

say that amongst so great a multitude of men no Brother ever ventures to betray our secrets; dispositions the most volatile, the most indiscreet, and the least trained up to secrecy, learn this great science as soon as they enter amongst us, so great an empire over the mind has the idea of brotherly union. This inviolable secrecy powerfully contributes to link together the subjects of different Kingdoms, and to facilitate and render mutual between them, the communications of benefits. We have many examples of it in the annals of our Order. Brethren travelling on the continent of Europe, through unforeseen circumstances, finding themselves distressed, upon making due application to our Lodges, invariably receive all necessary assistance. We are linked together by solemn vows, and if we fail in the performance of these solemn promises which connect us, the result will be of a great punishment, the remorse of our conscience, the infamy of perfidy, and occasionally exclusion from the Order. There is yet another qualification necessary to enter into our Order, viz: a taste for useful Sciences and liberal Arts of any kind, as they improve the heart as much as the understanding; moderate the selfish affections, sweeten and harmonize the temper, and better fit men for social happiness, which Freemasonry most zealously endeavors to promote. The name of Freemason ought not to be regarded in a material sense, as if we were simple workmen in stone or marble. We do not consecrate our talents and our toil to the construction of external Temples, but to rear a Temple not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. Thus I have given some account of Masonry and the Qualifications requisite to make a worthy member of it, and strictly in conjunction with the teachings of so important and far spread a Society,—an institution founded on the most exalted principles of moral and social virtue. May it be our glory to practice the duties it prescribes.

May we be disposed to every humane and friendly office, ever ready to pour wine and oil into the wounds of our afflicted brethren and gently bind them up, so that when the outsider beholds our conduct, and sees by our means the hungry fed, the naked clothed, and the sick sustained, they will cease to speak with disrespect of our noble order; their foolish prejudices will be removed, and they shall be convinced that Masonry is a useful and venerable structure, supported by the great and everlasting Pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

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HOW TO SECURE ATTENDANCE.

We quote the following by Grand Master Emerson, to the Grand Lodge of Utah, with approval:—

The Master of a Lodge should be a staid and thoughtful man, and above all, a man fruitful in resources. Should the energy and zeal of the members of his Lodge begin to slacken, and their attendance become more and more reluctant and infrequent, he should be able to devise some scheme, to put into operation some plan by which he may win them back to their allegiance. The Lodge Room should be made, next to home, the most delightful and attractive place on earth; a pleasant retreat from the cares and dividing influences of everyday active business life. Every Mason should regard his Lodge as a perennial fountain to which he may come at all times, and have his own moral courage, and his confidence in his fellow-men increased and strengthened. Does business annoy him, or financial disaster threaten, he here learns that no man should be regarded for his worldly wealth or honor. Is he discouraged and disheartened by the repeated instances of dishonesty and speculation in high places, in the world around him, he is here encouraged and strengthened by the fact that Masonry not only teaches, but demands of her thousands of votaries everywhere, and by a constant symbol, to walk uprightly in their several stations before God and man, and act upon the Square in all their dealings. From under such teachings a reflective mind comes out strong and self-reliant, ready to fight life's battles, and gain honor in the conflict. As means to so desirable an end, I would suggest that as often as time will permit,