

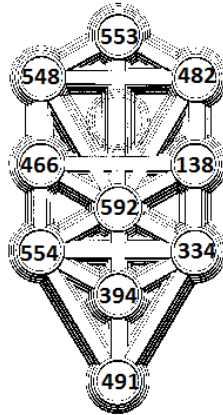


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“VIRTUS JUNXIT MORS NON SEPARABIT”



Brothers,

It is time once again to begin a new masonic year. As your District Deputy Grand Master I will again be visiting every lodge and bringing our Grand Masters message and some masonic light as well. Many of you expressed an interest in having another exciting game to play this year. I received much feedback on my last game and had to ponder long on what to do to improve it this year. One of the biggest disappointments was hearing that our younger Brothers did not want to travel to play in last year’s game. So I thought long and hard on what sort of a game I could create that would get these Brothers involved, but not require them to travel. I created a puzzle game that would require Brothers from different lodges to team up to solve, but that could be done via email or social networking and was quite pleased with it. Use last year’s cipher to decode the following to get started (NOTE – If you are new or did not play last year the document describing the process can be found here: <http://osdmasons.org/article133-DDGM-Masonic-Grail-Quest-Geocache-Challenge> and the question on the coin was “What makes you a Mason?”) :

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P.S. Don't tell anyone what the various codes say. Let's see who can cipher them out! Best of luck!

Fraternally Yours,

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