

La Respectable Loge La Meditation

Masonic Tutorial

*The Entered Apprentice – Generally
Before Acceptance*

Why does a Candidate go through an Initiation Ceremony prior to his or her joining “La Meditation” a Masonic Organization?

- *Societies through all ages have used initiation ceremonies as a symbol of a new birth, and of further development of the Soul and Mind.*

Why Does “La Meditation” require this Careful Selection Of Candidates?

- *In the construction of the Temple, King Solomon selected the best material, as he knew that without, the Temple would not last.*

- *As such, Venerable Allin Mondesir believes that a cautious, careful selection of “La Meditation’s” members is necessary for the continuance and longevity of “La Meditation” as an organization.*

Why are You required to Pay A Considerable Sum Of Money Prior To Your Initiation?

- *“La Meditation” as well as all Lodges are supported by the monthly or yearly payments of their members. When a new Initiate is accepted by our Lodge that money helps with the purchase of Apron and books which are later given to you.*

- *We evaluate the ability that you were first willing and secondly, able to spend such a sum to become a Freemason and join “La Meditation” assures us that it will not financially burden you to remain a member of “La Meditation.”*

How Many Degrees?

- *The Entered Apprentice degree*

- *The Fellow craft degree*

● *The Master Mason degree*

What kind of Information will I find In The Ritual Of The Three Masonic Degrees?

● *Within these rituals, you will find the philosophy and lessons of Freemasonry. Every single stone in this foundation is a symbol of some kind or another.*

● *Many of these symbols will be called to the attention of the new member as they progress through the degrees.*

● *“La Meditation” recognizes that one may not fully grasp the whole teaching in one ceremony, thus, Venerable Allin Mondesir recommend further research and reading.*

“Degree” What Does it Mean?

● *Each Candidate learns the meaning of a degree twice. The first time, when it is conferred on him/her. The second time, when he/she learns it by heart. The important is that one begins at a certain point in his/her life, proceeds in order step by step, until he/she comes to a clean cut end with a given action, at a given place.*

● *A degree is composed of elements, or rites, and should not be seen as a mere addition, as it is itself a unity, with an identity and a name.*

What Are The Two Masonic Meanings Of The Word “Lodge”?

● *It mostly commonly known to mean the place where Freemasons meet.*

● *In addition, a Masonic Lodge can also serve as the symbol of the world or the universe.*

***What Is An “Allegory”,
A “Symbol” And An “Emblem” ?***

● *An “allegory” is an analogy, or comparison, or a story told to illustrate a lesson or teachings.*

● *A “symbol” is not itself the meaning of what it is to represent, but it signifies, illustrates an*

idea or a fact.

- An “emblem” is a symbolic figure or picture representing an idea by a visible object.

What Is Another Definition Of A Symbol?

- A symbol has also been defined as a thing which represents something else by association, and in Freemasonry may be a material object which represents a basic moral truth or lesson.

- They are sometimes described as the universal language because they present the message in a way understood by all, and do not depend on words that are different in various languages.

Why Is Freemasonry Often Referred To As “The Craft”?

- In operative days the skilled workmen were Craftsmen, and they were organized in Craft Guilds.

- As Freemasonry consists of men skilled in the art of Freemasonry, it is often called “The Craft”.

Why Does The Master Of A Lodge Sometimes Wear A Hat?

- Ever since the Greeks crowned their heroes with garlands or wreaths, caps or halos have been associated with honor and authority. Kings wear hats in any company, denoting superiority and authority, and Jews remain covered in the Synagogue as a mark of reverence and respect. From such traditions our Masonic custom is derived.

What Is The Symbolic Meaning Of Wearing White Gloves In Lodge?

- In ancient times the Operative Masons wore gloves to protect their hands from the rigors of their trade, but as Speculative Masons the gloves signify that our hands should be protected from all impurities and symbolize the same purity of ideals as the apron.

What Is The Symbolism Of The Ashlars?

- The Rough Ashlar represents a man fresh from the quarry of life, and of rough learning and character. As the unwanted material is removed; the Ashlar becomes polished and squared and finally a Perfect Ashlar.

● *The analogy to the Mason, who is a building stone in the Temple of Masonry, is that the perfect man is to be attained by removing all vices and superfluities.*

***Is An Entered Apprentice Called A Brother And
What Rights Does He Have?***

● *He is entitled to be called Brother.*

● *He has the right to ask his Lodge for advancement to the higher degrees,*

● *He can attend his Lodge anytime it is opened and working in the Entered Apprentice Degree.*

What Is The Symbolic Theme Of Initiation?

● *Initiation is symbolic of rebirth from a state of ignorance, to one of a search for knowledge.*

***Where Is The Altar Situated?
Why is An Altar used ?***

● *The Altar is situated in the centre of the Lodge, we take our obligations on the Altar, and all obligations should be taken on the Centre.*

● *In the Entered Apprentice and Fellow craft degrees the Altar is the place of obligation, but in the Master Mason degree it becomes the Holy of Holies, on which are situated the Great Lights of Freemasonry.*

What Is The Masonic Significance Of The "Altar"?

● *The Altar reminds us that the sacrifice of ourselves and our vows of fidelity are taken at the mystic centre.*

● *On it we have dedicated ourselves to the Divine Spark within us, which is ever in union with the source of all, and which is also the Masonic Holy of Holies.*

● *This, the Great Light teaches us, was the centre and heart of both the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and the Temple of Solomon.*

What Is Meant By The Term "Architecture"?

- *Architecture is the art that teaches the proper method of constructing public and private buildings.*
- *To Freemasonry it is the art of arts, because to it the Institution is indebted for its origin in its present organization.*
- *Much of the symbolism of Freemasonry is drawn from the art of architecture.*

***What Is Meant By The Term
“Great Architect”
Or “Grand Geometrician”?***

- *Great Architect of the Universe, or any of its variations, is a symbol of Deity as named and worshipped in all religions.*

What Is A Masonic Assembly?

- *A Masonic Assembly is any meeting of Masons presided over by Masonic officers.*

***Why Is It Sometimes Called
An Order?***

- *An Order because its work is in order and its officers have fixed positions and it functions in an orderly manner.*

Why Are The Three Degrees Of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, And Master Mason Called the Symbolic Degrees?

- *These are by far the oldest degrees in Freemasonry, and were formulated in an age when the use of symbols was prevalent in all religious orders. Therefore symbols are used extensively in these three degrees.*
- *In the newer degrees of the Royal Arch, Templar Orders and the Scottish Rite, the teaching is done more by legends and traditions than by symbols.*

Conclusion

It is my hope, that this presentation was helpful and educational. Should you have any comments, please do not hesitate to send me a comment in the comment section of our Website.

Again, "La Meditation" thank you for your visit. Please do stop by again, as we strive to make a difference. Moreover, we update our site as often as possible.

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