



The Daylight Deacon



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Stated Meeting 2nd and 4th Saturday 9:00 A. M.
Breakfast at 8:00 A. M.

The Master's Mission Statement

The Master will set the standard and provide proper instruction to enable the Brethren to apply the Square and Compasses of the duly recognized but often forgotten Principles to the incidents of their own everyday Masonic lives, and with their aid to produce a Perfect Ashlar which may in turn be of service to the less experienced Craftsmen as a faithful and reliable guide and model. Keith Luck, Master

LEWIS:

[A **Lewis** is an iron tool inserted in a cavity in a large stone, which, expanded as it is pulled upwards, holds the weight of the stone firmly as it is swung through the air by a derrick to its position in the wall of a building. Both the term and the invention are very old.

Pennsylvania lodges used **Lewis** as a symbol of strength, but as such it is absent from the symbolism of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Masonically, the word is universally used to denote the under-age son of a Freemason. Obviously the term has been so applied because the strength of a man's later years is in his sons, and the **Lewis**, in England as in Pennsylvania, is a symbol of strength.

In England a dispensation may be obtained, permitting the initiation of a Lewis under twenty-one years of age. In Scotland any Lewis may be initiated at eighteen. In North Dakota, a **Lewis** may apply to a lodge before his is twenty-one, but cannot be initiated until he has reached man's estate.

The Classic instance of a **Lewis** being initiated in this country is **George Washington**, who was only twenty years and some months of age when he became an Entered Apprentice in "The Lodge

at Fredericksburgh" (Virginia), November 4, 1752.] Author unknown

From the East:

Recently, I participated in a lively discussion concerning "What is Masonry?" We were fortunate to have everyone from 50-year Masons to Grand Lodge officers to an Entered Apprentice involved. The discussion brought out many differences in our reasons for having become Masons, as well as what we consider Masonry to be.

Some members look at Masonry as simply a way to improve a man, morally and spiritually. Some see the Fraternity as a way to make themselves more responsible to God and their community and family. Still others regard it as a Brotherhood of like-minded men to share ideas, experiences and good times with. Some call it a journey. All are correct, and all are mistaken.

We are told that our Sacred Order is a beautiful system of morals; that it is a course of moral lessons; we are received on the square of morality; and we ask that every moral and social virtue cement us. Morality, as taught to us and illustrated through the allegories of the Bible appears to be an underlying truth and goal of our institution. Because morality is the virtue every individual finds most elusive to remain true to.

Our several obligations reflect this fact by including so many specific promises from us. And this is why the study of the ritual, discussion with other knowledgeable brethren and attendance at lodge are vitally important for each individual Mason to maintain his moral compass.

The acquisition of our moral direction in life cannot be accomplished in one day, or by simply learning an obligation, sign, token or word. To truly understand who we are as Masons it is imperative that we don't simply learn the ritual, but that we also live by the lessons inherent in the ritual and those lessons the ritual leads us to.

These lessons are a belief in God, brotherly love, relief and truth. So to answer the question, "What is Masonry?" you must first know yourself and what you have become because of Masonry. Are you a moral man? Do you keep your passions, desires and interest from betraying your morality? Are you actively concerned with the welfare of your Masonic brethren, their widows and orphans? Do you live your life everyday by the lessons of the three obligations, lectures, charges and prayers? Only you are able to answer these questions, because you are the only one to know your true self.

As Masons we gather together to help each of us uphold these lessons. Together we can reinforce the importance of morality in our lives. This is more important in today's world than ever before!

Without learning the lessons of Masonry entirely a man necessarily must have difficulty following the road, the moral road through life. And that journey is a joy to be shared with men who love and support each other.

Keith Luck, Master

From the Secretary's desk:

All human beings have failings; all human beings have needs, temptations, and stresses. Men and women who live through long years together get to know one another's failings; but they also come to know what is worthy of respect and admiration on those they live with and in themselves. If at the end one can say "This man used to the limit the powers that God granted him; he was worthy of love and respect and of the sacrifices that many people made in order that he might achieve what he deemed to be his task"; then that life has been

lived well and there are no regrets. –Eleanor Roosevelt

Coming events:

June 25 9:00 AM Stated * ** Official visit of the Jr. Grand Deacon.

July 4 9:00 AM Ritual Practice*

July 11 9:00 AM Stated * **

July 18 9:00 AM Ritual Practice*

July 25 9:00 AM Stated* **

*Kauphy and donuts at 8:00

** No breakfast

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Are You A Man?

By W. R. Shields

I do not ask, my friend, if you
Were born a Gentile or a Jew,
A Buddhist, or Mohammedian:
I only ask, are you a man?

It matters not, my friend, to me
If you are black as black can be,
Or colored red, or brown, or tan:
I ask but this, are you a man?

I care not, brother, whence you came,
Nor do I seek to know your name,
Your race, religion, creed or clan:
I want to know if you're a man.

I care not if you're homely quite,
Or handsome as an angle bright,
If you, throughout your little span,
Have only shown yourself a man.

I think that most men think like that:
They hate a weakling, loathe a rat;
They've always liked, since time began,
One who is first and last a man.