

COURTESIES.—When a visitor enters his Lodge, the Worshipful Master should see that the Junior Deacon courteously provides him with a seat. That code of politeness or good manners was framed in no Masonic school, which permits a visiting Brother to look helplessly around in search of some vacant spot in which he may place himself. The visitor who is lawfully admitted to a Masonic Lodge bears with him his letters-patent entitling him to fraternal welcome. Although his countenance is unfamiliar, he is no stranger. A member of our great family, he should be the recipient of hospitable greeting, and not to be permitted to depart without some cordial word of welcome. An opportunity should be afforded him, privately if he will it, to state whence and why he came. If he needed it, assistance by counsel or otherwise must be given.

EMBLEM.—The emblem is an occult representation of something unknown or concealed by a sign or thing that is known. Thus a square in Freemasonry, an emblem of morality; a plumb line, of rectitude of conduct; and a level, of equality of human conditions. *Emblem* is very generally used as synonymous with *symbol*, although the two words do not express exactly the same meaning. An emblem is properly a representation of an idea by a visible object, as in the examples quoted above; but a symbol is more extensive in its application, includes every representation of an idea by an image, whether that image is presented immediately to the senses as a visible and tangible substance, or only brought before the mind by words. Hence an action or event as described, a myth or legend, may be a symbol, and hence, too, it follows, that while all emblems are symbols, all symbols are not emblems.

NEW YORK—AGE AND HONOR.—A proposition was made in the Grand Chapter of New York, at its last session, to exempt from dues all R. A. Masons who are over the age of sixty years, and to release the subordinate chapters from the payment of grand dues for such. The proposition failed, but some plan should be devised to release those who have faithfully done their duty until old age, from their compulsory dues. Some of the Bodies in Ohio exempt all from dues who have been contributing members for more than twenty-five years. This is honorable and manly; but we think it would be much better to abolish annual dues altogether.—*Review*.

ARKANSAS—GRAND CHAPTER.—At the late session of this Grand Body, Comp. E. H. English, who has so faithfully served as G. H. Priest, having been elected to the second office in the G. G. Chapter, declined a re-election in the Grand Chapter. Comp. Geo. A. Darnelly was elected to that office, and Comp. Luke E. Barber was re-elected Grand Secretary.

There are now 61 Chapters in the State, with 1561 members. All the surplus funds of the Grand Chapter were appropriated to St. John's College—an institution established and sustained by the Craft in Arkansas. It has now been in operation over a dozen years, and prospers under the fostering care of the Grand Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.—*Review*.