

## Grand Master's 2015 Independence Day Message



My Brothers,

As we approach the celebration of our country's independence let us reflect on it's importance to way of life and on our fraternity. Many of the founding fathers of the United States were Freemasons, and our government is based on Masonic principles. Independence Day, July 4th, is not just a day for fireworks and barbecues, but it a day for us all to be Proud Americans.

I am proud and pleased to wish all our brethren and their family's a hearty Happy Independence Day. My lovely wife Susan, Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Jeffrey M. Williamson and his charming wife Carla, and the entire elected and appointed members of the Grand Line and their ladies, and all the District Deputies and Staff Officers and their ladies, join me in this greeting.

In addition, let us implore the Great Architect of the Universe to protect the members of our Armed Forces as they are protecting us, wherever in the world they may be serving. May He bring them back home and out of harm's way to their families and friends!

Sincerely and fraternally  
M.:W.: William J. Thomas  
Grand Master

