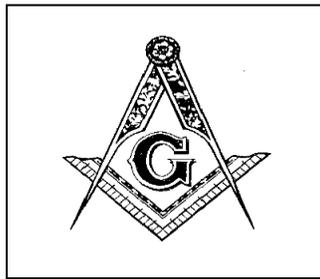


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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
7:00 PM

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Dear Brother \_\_\_\_\_,

Now that you have completed your Entered Apprentice Degree and undoubtedly have several questions for which you'd like some answers, this may be the beginning of your search.

The procedure is very simple, you are asked to answer the enclosed questions and turn in your response sheet to your Mentor before you take the next degree. The results will not be recorded or shared with anyone else. The information is for you and your Mentor only. It doesn't make any difference how you do on the responses. There will be three exams, one for each Degree. Each "Test" is not designed to increase or improve the memory work, or to replace it. The goal is for you, through your Mentor, to become better educated concerning the teachings of this great fraternity.

"Masonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and symbolism." Masonry emphasizes three fundamental ideas: The existence of a Supreme Being. That man should become a useful member of society, performing useful tasks. That this work is to be done according to the principles of morality, justice and truth.

To teach these three fundamental ideas we have used the builder's art as an analogy ("analogy" - comparing of something, point to point, with something else). For example: the temple built by operative Masons might be compared to the temple of character. The sacred word (Bible, Koran, Torah, etc.) might be compared to the trestle board or drawing board. Man is compared to the workman, and God is the Supreme Architect.

The philosophical "Secrets" of Masonry are based on the tools used by the operative Mason. The square, level, plumb, etc., have developed dual or allegorical meanings ("allegory" - a story which people, things, and happenings have another meaning, often morally instructive, as in a fable or a parable). We wish you God speed.

Fraternally,

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Worshipful Master

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Mentor

**Peace and Harmony**