under each of these Lodge Masters is what I remember when I look at them and then I know just why I tyle the Lodge each meeting. I may even hear them open their Lodge."

"Wow I never thought of it that way. I think I will look at them again after coffee. Coming?"

WB Harley Johnson MP