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Trestleboard
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Look to the East

Have you ever pondered the question, "Should I and my love ones try and eat more Organic? ". As someone who owns a hobby farm next to a commercial, industrial size farmer and a supplier of the majority of vegetables for southern New Jersey, please indulge me, and permit me to answer your question with a question. Instead of that tasty tomatoey paste like substance you generously adorn your delicious looking home fries with, for this Sundays' breakfast, we pour a generous mixture of Agent Orange, Chlorpyrifos, and a half dozen toxic substances that I can neither pronounce or spell. Don't forget the red dye. Let me briefly elaborate, prior to planting the genetically modified tomato (GMO=HORRBLE), previous plantings need to be killed off so as to reduce tillage cost, by an overly ample application of toxic, highly carcinogenic applications of "Agent Orange" like chemicals, which not only kill every weed known to man but also every beneficial microbe, mycelium, protozoa, earthworm necessary for the absorpsion of nutrients vital to plant health.

Next comes the disc harrow, adding further destruction and compaction to critical soil structure, making deep root penetration, of the soon to be applied water important for plant growth, impossible. To make plants grow in this hostile environment massive amounts of more toxic chemicals in the form of inorganic fertilizers need to be applied. It doesn't stop there! More herbicides, pesticides, fungicides in ever increasing amounts, due to resistance by the things those chemicals were lab engineered to destroy. Another by-product of this biological warfare waged against all life is the unstoppable climb up the food chain. Lighting bugs, frogs, snakes, turtles are disappearing from my ranch at an alarming rate. I'm sure the critters that feed off these species are being negatively impacted as well. I could elaborate much more extensively but, I'm sure you get the drift.

My suggestions to you is; first, do further research on the subject for yourself. Don't take the word of the village idiot, like myself. Seek the guidance of the specialists and scientists, all available for free, and at the effortless click of a button, on "YouTube". You might start by viewing the work of Dr. Elaine Ingram and the "Soil Food Web". Second, try to purchase as much "Certified Organic" from your local grocery. If that's too expensive, seek out the local small scale road side stand. The ones with a little

wagon outside their home, stop and get to know them and ask where their fruits and vegetables come from. Ask how they are grown, fertilized, and what weed and insect controls are used. You see, healthy plants, properly grown in nutrient dense soil, don't really need all these poisonous chemicals, as their own immune systems can guard themselves from insects and weeds, a lot like people who recognize the value of a healthy diet. Grow your own in your local neighborhood co-op or city garden. Even your own back yard has the potential of a fun and relaxing hobby, that offers exercise and fresh air as a major side benefit. Involve your kids or grandkids as a substitute to video games and TV. That family involvement is worth the cost of admission alone. You just might be surprised as to how much enjoyment and mental challenge a hobby garden can be. Feel free to reach out to me at Lodge, or by whatever method works, to further discuss a subject that I just barely scratched the surface of.

Your friend and brother,

Peter



Young Past MastersW.B. Thomas L. Lewis 1983W.B. David C. Sponts 1986, 1988W.B. Paul Duff 1989*W.B. John W. Stansberger, FR 1991, 1995, 2002W.B. James McFarland, Jr 1993W.B. Julius W. Trumbach 1996W.B. Patrick M. Barnett 2000W.B. E. Wayne Howell 2001W.B. Alfred H. Rice 2003RON Peter J. Dushart P.P.P. 2004, 2006, 2023W.B. Donald C. Heritage 2005W.B. Roger D. Baker Jr 2009W.B. Michael F. Orr, Jr 2010RON George W. Naimen P.P.P. 2011RON Brian J. Reed P.P.P. 2011RON David J. Lane Jr P.P.P. 2012RON Todd E. Mory P.P.P. 2013W.B. Roger Baker, Jr 2014W.B. Richard W. Stankovics, Jr 2015*W.B. Robert H. Taylor 2015W.B. John H. Dingusky 2017*W.B. Mark Mason 2018*W.B. Aaron M. Roberts 2021, 2022RON Michael F. Mason P.P.P. 2020, 2021, 2022*Domestic dual affiliated Past Masters

October Communication
Tuesday October 1st 2024
Dinner 6:30pm / Opening 7:30pm
Merchantville Masonic Temple

Minutes for September 3rd 2024

Lodge opened in due form at 7:30pm

Officers Present

WM Peter G Buchert

SM George Weisner

JW Richard V Hartshorne

Tros John Diczeghy

Sec Michael Mattos

LD Barney Morfeldt

JD Roger Behn Sr

JMC Todd Cottle

Minutes from our June Meeting were read and accepted by the brethren

Treasurer's report was giving with a plea from the Treasurer to please pay your dues if they are still outstanding

Bills for the evening were read and accepted

No sick and visiting at this communication

WM Pete Buchert was the only brother to be celebrating his masonic birthday in September

Verdict of the Trial of Charges were read with the following balloting was held to determine punishment the following are the results

Expulsion - 13 to 0 against expulsion

Suspension for an indefinite period (more than 5 years) 13 to 0 against suspension

Definite suspension (a term of 1-5 years) - 13-0 against suspension

Public Reprimand - 13-0 against a public reprimand

Private Reprimand - 11-2 against a private reprimand