



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

The Order of the Garter

In the apron lecture of the first degree we were told that the Masonic apron is more honorable than the **Star and Garter**. Following is a short discussion of the Order of the Garter.

[**The Order of the Garter** was formed by King Edward III of England in 1349. It was composed of the King and twenty-five Knights and originated in the false pride and fantastic pomp of medieval manners. Edward A. Freeman, an English historian, says, "The spirit of knighthood is above all things a class spirit, the good knight is bound to endless courtesies toward men and women of a certain rank; he may treat all below that rank with any degree of scorn and cruelty. Chivalry is in morals what feudalism is in law. Each substitutes personal obligations devised in the interest of an exclusive class, for the more homely duties of an honest man and a good citizen.

"Freemasonry is in striking contrast to such conceptions. It stands for the dissipation of discord and dissention, for the promotion of peace, pursuit of knowledge and the practice of brotherhood, for untrammelled conscience, equality, and the divine right of liberty in man, for

devotion to duty, the building of character and rectitude of life and conduct. Its symbolical supports are wisdom, strength and beauty. The principle rounds of the theological ladder are faith, hope and charity. Its primary tenets are brotherly love, relief and truth. Its cardinal virtues are fortitude, temperance, prudence and justice. Its Temple is erected to the Master Builder, its Great Light is the Word of Revelation and at its center is an Altar of high and holy purpose."]
Author Unknown

Next Month 'The Order of the Star'

From the East:

What is a Mason? We all talk about what we should do as Masons, whether it is ritual, philanthropy or brotherhood. But do we truly understand what a Mason is rather than what he does.

First and foremost a Mason should have God as a major force in his life. It makes no difference what his beliefs encompass so long as he truly believes in the one living and true God. He should always be aware that he willingly obligated himself to the fraternity and his brothers before God.

And those obligations are binding. Too often we ignore parts of the several obligations we took for expediency. But just because we have some sort of authority over our brethren does not release us from those obligations we have bound ourselves with. We must still maintain our sworn duties even if it isn't the easy way to solve a problem. Too often we are compelled to act dictatorial as a Master or other officer to make things easier for ourselves.

So, as we accept more and more responsibility among our brethren, and tread round after round the ladder leading to fame in our fraternity, we must keep our obligations foremost in our minds. We cannot allow our fraternity to devolve into a corporate mind-set where profit, membership, or publicity becomes the direction of our lodges.

We can bring Freemasonry to many good men but we must be good Masons in our own right. Look in your hearts, Brethren and remember your obligations. They are what make you a true Mason.

Keith Luck, Master

From the Secretary's desk:

Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." - Norman Vincent Peale

Chaplin's Corner

The Train of Masonry

Some brothers ride the train of Masonry looking out the rear,

Attending meetings every month and marking every year.

They sit in sad remembrance of wasted days gone by,

They never take a station or give Lodge work a try,

But, don't concern yourself with that; just take a different vent.

Look forward to what you can now do, and not what has been spent.

So grasp on to the engine as securely as can be.

You need to be out in front to see what you can see.

You need to feel the winds of brotherhood blowing in your face;

You will then see what our craft unfolds as you move into a Place.

You want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past.

Life's too short for yesterdays, It moves along too fast.

So if the ride gets bumpy while you are looking back,

Get up in front and check if your fraternal life has jumped the track.

It's all right to remember, that's part of history,

But up front's where it's happening; there's so much mystery.

The enjoyment of our lives is not where we have already been,

It's looking ever forward to another year and ten.

It's searching all the byways, and please do not refrain,

For if you want to live Masonically, you gotta drive our train!

Coming events:

2 May	9:00 AM	Ritual practice*
9 May	9:00 AM	Stated**
16 May	9:00 AM	Ritual practice*
23 May	9:00 AM	Stated**
30 May	9:00 AM	Ritual practice*

*Kauphy (orange juice for Carl & others), donuts and fellowship at 8:00 AM. Special and conferring of degrees, if called.

**Breakfast and fellowship at 8:00 AM

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True Knighthood

In days of old, when men were bold,
And knighthood was in flower,
To watch and pray, to fight and slay,
Gave Rank, and Fame, and Power.

They strove to kill the infidel,
And gather in the spoil,
With treasure trove, and lady's love,
Reward for all their toil.

With feathered Crest and lance at rest,
With shield and armour bright,
On gallant steed, with headlong speed,
They dashed into the fight.

In these late days, in peaceful ways,
The Templar's win their fame,
Aid to the weak, kind words to speak,
Their Knighted ranks proclaim.

The maiden fair, their vows declare,
Must shielded be from wrong,
For widows aid, each trusty blade,
Be bright, and true, and strong.

To help to cheer the orphan dear,
When sorrow's dark clouds lower,
These are the ways, in modern days,
True Knighthood is in flower.

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