

Worshipful Master's Robert L. Ellis, II
Acceptance Speech 2012



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This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

My Brothers: Our Masonic customs teaches us that No work of any importance is ever transacted without first invoking the aid of deity. With that brothers, let us Pray!***

Prayer Omitted:

To the Senior and Junior Wardens, distinguished Past Masters, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren, Officers and Members of Victory Lodge #23, visiting Worshipful Masters, and Brothers.

Good Evening.

Brother Senior and Junior Warden, congratulations on yet another milestone in your Masonic Career. Brothers, I'm certain that I speak for the other two pillars when I express a sincere "Thank You", the officers and members of this great lodge, for the trust bestowed upon us and I assure you that the trust is accepted in a spirit of unity. I am honored and privileged for the confidence and trust you have conferred upon me, by electing me as your Worshipful Master for this ensuing year. Most importantly I solicit your prayers throughout this administration.

I truly believe that leadership and cohesiveness begins at the top and it travels down through each officer and member of this Lodge. I want the three pillars of this lodge, whom you have elected to serve as WM, SW & JW to be your servant leaders to the Officers and members of this great lodge. Not by words but by our actions. Certain positions come with commitments and requirements. I'm confident that this team your have elected tonight will work together to accomplish the task at hand, which I believe will continue to stabilize our lodge. I believe that this team will continue to lay the ground work for improving the consistency and stability of our lodge. However, we can't do it alone. I stand before you tonight humbly requesting your continued support and heavily depending and relying on your individual commitment to the endeavors we have planned out for this year. How

successful we are as a unit, as a team, as a lodge depends largely on what we do collectively as Victory Lodge.

I strive to get Victory #23 back to days of exemplifying outstanding Masonic ritualistic work, both inside and outside our lodge room. Exemplifying outstanding Masonic ritualistic work inside our lodge room will get us that shining "Jewel" back. Exemplifying outstanding Masonic ritualistic work outside our lodge room will help us to attract top notch candidates for membership. Top notch candidates who would then help us to grow as a lodge thus stabilizing our lodge for the years to come. In both cases I need your continued support and commitment.

I humbly embrace this challenge to ensure nothing but the best for this, our lodge. I ask that you continue to pray for me and my family so I can continue to represent Victory Lodge in this great jurisdiction.

In closing, I accept the challenge and the responsibility as well as all the duties that come with this high office of Worshipful Master. Once again, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You and may God's richest blessings continue to shower over us all.

Fraternally Submitted,

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