

Presidents Message April 2021

I am a huge baseball fan, and I always look forward to opening day of the season. This is no different this year. Fans are being allowed into ballparks at a much-reduced volume, and I sincerely hope that they are done safely. I plan to attend my first live game on Monday April 5th, providing I can get a negative covid test that day that the Yankees will accept. The reason that I am extra excited this year is that this is the first sign in my life that things are turning towards the normal. I received my second dose of vaccine today (April Fools Day), and I look forward to being able to participate and event host events with my temple family.

In my mind, I am targeting an event for late June to celebrate Edythe Herson's 100 birthday. We also cancelled a celebration last year to honor my wife Iris, for all the contributions she has made to our temple over our 27-year membership. I would like to be able to have that celebration this summer as well.

As far as services, we are beginning to think about how we can hold in person services at the temple. For our ZOOM services, we will continue to hold them, even when we return to live services. We have seen that there is a need for people who can not make it to Washington on a Friday evening, to enjoy services with us. We will be working on upgrading our audio-visual systems this spring/summer to be able to give a better experience for those who can not join us in person.

Enjoy the spring, enjoy your family, lean on us when you need to and

I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO HUGGING ANYONE WHO NEEDS A HUG.

Love Howie