

Eaton Lodge v M.M.M.

Dedication Oration

Masonry is a means to an end. Its purpose is to inculcate certain principles in its lodges - so that its members, having learnt those principles in the lodge, may practice them outside it. Masonry which ends in the lodge is valueless. And those principles are not only to be practiced among masons - they are to be extended to all individuals we come into contact in our daily lives. If masonry fails in this respect, then it is not fulfilling its purpose.

Now what is the purpose of fraternal masonry in general? What are you, the founders of the Eaton Lodge of M.M.M.'s going to aim at? What are to be your ideals?

Well, this beautiful degree is so full of meaning, that there are many ideals which I could set before you with great advantage, but time will not allow.

I will only ask you to consider two points, and in each of them, I want you, as founder of the Eaton Lodge to consent then, with him, after whom this lodge is to be founded, and whose name you will be privileged to bear.

Personal Duties.

1. The ideal of working for the common good, without hope of reward. The workman from the Quarries saw that a certain stone was required. He set about that task with all the skill & judgment that he was capable of - without hope or thought of reward.

b. D. E. for 50 years.

There is no merit in this world for which can be done without looking for reward. We can get at it & do it.

2. The humble mark. Every mark marks a man has his special mark on his work. That is a parable. That mark is left indelibly on work which we do. As time succeeds time and we pass on, there is in the world the humble mark left behind us a mark. b. D. E. has left a mark & I know that it is in his prayer, as well as his wish today that this lodge should bear its name. It is my intention to be able to say...