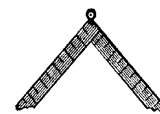




What is a Master of a Masonic Lodge? He is the representative of an organized society of Masons duly elected by them for their mutual protection and guidance. The Master is but the conduit through which such mutual aid and protection are achieved. They have elected him; the members by common consent permit his authority. One of the duties of the Master is that of caring for those he represents, and I care a great deal for the welfare of the Lodge. But, unfortunately, good will is not enough to carry out the needs of this Lodge.



At the present I have a problem which I consider a matter of every member's concern. It is that of new members in the line of officers. At this time I am asking all new members, and all the members whom for any reason have not had the opportunity to participate, to join me in the "Journey of Knowledge" in our ancient and great fraternity.

Every Master Mason went through the three degrees. At the end of the third degree we received from the Secretary a dues card which gives testimony of our membership. That dues card only gives us the prestige of membership to the greatest fraternity of the world. However, since no one can fully understand the significance of all the rituals and ceremonies through which we have passed, it is your participation which is going to enlighten you with all the knowledge about Masonry.

We are confronted with a serious problem as I mention before; the need of officers in the line. For example, there is no Master in line for next year. However, I believe, as in the past, that a good hearted brother will step forward and take that chair. There are several other holes in the line which can be filled by any Master Mason including: Senior and Junior Deacon, Senior and Junior Steward. I have faith and am certain that Crow Canyon Lodge will choose the path that leads to a better tomorrow and continue to give to us the strength to carry on. It has been a tradition to declare a Hiram Award recipient in the month of May. A brother has been selected, but we have decided to wait until his birthday, in September to present this award. I am pleased to acknowledge the work of Bro. Roy Tamez who has been selected to be honored this year. Please join us in celebration on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

As for the visitation, some members have suggested that we have it in Carson City, Nevada. Carson is not only an important historical city, they also allow gambling. So we can have a degree visitation and a casino trip combined. Yet, before I make any commitments with the Lodge in Carson City, I need to make sure that there are enough members and ladies committed to going. So in order that I may start making bus and hotel reservations, please call Bro. Ron Katz, Assistant Secretary at (510) 431-1211 or myself. Looking forward to a great trip.

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From the West

Dear Brothers and Ladies,

I have just come back from a well needed vacation. The part about "a time for rest and repose" comes to mind right now. The lessons I have learned in this lodge help me daily in my life. Brotherly love, relief and truth stay with me each and every day. The time has come for me to go back to work, both at my job and in the lodge.

I am looking for new officers to coach, someone who might feel as if they could never do it. Someone who thinks they don't have enough time or that it will be too hard. You may not know it, but I felt the same way years ago. When my brother, Sam, asked me to sit a chair, I told him "I don't think I can do it!" He had faith in me, he believed in me and that helped me through. Now I want to pass on that strength and belief to someone else. That knowledge that you really can do anything when you take "time, patience and perseverance."

Investing the time in you, my new brother officer, is the life blood that makes the lodge live on and thrive. You may have ideas and suggestions that would help our lodge increase it's significance in the lives of many others. We have everything when we have each other. We have all that we need to go forward and become a light in the darkness. I know that you are out there, my brother, come forth as "a tender branch that you may grow and bear the fruit that will sustain others for a lifetime to come.

As always you may leave a message on my phone or call me cell anytime.

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P.S.: I will be cooking for the September Stated Meeting dinner. Let me know if you would like to help.



From the South

Brethren,



How's your Summer going? I started discussing the Regius Poem in my last column, and this is a continuation. The Regius dates from 1390 AD, and is Freemasonry's oldest document.

The writer of some original manuscript, of which the Regius is a copy, was thoroughly familiar with the craft of Masonry. Much of the poem is devoted to setting forth "fifteen articles" and "fifteen points", which the manuscript states were the result of a great assembly called by King Athelstane, attended by "diverse lords", and "dukes, earls and barons also knights, squires, and many more...". According to the poem: "Fifteen articles there they sought, and fifteen points there they wrought."

The fifteen articles develop many practices of a high moral nature. The Master Mason must be trusty and true, pay fair wages, take no bribe nor allow workmen to do so, and judge fairly and honestly. A Mason must attend the general assembly provided he is told when and where it is to be held, unless he has a good excuse, such as illness. This seems to be the first mention of a practice which today is the summons from lodge.

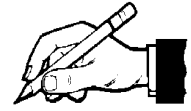
The Master is instructed to take no 'prentice without assurance he will serve seven years, and to make sure he is of "gentle kind". He must be of "lawful blood" and not deformed: "To the Craft it were great shame, to make a halt man and a lame. The Craft would have a mighty man; a maimed man, he hath no might".

The Master must instruct the 'prentice so that he may be enabled to gain a higher rate of pay. He must not harbor thieves nor murderers, "nor the same that hath a feeble name" (a half wit). If by any chance the Master does get a man who "be not so perfect as he ought", he is instructed to change him for a more perfect man. The Master must not undertake a piece of work he cannot finish. He must be sure of the ground on which he builds. This work must be done at a profit to his lord.

It is most interesting to modern Masons to find: "There shall no Master supplant another, but be together as sister and brother. Nor he shall not supplant no other man".



From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

The California Masonic Code has been revised and the fourth edition of the CMC became effective as of October 11, 2006. It is available now. If you need a personal copy I have a few left at a cost of \$20.00; Grand Lodge supplies charges \$33.50. Many of you know that I think of the "blue" lodge as my roots in Masonry. We were asked the question, "Where were you first prepared to become a Mason?" I am sure that we all remember the response. Some Brethren say that one needs further "light" in Masonry. We may tend to forget where the original light comes from and without it how can there be any further light if we don't keep the "blue lodges" active with new members and old members. And the only way that the concordant bodies can exist is to have an active membership in the "blue lodge." I receive applications for the degrees, they are read, and the candidate is voted in. The man receives the first degree. The line signers disappear and expects to see their friend become a Brother and magically join a concordant body. My Brother it does not happen that way unless you are willing to put out some time and effort to coach and encourage the man to advance. If you are a line signer, then you are expected to work with him and even coach the degrees. Suitable material will be furnished you. If you attended the last business meeting you are aware that our lodge needs YOU to be an active participant. Don't worry you won't be brow beaten in to becoming a line officer, but we do need Brethren to step forward and help us keep that light that we speak of burning. It's up to you and me.

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The Mason is not to work at night, and must not decry the work of his fellows, but praise it when it is done well. The Master must so teach the 'prentice that eventually he may know the Craft well "wheresoever he may go under the sun". In modern language, that he "may travel in foreign countries and receive Master's wages". And finally the Master must countenance no false oaths lest the Craft be put to shame if he "maintains his fellows in their sin".

More Regius next month...

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In Memoriam

Dale J. Evans

84 years, 10 months and 16 days

Entered into Rest May 28, 2007

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*Almighty Father, into thy hands we
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