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Introduction.

Good Report
Welcome and
Congratulations.

What is Masonry?

What are its Objects?

What advantages
does it offer?

A peculiar system of M.
Veiled in Allegory
and illustrated by S.s.

Free Masonry is a
Great Bro-hood
of Fellowship + Service
based on the Fatherhood
of God + the Bro-hood
of Man, the branches
of which have spread
over the four quarters
of the globe.

Our present day
Free + A. Masonry
emanated, no doubt,
from the Lodges of

Operative Masons
who travelled the
Country in the early
Centuries of the present
Millenary building
the Cathedrals, Castles
and Mansions of
that Period.

But although
~~now~~ Lodges have
ceased their operative
status and are now
purely accepted or
speculative yet

we retain the
symbols, tokens,
words + forms of
Ancient Masonry
signifying the great
spiritual truths
underlying its teaching.

Though no longer
engaged in rearing
temples of stone
we are employed
daily in ^{shaping} building
Character for that

Great Spiritual Temple
which age cannot
affect or death destroy

As workmen
employed by the
Almighty Architect,
we are required to
work to the plan
laid down for our
guidance in the
Volumen of the sacred Law,
to use the tools and
shape the material
as the great Arch. may
direct, and to accept

in his providential dealings, such chiselling and carving, as his wisdom may deem needful, to render us fit stones for his Spiritual Temple.

Masonry is not a secret society.

It is true we have secrets, like most organisations of whatever character, but our secrets are

concerned more with the method than with the matter.

While the Obligations connected with the various ceremonies bind our brethren not to disclose our Masonic Signs, tokens or words no such restriction is placed on the disclosure of the principles, ideals and purposes of the Fraternity. in fact we are encouraged to believe that the

more the principles
and ideals of Masonry
were known and practiced
the better it would be
for the world.

What are I always think the
philosophy of our Order
is very beautifully
expressed in the
injunction given to the
brethren at our Installation
meeting.

.. May the principles and
tenets of our profession, —
— end to pour the
healing balm of consolation
into the bosom of the
afflicted.

That I feel embodies
 the true philosophy
 of F. M. and in all our
 ritual and teaching we
 are again and again
 urged to translate
 this philosophy into
 our daily lives & service.

The guiding principles
 of F. M. in actual life
 are "Brotherly Love, Relief
 and Truth."

St Paul in the 13th Chap.
 of the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians
 introduces us, no doubt
 unconsciously, to the
 very heart and soul of

7. Masonry These beautiful
 verses have been described
 as the "Psalm of Love" in
 which St Paul tells us
 in poetic prose that the
 one thing without which
 everything is valueless is
 charity or in its modern
 sense ^{brotherly} Love.

Charity expresses itself
 in numerous forms among
 which are patience,
 kindness, generosity,
 humility, courtesy, ^{unselfishness},
 good temper, sincerity.

These spiritual qualities
 expressed in human
 relationships denote the
 true concept of Love ^{Brotherly}

Without ^{that} love the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft would be nothing more than empty and idle words.

No true sense of love can be expressed by men who cherish thoughts of envy, malice, resentment or ingratitude.

Love is above eloquence, above knowledge, above wealth.

Bro. — during the ceremony this evening you were placed in the N.E. part of the L. and informed that you represented a

F. S. and the hope was expressed that on that F. S. you would raise a S. S. perfect in its parts + honourable to the B. we trust that you may be blessed with a long and healthy life and I assure you that if you apply your usual zeal to your Masonic life you will in the fulness of time reflect credit on your Lodge and receive for yourself much joy and immense satisfaction.

Toast. Verne.

We are building every day
In a good or evil way;
And the structure as it grows
Must our inward self disclose,
Till in every arch and line
All our hidden faults outshine.
Do you ask what building this,
That can show both pain + bliss —
That can be both dark + fair? —
Lo! its name is Character.
Build it well, what'er you do!
Build it straight, and strong, + true
Build it clean, and high + broad —
Build it for the eye of God.