



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 Forget-Me-Not

You may be interested in the story of the "Forget-Me-Not" as found in the English Translation in QC Nr. 808 Bayreuth Magazine "TAU II / 95" pages 95 ff.

The True Story Behind This Beloved Emblem of the craft in Germany, Das Vergissmeinnicht "The Forget-Me-Not"

[As early as the year 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became apparent that Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Bayreuth (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges) realized the imminent problems facing them and elected to wear a little blue flower, The Forget-Me-Not (Das Vergissmeinnicht) in lieu of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identification for Masons. It was felt the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some readily recognizable means of identification.

Throughout the entire Nazi era, a little blue flower in a lapel marked a Brother. In the

Concentration Camps and in the cities a little blue Forget-Me-Not distinguished the lapels of those who refused to allow the Light of Masonry to be extinguished.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Beyer, a little blue -Forget-Me-Not- pin was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first annual convention of those who survived the bitter years of darkness bringing the Light of Masonry once again into the Masonic Temples.

At the first Annual Convent of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, AF & AM in 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem honoring those valiant Brethren who carried out their work under adverse conditions.

At the Grand Masters Conference in the United States, Dr. Theodor Vogel, the Grand Master of the newly formed VGLvD, presented one of the pins to each of the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions of which the VGLvD enjoyed fraternal relations.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into meaningful emblem of Fraternity and became perhaps the most widely worn pin among Freemasons in Germany. In most lodges, the Forget-Me-Not is presented to a new Master

Mason, at which time its history is briefly explained.] Author unknown

From the East:

Why did you become a Mason? This question was asked of the officers, members and guests at the last meeting of Dona Ana Daylight Lodge. You might infer by the question itself that there would be as many different responses as attendees. You would be sorely mistaken.

Almost to a man the response was, "I knew a man whom I considered to be a good man who was a Mason."

Freemasons are members of a unique Order that cannot be defined as a society or organization or corporation. They are a Fraternity of like-minded men. But the threads that make them as such are a belief in one Almighty Creator and Brotherly Love. Unlike other men, Masons have chosen a path in life by voluntarily taking a solemn obligation to believe and behave in a manner to benefit society.

Therefore, a Mason who follows his obligation and the teachings of the various degree lectures cannot err or waiver from what is right and good. He necessarily must contribute to the good of society as an individual and not expect others to pick up his tools and perform his labors for him.

Remember, not all the signers of the Declaration of Independence nor all the framers of the Constitution were Masons, but they were influenced by the tenets of the Order because of the participation of true Masons. We can only thank the Supreme Architect for His guidance through the decades which has kept Freemasonry from becoming just another club.

This is a good lesson for all Masons! Do good unto all, not through hand outs and empty gestures, but by being a good man and an example to be followed by all men you meet. They may decide to become your brothers someday.

Keith Luck, Master

From the Secretary's desk:

The Real Freemason

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being

rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal.

The Farmers Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass

Coming events:

Oct 3 9:00 AM Ritual Study*

Oct 10 9:00 AM Stated Meeting**

Oct 17 9:00 AM Ritual Study*

Oct 24 9:00 AM Stated Meeting**

Oct 31 9:00 AM Ritual Study

*Kauphy and donuts at 8:00

** Breakfast at 8:00

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TRUE BROTHERHOOD

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I sought my soul,
But my soul I could not see.

I sought my God,
But my God eluded me.

I sought my brother,
And found all three.

I sought to hear the voice of God
And climb the topmost steeple,
But God declared: "Go down again
I dwell among the people."

John Henry Newman
