

Let's Find Out Together

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about my oldest questions of Freemasonry in new, more meaningful ways.

After the talk, I asked him privately, "What is your best advice for a young Mason like myself working toward mastering our Craft?" I expected him to reply with something that I would not completely understand, but instead he gave me just one word: "Read". Thinking about it, that's a perfect response from one of Masonry's most respected authors.

Our own Scottish Rite Research Society represents a vibrant community of Masonic scholars who, like Ill. Hutchens, examine the great ideals and purposes of our Craft, and in their writings, answer many of the questions we have about our Fraternity, its history and its deepest mean-

ings.

At the end of his talk, Ill. Hutchens charged each of us with the task of spreading Masonic light in this brilliantly simple way: when a Brother asks us something about the Craft we do not know, we must tell him, "I do not know, let's find out together." That is the true spirit of Scottish Rite Masonry — the search, together, for greater spiritual and philosophical understanding.

Consider this, and see why bringing new Master Masons to our Valley can be so rewarding. You're introducing a Brother and reintroducing yourself to the rich body of knowledge that Freemasonry has to offer the inquisitive, thoughtful man.

NINTH DEGREE Elu of the Nine

In the Ninth Degree, Elu of the Nine, we learn that ignorance is the principal enemy of human freedom; that a free press is indispensable to true liberty; and that remorse and guilt are God's punishment and are more* severe than that of Man.



Originally created to reward fidelity, obedience, and devotion, this Degree was consecrated to bravery, devotedness, and patriotism; and our obligation has made known to us the duties which we have assumed. They are summed up in the simple mandate: Protect the oppressed against the oppressor; and devote ourselves to the honor and interest of our country.

As Elus of the Nine we should enlighten our souls and minds, instruct and enlighten the people, and be vigilant to the interests and honor of our country.

Kids in the Clinic

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with the association called recording for the Blind and Dyslexic where he can order almost any book he wants for a low yearly fee. He is finally able to read Harry Potter (with the help of the CD), and he is almost finished with the third book already!

His teacher says he has made a quantum leap in his reading and in his overall classroom performance in just the first couple of months."

TENTH DEGREE Elu of the Fifteen

In the Tenth Degree, Elu of the Fifteen, we learn that ambition creates tyranny and despotism and that fanaticism creates intolerance and persecution.



This Degree is devoted to the same objects as those of the Elu of Nine; and also to the cause of toleration and liberality against fanaticism and persecution, political and religious; and to that of education, instruction, and enlightenment against error, barbarism, and ignorance. To these objects we have irrevocably and forever devoted our hand, heart, and intellect; and whenever in our presence a Chapter of this Degree is opened, we will be most solemnly reminded of our vows here taken at the altar.

As Elus of the Fifteen we should be tolerant and liberal, warring against fanaticism and persecution with education and enlightenment.



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Keeping in Touch

By Ill. George Harrison, 33°

From The Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin

It is not every one of us who joins any organization who wishes to become fully involved, be that a church, a social club, a union, a professional society, or a fraternity. We each have our own reasons for joining and for retaining our membership.

In Freemasonry there are those of us who are ritual enthusiasts, there are those who are interested in Masonic research, there are those of us who want to become involved in administration, and there are those of us whose primary objective is in enjoying the social relationships.

For those who are not active participants, it is only too often that they are ignored. Sometimes, when a brother becomes delinquent in his dues, we send out perfunctory notices only to find in some cases that the brother has passed away or has been very ill for a long time. It is next to impossible for a Secretary, who is usually the principal officer with whom the members are in touch, to keep in touch himself with every member.

The point here is that each of us has our own responsibility for keeping in touch. If illness has overtaken a brother, or if he is otherwise unable to communicate himself, he should previously have asked family members or a friend close to him to advise the Secretary. If a brother is unable to pay his dues because of financial hardship he should let the Secretary know. Such matters are kept in very strict confidence. Dues can be remitted without names ever being divulged to the membership at large. None of us should let our membership lapse because of lack of interest, or any other reason. There have been cases where a brother has done this and then after he has passed away his widow has applied for Masonic

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BEGINNING

WITH THE

JUNE

STATED MEETING

THERE WILL BE

NO STANDING

DINNER

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Government 101

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. — *Winston Churchill*

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

— *George Bernard Shaw*

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow manwhich debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

— *G Gordon Liddy*

relief, such as entrance to the Masonic Home. Unfortunately for these ladies, our Masonic laws preclude such relief because the brother was not in good membership standing at the time of his death. **The point here is that each of us has our own responsibility for keeping in touch.**

Calendar

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2007

June 8, 2007

Stated Meeting and

York Rite Unity Night

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

Menu: Beef Short Ribs or Salmon

Tuesday, June 16, 2007

Advisory Council Meeting

Santa Monica Masonic Center

"Riviera room" — 7 p.m.

Friday, June 22, 2007

9° & 10° Degrees

Elu of the Nine

Elu of the Fifteen

Dinner 7:00 p.m. — Degrees 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 13, 2007

Stated Meeting and

Potentate's Reception

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

TBA

Knights Of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

First Friday of the Month
7 p.m. — Riviera Room

IN MEMORIAM

**Leeman W. Ewing
Arthur Kazarian
Irving I. Levine
George F. Murray
Philip M. Newmark
William C. Rooke
Jason I. Ruebens**

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The Lambskin

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great.
There are other things far more useful, yet truly I state,
Tho of all my possessions, there's none can compare,
With that white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
When Dad hustled around, and so much time was spent,
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,
Until mother would say "It's the Masons tonight."

And some winter nights she said, "What makes you go,
Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow,
You see the same things every month of the year."
Then Dad would reply: "Yes, I know it my dear."

Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true,
And tho they are old, they always seem new,
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet.

Years later I stood at the very same door,
With good men and true who had entered before,
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught,
That virtue and honor can never be bought.

If worthily worn grows more precious each year,
That service to others brings blessing untold,
That man may be poor tho surrounded by gold.
I learned that true brotherhood flourished there,

That enmities fade 'neath the compass and square,
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
As there on the level men meet and abide.

So honor the lambskin, may it always remain
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain.
And when we are called to the great Father's love,
May we all take our place in that great Lodge up above.

By III. Edgar A. Guest 33°

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