



# The Sprig of Acacia



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"Freemasonry – It's all in the Family" --- Grand Masters Program

## From The East



The Installation of Acacia Lodge Officers is a memory, winter is almost here, the yucky Cleveland weather has descended upon us, but your newly Installed Officers are optimistic, ready, willing and able to accomplish the duties agreed to in their installation and already hard at work to do their best.



(The 2010 Office Line – Back Row [L to R] WB Jeff Day, Bro. Tonie Willoughby, Bro. Mark Novak, WB Ted Daly, WB Don Richie, Bro. John Wood – Front Row [L to R] Bro. Steve Gregory, WB Al Paynter, WB Tom Daly, WM Robert Hibjan, Bro. Jeff Heston, WB James Cogan)

Our installation dinner was a sellout, the Lodge Room was filled with Masonic and Non-Masonic Visitors, Family and Friends, and Grand Lodge of Ohio distinguished masons. The Installation went very well and if you were not in attendance you were very much missed.

### **Some of the following remarks are taken from my Installation speech.**

Well, after 31 years since my first time December 7, 1978 installed as Worshipful Master of Silver Cord Lodge #651 and the second time, December 6, 1979 here I am again. You just can't get rid of me that easy.

As I look back to all the Masonic positions and honors I have received during the last 40 years that I have been a Mason, and when I look out into this beautiful gathering of Brother Masons and friends,

the one thing that really stands out in front of everything, is the wonderful friendships and acquaintances that have enriched the lives of both my wife Kathy and me.

Yes it's true, you only reap that which you have sown, and you will receive more in return for that which you invest in Freemasonry. Money can buy you friends for a short time, but true family and friends last for a lifetime.

Our Grand Masters theme for this year is "Freemasonry, Its all in the Family." This theme refers to our beloved Families but also to the Family of Freemasonry. The York Rite, The Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, Grotto, the youth groups of DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and Jobs Daughters as well as all other bodies of Freemasonry. The social events planned for Acacia Lodge in 2010 revolve around the FAMILY. I will elaborate briefly on that a little latter.



(The Installation Team left to right – RWB Morton S. Negin, RWB Edwin A. Strauss, Jr., RWB Robert J. Hibjan, RWB Bradford A. Goebel, WB Paul Shellhammer, PDEO, RWB Donald R. Van Horn Jr.)

My theme for Acacia Lodge in 2010 is "Plant a seed for Freemasonry". While Freemasonry is rich in Symbolism with the Square, Compasses, Level, Rule, Line. Etc. that refer to the proper actions and behavior of men and masons, so, the "Flower Pot" shall serve as our Lodge Symbol this year to remind us that as the "Flower Pot" receives and holds the earth to which a seed grows, to which when

watered, nourished and watched over to grow and bear fruit, we may use this same process to receive a man, nurture this man in the lessons of Freemasonry to grow to be a better man and eventually he to seek out other good men to grow in Freemasonry while having fun with Family and Friends in so doing. I hope that this symbol will constantly serve as a reminder to us to look for that good man and say to him, "You would make a good MASON".

Many Thank's to the following who helped prepare for the Installation Dinner, Setting up the Lodge, and Clean Up.

Beverly Rothman, wife of WB Allen Rothman, PM of Forest City Lodge, #388 for making the chocolate square and compasses candy. WB Burt Task, Past Master of Forest City Lodge #388, for collecting dinner tickets and reservation checking; WB Robert Roffe & wife Anne for work in the kitchen and Lodge Room; Bro. Brent Lewis; Bro. John Wood, Junior Deacon; Bro. Stephen Gregory, Marshall; WB James Cogan and wife Pat; my good friend Mr. Michael Durkot for helping me set up the dinning room tables and settings; Brecksville Assembly #59 Order of Rainbow for Girls, under the direction of Mrs. Beth Pilous Mother Advisor and other parents, for serving the Family Style meal; WB Suat Aricanli, Eminent Commander of Couer-De-Lion Commandry #64 KT with 9 other Sir Knights for posting the Colors of our Nation and Flag Lecture by Sir Knight Robert C. Hager, DDGM of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District with WB Suat Aracanli, Eminent Commander arranging the visitation; The Valley of Cleveland, Scottish Rite Chorus under the direction of WB Chester F. Wiley Jr. MSA., Flowers by Jean Price, wife of WB Jim Price; and of course, Bro. Ramzi E. Jammal, JW of John W. Barkley Lodge #621 for the wonderful trays of Baklava pastry. And of course my wife Kathy for the endless hours of purchasing and preparing the meal items. I helped too. Thanks to all who helped.

Acacia Lodge will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which took place on October 16, 2009. In celebration, we will gather together for Dinner, Dancing and good socializing on Saturday April 10, 2010 at Sterles Country House, on 55<sup>th</sup> street at 5:30pm. A good time is planned for all. Please

mark your calendar now. Times and dinner cost will be posted in the Sprig of Acacia News Letter.

Other notable events scheduled soon, was our annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday December 19, 2009 at the Euclid Masonic Center, with the Balloon Clown, his magic show and of course a visit from you know who, Santa Claus for all little good girls and boys to age 13. Adults liked it too. Pizza, cookies and punch or pop was available starting at 1:00pm and ending at 4:00pm.

January 22, 2010 is Acacia Lodge Membership Awards night with dinner at 6:15pm. 25, 35, 40, and 50 + year Awards will be presented. Call in your dinner reservations early. Only \$5.00 for dinner. You cannot get a good meal anywhere for \$5.00 except at Lodge.

January 23, 2010 is the District Silent Auction at the Lyndhurst Masonic Center to help generate operating Funds for Grand Lodge 2011 to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. Acacia Lodge will donate a basket worth at least \$50.00 and hope it sells for much more. Entry tickets are available for \$10.00 each or (2) for \$15.00. Call me at 440-248-3497 if interested.

February 13, 2010 is a Valentines Day Party with dinner for our Members Ladies and Widows.

Friday March 5, 2010; Family Bowling Party at Freeway Lanes in Wickliffe. More information will be mentioned in our Lodge Newsletter called the "Sprig of Acacia".

July 17, 2010 Summer Picnic at Pioneer Waterland Park in Chardon, Ohio. Hosted by Acacia Lodge and Theodore Breck Lodge #714. Watch for information in the Sprig of Acacia.

Saturday August 14, 2010 is our 9 Hole Golf Outing with free lunch for Members, Family and Friends. Bring a non Member as your guest.

**AND MANY MORE EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED, throughout the year.**

Our January 8, 2010 stated meeting will also include an Entered Apprentice Degree on a new Candidate. Our Senior Warden, Bro. Mark Novak will confer the degree. Please attend this EA first step for both our new candidate and Brother Novak conferring the degree.

Please do not forget to call in your reservations early for the January 22, 2010 Acacia Lodge Awards night. Dinner will be at 6:15pm followed by a brief stated meeting and then opening of Lodge to non-masons for our Membership Awards presentation. Our District Deputy Grand Master, RWB Mitchell L. Alperin and our District Education Officer WB Henry G. Mankowski will be in attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Robert J. Hibjan, PDDGM  
Worshipful Master

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"Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another." -  
John Dewey

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The Gavel is past from our outgoing Worshipful Master, WB Don Ritchie to our newly installed Worshipful Master RWB Robert J. Hibjan.



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## **From the West**



Brethren,

I hope you are all having a happy holiday season as you read this.

While we are reaching the end of the year, our Masonic year is just beginning. We got off to a great start with RWB's Hibjan's Installation on December 11. Thanks to all those who attended. The large audience was a welcome sight! Hopefully we will have more events like this

and setting up the extra chairs in the Lodge Room will become a familiar ritual.

I am of course addressing you from the West for the first time. I am thrilled to be here. I still can't believe how fast my years in line have passed, though. Come June, I will be celebrating my 5<sup>th</sup> year in Masonry, and it still feels like I was studying my examinations only last week! But the old saying is right—time flies when you are having fun. One of my favorite parts of our meetings is when we stand and recognize our 50-year members. To think I'm not even ten percent of the way there yet is remarkable, considering how much I have already learned from all of you.

I am looking forward to learning even more this year. As a quick glance through this Newsletter will show, we have an exciting year ahead. RWB Hibjan has packed well more than a year's worth of labor—and refreshment—into the next 11 months. I hope to see everyone there. First and foremost, we will be having an Awards Night at our second Stated Meeting. This is always a special night for Acacia. I enjoy coming to these meetings because I often see a lot of faces I wouldn't otherwise see during the year. Come see us on January 22 and keep coming back! Also, it is never too early to begin thinking about Inspection, especially because we will be inspected in the Master Mason degree this year. As is always the case, I am sure WB Tom Daly will be looking for help from all corners of the Lodge. The M.M degree is such a great degree in part because of the manpower and teamwork it takes to put one on; I hope to see everyone there!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Mark Novak

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"It is incumbent on every generation to pay its own debts as it goes. A principle which if acted on would save one-half the wars of the world." -  
Thomas Jefferson

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## **Secretary's Corner**



We need your help in keeping our member database current. Please remember to tell us when you move. Contact me by phone (440) 257-6964, snail mail or email

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Your Lodge Secretary, James R. Cogan, P.M.

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### In Memorium

#### Brother

Brother Joseph Zoss

*They rest from their labors.*

#### Passed

11-27-2009

### Help!

In one of our obligations, we are admonished to take care of our widows and orphans. To this end, we would like to have a dinner in honor of the widows of our deceased brethren of Acacia Lodge. Should you know of an Acacia Lodge widow please call or email:

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Provide the name, address and phone number so we can establish an active database and invite them to a recognition dinner.

### From the South



Brethren,

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Junior Warden and wish to congratulate all of the officers who have been elected and appointed. I am very excited about the upcoming year and I hope you share my feelings that our Worshipful Master, RWB Hibjan, has laid out a very active and fun year. He has planned a lot of activities on non-meeting days/nights so be sure to keep your calendars updated. As the Junior Warden, I will strive to assist the WM in carrying out his plan and to make use of this year to complete some of the ritual work I have yet to do.

RWB Hibjan's installation was one of the nicest installations that I have attended and I congratulate him and thank Kathy for all of her hard work in preparing the delicious meal for our enjoyment.

Finally, I would like to thank WB Don Richie for the past year and his contribution to our Lodge. WB Ritchie did not always feel well, but in spite of pain and discomfort he managed to put together a very active year with several very nice events.

God Bless all of you and I wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Warmest Regards, Fraternally,  
WB Ted Daly

### Need a Ride?

If you are in need of a ride to come to lodge please call Jim Cogan at 440-257-6964 and arrangements will be made to pick you up. This is my home phone; please leave a message if I don't pick up when you call.

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## Arriving Late

By Brother Todd Jenkins, Tyler

We have all been late for something in our lives because of traffic, weather, or whatever. If you find yourself late to lodge do you know what to do? I didn't either until I was duly elected Tyler and began studying the relevant particulars.

Before even approaching the Tyler you should insure you are properly clothed. When meeting the Tyler if you are unknown to him, present to him a valid dues card and photo identification. After due examination the Tyler will inform you in which degree the lodge has been opened.

At which point the Tyler will raise an alarm at the door. When the Junior Deacon opens the door the Tyler will inform him that you wish to enter. The Junior Deacon will then close the door and inform the Worshipful Master who should then allow you to enter.

When the door opens and the Junior Deacon instructs you to you may enter the lodge. Upon entering proceed to the Altar, salute the Master with the appropriate due guard and sign as conveyed to you by the Tyler, and take a seat among the Brethren.

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"Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions - it only guarantees equality of opportunity." - Irving Kristol

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## Food of the gods: chocolate

If you give (or receive) chocolate for St. Valentine's Day, you are continuing a long tradition that goes back almost 2000 years. According to one Aztec legend, the god Quetzalcoatl was cast out of paradise for the blasphemous act of giving this sacred drink to humans. (The gods felt that only they should have access to chocolate.)

The ancient Maya didn't eat their chocolate; they drank it. First, they ground cacao seeds into a chocolate paste that they mixed with water, chili peppers (!), cornmeal, and other ingredients.

A particular favorite of Maya kings and priests, chocolate played a special part in royal and religious events. Maya couples even drank chocolate as part of their betrothal and marriage ceremonies.

[Web site:  
[www.fieldmuseum.org/Chocolate/history\\_mesoamerican\\_2.html](http://www.fieldmuseum.org/Chocolate/history_mesoamerican_2.html)] Above from Advanced materials & Processes / February 2005

## TRESTLE-BOARD

All stated meeting start at 7:30 PM unless otherwise indicated

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| Jan. 8  | Stated Meeting – EA Degree  |
| Jan. 22 | Awards Night – Stated Meeting at 7:15 PM – Dinner at 6:15 PM for \$5.00 reservations required – Call WB Hibjan, 440-248-3497 or WB James Cogan, 440-257-6964.   |
| Jan. 23 | Silent Auction at Lyndhurst Masonic Center for the 2010 Grand Lodge Fund see above article.   |
| Feb. 12 | Stated Meeting – Fellow Craft Degree  |
| Feb. 13 | Valentines Day Dinner with entertainment for our wives, widows and friends at the Euclid Masonic Temple – Reservation to RWB Hibjan (440) 248-3497 or WB Cogan (440) 257-6964. Additional information to follow.  |
| Feb. 26 | Stated Meeting – Acacia Lodge will also host the CCBLA on this evening.   |
| Mar. 5  | Family Bowling Party at Freeway Lanes, Wickliffe – 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, ball, pizza and sandwiches, drinks for \$20.00 per person. Bring a non-mason to this event – Reservation to RWB Hibjan (440) 248-3497 or WB Cogan (440) 257-6964. Additional information to follow. |
| Mar. 12 | Stated Meeting – Master Mason Degree Rehearsal.   |
| Mar. 26 | Stated Meeting – Annual Inspection in the Master Mason Degree – Open Lodge at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:15 PM resume MM Degree at 7:15 PM – Reservation to RWB Hibjan (440) 248-3497 or WB Cogan (440) 257-6964.   |

## Special Dates:

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| Jan. 1  | New Years Day          |
| Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King Day |
| Feb. 2  | Groundhog Day          |
| Feb. 12 | Lincoln's Birthday     |
| Feb. 14 | St. Valentines Day     |
| Feb. 15 | Washington's Birthday  |
| Feb. 16 | Fat Tuesday            |
| Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday          |
| Mar. 17 | St. Patrick's Day      |

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New Candidates are needed and welcome – help us make a good man better

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"You do not get a second chance to make a first impression." - Anonymous

## **What are the Duties of a Mason?**

The answer to this question can be found in booklets most Grand Lodges provide to men who are elected to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. These booklets will vary slightly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but they are not that different from each other, in the messages they convey.

The reference for what follows is from a booklet called "Your quest for Masonic Light: Some background for the Aspirant." [This is what the GL of MN calls Quest Book #2.] Other references are noted below.

### **Your Duties**

You will become a member of this Lodge when you have received the three degrees, proved your proficiency in them, and have signed the bylaws. It will always be your duty to be loyal to the Fraternity, faithful to your superior officers, and obedient to Masonic law. You will be expected to pay your dues promptly and regularly, to stand ready to help a worthy brother Mason in sickness or distress, and to support the charities of the Lodge as your conscience shall direct and your means permit. You are also expected to attend the communications as regularly as possible, and to discharge promptly and efficiently such specific Masonic duties as may be assigned to you.

Being a Mason means being a good citizen, loyal to your government, and conducting yourself as a wise and upright man, charged with an individual responsibility for maintaining the world's respect for Masonry.

From Quest Book #3 – You are now an Entered Apprentice.

### **Duties, Privileges, and Limitations of An Entered Apprentice.**

As an Entered Apprentice you have an immediate and personal interest in this subject, but you should also realize that it has a permanent interest for every Mason, however long it may have been since he received the First Degree. In a sense we always remain Entered Apprentices: the teachings of the degree remain always in effect; its obligations and charge, subject to additions in the succeeding degrees, continue to be binding. As Masons we associate with Apprentices, work with them, perhaps are sought by them for counsel. Therefore,

it is important for us to have as clear an understanding as possible of the duties, privileges and limitations of Apprentices.

### **Duties**

Complete faithfulness to his obligation and implicit obedience to the charge are among his important and lasting responsibilities.

It is also the duty of the Entered Apprentice to learn the required portions of the degree with thoroughness, not only because he must prove himself proficient in order to advance, but also because it contains Masonic teachings of fundamental importance that remain forever binding on every Mason. In a measure, the degree is complete within its own field, and its teachings should be permanently incorporated as a part of his Masonic life.

Reference; Charge of the Second Degree and Quest Book #4

### **Duties of the Fellow Craft**

The duties of this degree are similar to the duties mentioned above as the duties of a Mason in general and that of the Entered Apprentice, and he is admonished to adhere to them. However, a Fellow Craft, who represents a man in his prime, carries maximum responsibilities, and he must equip himself with the tools that will help him prove equal to his tasks; these tools are: Experience, Education and Wisdom. Thus the Fellow Craft has the obligation to study and to endeavor to have a regular and daily advancement in knowledge – Masonic knowledge, and self knowledge.

### **Duties**

Freemasonry's Laws and Regulations you are strenuously to support; and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. The Fellow Craft is not to palliate or aggravate, the offenses of his brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, he is to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.

Reference; quest book #5

### **Duties of the Master Mason**

A Master Mason has greater rights and privileges, but also greater responsibilities. The Master Mason is obliged to abide by the Constitution, Laws, and

Edicts of his Grand Lodge, and by the by-laws of his particular Lodge. Also he must maintain and support the Landmarks, and the "ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity." He is also subject to the laws of the jurisdiction in which he may be at the moment, and also to the laws of his home jurisdiction.

He is to guard himself against committing a Masonic offense, which has been defined as being, "Any act unbecoming a good man and true." Being found guilty of a Masonic offense a Mason may be punished in any one of four ways: by reprimand; by definite suspension; by indefinite suspension; or by expulsion, which constitutes "Masonic Death."

Among a Master Mason's duties are strict compliance with his obligation; loyalty to his Lodge and the Fraternity; paying his dues promptly; obedience to the laws, written and unwritten, of Freemasonry, and always to maintain an affiliation with a lodge – that is, to remain a member in good standing.

### **Rights and Privileges of a Master Mason**

Among the many rights and privileges are these:

The privilege of visiting other lodges;

The privilege of being vouched for;

The right to ask for Masonic relief;

The privilege of demitting and affiliating with a different Lodge;

The right to trial by your peers should you transgress the laws of Masonry;

The right of appeal if found guilty of Masonic misconduct;

The right of Masonic burial;

The right to appear in public Masonic processions;

The right to join in the discussions in his Lodge, to vote, and to hold office;

The right and privilege of giving Masonic service;

The right to be taught all that Masonry includes, and to enjoy all the privileges it offers to the spirit, the mind, and the heart.

It is also his privilege to recommend a man for Masonry, but once more the Master Mason is cautioned not to recommend someone for the degrees or for membership unless he is satisfied that he will conform to the principles of our Fraternity and be a credit to the Craft.

### **A Mason's Responsibilities**

The most valuable contribution of Freemasonry to the world is to be found in the lives of its individual members. If Masonic ideals are eventually to reach the legislative halls of our country, the houses of commerce and trade, and the shops of industry, they must be carried there by individual Masons; and whatever good Masonry may accomplish in the world will be the sum of the worth of its individual members. Look not at a brother's failure to live up to our high ideals – look well to thyself!

From More Light – Mehr Licht ©, Masonic Matters © and T.F.S

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Brother Albert Pike in his book *Morals and Dogma* on pages 17 & 18 describes

Masonry's Decalogue.

"Masonry has its Decalogue, which is its law to its initiates. These are its Ten Commandments

- I. "O .•. God is the eternal, omnipotent, Immutable Wisdom and Supreme Intelligence and Exhaustless Love.  
Thou shalt adore, revere, and love Him!  
Thou shalt honor Him by practicing the virtues!
- II. "O .•. Thy religion shall be, to do good because it is a pleasure to thee, and not merely because it is a duty.  
That thou mayest become a friend to the wise man, thou shalt obey its precepts!  
Thy soul is immortal! Thou shalt do nothing to degrade it!
- III. "O .•. Thou shalt unceasingly war against vice!  
Thou shalt not do unto others that which thou wouldst not wish them to do unto thee!  
Thou shalt be submissive to thy fortunes, and keep burning the light of wisdom!
- IV. "O .•. Thou shalt honor thy parents!  
Thou shalt pay respect and homage to the aged!  
Thou shalt instruct the young!  
Thou shalt protect and defend infancy and innocence!
- V. "O .•. Thou shalt cherish thy wife and thy children! Thou shalt love thy country, and obey its laws!
- VI. "O .•. Thy friend shall be to thee a second self!  
Misfortunes shall not estrange thee from him!  
Thou shalt do for his memory whatever thou wouldst do for him, if he were living!
- VII. "O .•. Thou shalt avoid and flee from insincere friendships!

Thou shalt in everything refrain from excess!  
Thou shalt fear to be the cause of a stain on thy  
memory!

VIII. "O .•. Thou shalt allow no passions to become  
thy master!

Thou shalt make the passions of others  
profitable lessons to thyself!

Thou shalt be indulgent to error!

IX. "O .•. Thou shalt hear much: Thou shalt speak  
little: Thou shalt act well!

Thou shalt forget injuries!

Thou shalt render good for evil!

X. "O .•. Thou shalt study to know men; that  
thereby thou mayest learn to know thyself!

Thou shalt ever seek after virtue!

Thou shalt be just!

Thou shalt avoid idleness!

"But the greatest commandment of Masonry is this: 'A  
new commandment give I unto you: that ye love one  
another! He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth  
his brother, remaineth still in the darkness.'

"Such are the moral duties of a Mason."

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Library of Congress: Everyday Mysteries

<http://www.loc.gov/tr/scitech/mysteries/archive.html>

"Did you ever wonder why a camel has a hump? If you can  
really tell the weather by listening to the chirp of a cricket? Or  
why our joints make popping sounds? These questions deal  
with everyday phenomena that we often take for granted, but

each can be explained scientifically. This site is produced by  
the Library of Congress."

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### Old Tyler's History

By Harley Johnson, Past Master of Koochiching Lodge  
#270, in International Falls, MN.

After the last meeting the young Mason was speaking to  
the old Tyler about the old fellows past history.

'Now I just found out that you are a Past Master, member  
of the chapter, Knights Templar, Shrine, and have held  
office in the Grand Lodge. Now why don't you wear any  
of those pins or show what you are?'

"Well young man I do. Do you not see my ring and pin?  
It shows that I belong to the greatest group I know of. As  
for the others, without my Masonic base I could never  
have done any of those things. Yes, I am a Past Master  
of this Lodge and could sit on the sidelines and bask in  
whatever there is to bask in, However, when my term as  
Master was over it was my duty to listen and obey the  
new Master of the Lodge, not give my ideas unless  
asked, and do my best to help him as Master and other  
Masons grow in knowledge. As for being the Tyler I  
have privilege of meeting each member as they enter or  
leave the Lodge, and to me that is a great privilege; so,  
when all is said and done I am a Mason, therefore I do  
not need all that other stuff. The Square and Compass  
will say it all."

"Thank you now I see what a Mason is and should be, I  
will try to follow in your ideas and be humble as well,"  
the young Man said, and after many years of Masonic  
work guess who is now a Tyler.

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