



The Nova Scotia FREEMASON

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Our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Arthur Stanley Brown



Seasons Greetings

My Fraternal Brothers and Sisters;
On behalf of my Wife Evelyn, the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and their Families, I extend to you seasons greetings.

As we enter the new millennium we must dedicate ourselves to building the future of our fraternal inheritance with the quality which will ensure the unity of all our affiliated organizations. It is in unity that we succeed, therefore, it's in unity that we must progress into the future.

It is with great pride and much optimism as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, that I take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very happy and successful year filled with good health and happiness.

Joint Installations

We are fast approaching that time on the Masonic calendar when each Lodge must renew and rejuvenate itself by installing a new and enthusiastic slate of officers.

Sadly, some Lodges either cannot properly install their successors or mistakenly believe that getting together on this one occasion rather than at monthly meetings, enhances Masonry. Vain hope.

However, this Grand Master is a realist, and hopelessly concedes that it's better to have a joint installation performed by a knowledgeable team, than a ceremony without dignity by Lodge officers who have not been properly instructed.

I will therefore sanction, upon request, a joint installation by any TWO LODGES within the same District.

The Lodge which is changing its place of regular meeting will conform with the Constitution Chpt. IX, Part II, Sect. 14 (old Pg. 56) or Rules Section Chpt. III, Sect. 14 (new Pg. 9). Prior to seeking approval from Grand Lodge for a joint installation.


The District Deputy Grand Master and his team in the appropriate District will be instructed to observe and report on the vote by the Lodge concerned.

C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125



Five Brothers were raised in June at C.W. Saunders Lodge No. 125. These Brothers came as the result of a "friend to friend" banquet held at C.W. Saunders Lodge in the fall. Another one will be held this year and anyone in the area who is interested in bringing a friend, are certainly welcome to do so. Shown in the back row are D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Walter Tingley and Wor. Master Peter Foley. In the front row (left to right) are Bro. Tony S. Place, Bro. John F. Canning, Bro. James R. Gray, Bro. Mark A. Doubleday and Bro. Norman A. Titus.

I must reiterate that it is indeed a sad day for Masonry, when Lodges indicate that they are unable to do their work. I would hope that this situation might serve as a wake up call for those thoughtful masons, and strengthen our resolve to improve.

We all must recall the Charge given each of us as we first stood in the N/E corner; "There you stand a just and upright man and a Mason, and I give you in charge to ever walk and act as such. 

Fraternally;
Arthur S. Brown, Grand Master

Free Organ

There are two organs available free of charge to any Masonic/church organization. May need fine tuning. If interested contact Leo or Ivan at the Dartmouth District Masonic Centre, 24 Mount Hope Avenue, Dartmouth or phone (902) 466-0312.

2000 Masonic Tour

The Grand Master, Brethren, and their ladies from Alberta were on tour in Nova Scotia recently and the following is their letter of appreciation to M.W. Bro. Arthur Brown and his wife, Lady Evelyn.

Dear Brother Art and Evelyn:


Pat and I have been home for more than two weeks, and still haven't written to thank you for your part in our very memorable tour! On behalf of the members of the 2000 Masonic Tour, we would like to "Thank You", for all the personal

attention you both gave so willingly, to assist our Brethren and their Ladies during their visit to Nova Scotia and your great Jurisdiction.

First, thank you for opening up your summer cottage at Tatamagouche for that fantastic reception Friday afternoon; for making all the Lodge and District arrangements within your Jurisdiction. And who can forget the time you spent on the bus with the group. Your input concerning the preferences of the group on the trip was special.

One doesn't realize the extent of the

strength and friendliness of the Masonic brotherhood until one travels to other jurisdictions, but more especially to Nova Scotia. This visit was the highlight of our sojourn.

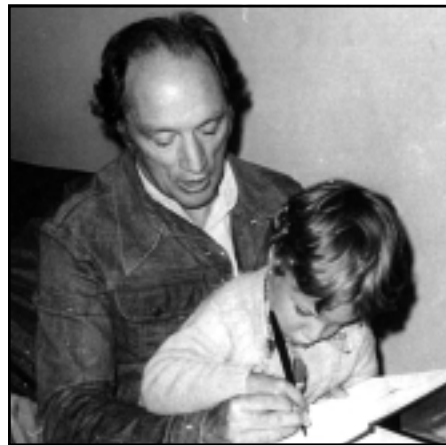
Pat and I wish you both a memorable, satisfying and heartwarming year. We will always be grateful to the both of you for all your input into the 2000 Masonic Tour.' 

With warm fraternal regards and best wishes, Gerald T. Webber, Grand Master.

Remembering Pierre Trudeau

Brother Bob Downey of Equity Lodge No. 106, recently had a flash-back to 25 years ago while he was watching the Pierre Trudeau funeral on television with his family.

Justin Trudeau, during the eulogy, mentioned a time when his father took him on a trip to an Armed Forces base near the North Pole. Bro. Downey recalls this event as he was stationed at this northern base, (CFB Alert) at the time of the Trudeaus' visit and has the photographs to prove it. For twenty-five years these prized photographs have been kept in the family photo album.




Pierre and Justin Trudeau sign the guest book at CFB Alert.

While the trip to Alert obviously left an impression on the young Justin Trudeau, Bro. Downey said the elder



Pierre and Justin Trudeau pose outside the Igloo Gardens at CFB Alert in 1975.

Trudeau left quite a good impression on him. 

For your information

Prince Hall Masonry has now been recognized, in some form, by 32 U.S. jurisdictions, Iowa and the District of Columbia, being the most recent, and all of Canada – except the Province of Ontario and Newfoundland. Paul Bessel, FPS, states "...is still not recognized in those states where slavery was permitted before the U.S. Civil War, plus New York, New Jersey and Newfoundland" and, of course, Ontario, Canada. More information can be found on the internet at: <http://bessel.org/pha.htm>.

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The Erasmus James Phillips Bronze Medallion



In 1726, Erasmus James Phillips was an Ensign in Phillips' 40th Regiment in Annapolis Royal. The Phillips Regiment was named after Col. Richard Phillips, the uncle of Erasmus James. The

Regiment was one of the first British units to be organized in Canada and served from Annapolis Royal until 1758.

Young Erasmus James Phillips became associated with the leading politicians and merchants and was appointed to a Commission to mark out and settle the boundaries between the Province of Massachusetts Bay and the County of Rhode Island. While in Boston during 1737-1738 the records indicate he was made a Mason of the First Lodge in Boston. He was then appointed Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Nova Scotia.


On returning to Annapolis Royal in June 1738, Phillips brought a deputation from Henry Price to form a Lodge at Annapolis Royal, with himself designated as the first Master. The petition was signed by Phillips, William Sherriff, Col Otho Hamilton and Dr. Wm. Skene, residents of Annapolis Royal for many years.

The Lodge was established in 1738 and was the first Lodge established in Canada and was fifth in order of precedence of lodges chartered in Massachusetts. Right up until Phillip's sudden death in 1760, there is a long and interesting story of his influence on not only Masonry in Nova Scotia, but in politics and civic affairs.

During these early pioneer times, Freemasonry really did not flourish, but it took its roots and thanks to the interest and perseverance of this very able Mason and soldier.

The Erasmus James Phillips Bronze

Medallion was instituted by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in 1921. Regulations were adopted providing for its award by Grand Lodge for noteworthy services rendered the Craft by Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Historians of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and to distinguished brethren of their jurisdictions who have contributed materially to the Masonic history, literature or jurisprudence of British North America and, in special cases, to those of other friendly jurisdictions.

In 1972, Grand Lodge accepted a recommendation from the Committee on Awards limiting the annual presentation to the retiring Grand Master and to two distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions. 

Matthew F. Todd
Grand Historian

Temple Lodge # 57

The following pictures were taken during the presentation of W. Bro. James E. Murray's 50 year jewel, which took place in the lodge room on July 26, 2000, Mulgrave, NS.




Bro. Roy Digdon, Bro. Donald DeCoste, Bro. James E. Murray and Bro. Sean P. Reid.

Bro. Murray was entitled to receive his jewel on June 6, 1996, but as he has lived in Vancouver, B.C. for the past thirty-five or forty years, it was his wish to have it retained in Temple Lodge until he came home.

Arrangements were made to have Rt. W. Bro. Alonzo Reddick D.D.G.M. make the presentation. Including Bro. Murray there were eleven Masonic brethren and five relatives and friends present.

Lodge was not opened, but the presentation took place in the lodge room, and the brethren put on their regalia for picture taking purposes.

As a number of the brethren still work we made the presentation at noon, and enjoyed a lovely lunch after the presentation.

Bro. Murray is seventy-nine years young and still enjoys good health. Although he has lived away for so many years, he has been a very loyal, dedicated and supportive brother to his mother lodge. Our lodge would be closed were it not for Masons like him. He was very impressed and appreciative of the presentation and lunch we had for him. 



Rt. W. Bro. Alonzo Reddick, D.D.G.M., W. Bro. James E. Murray and W.M. Sean P. Reid.

Submitted by Winston C. England,
Secretary.

Words To Ponder

Courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones which strike deepest in the grateful and appreciating heart.

- Henry Clay

Clarke Lodge No. 61



Wor. Bro. Hale Covey (left), receiving M.S. Medal Citation from R.W. Bro. Ken Carroll D.D.G.M of Lunenburg/Queens District at Clarke Lodge No.61.

An emergent meeting was held on July 13, 2000 for a presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal to W. Bro. Hale Covey, our Marshal for over 25 years.

Present at the ceremony were: W.M., Wor. Bro. Richard Logan; DDGM R.W. Bro. Kenneth Carroll, Dist. Of Lunenburg / Queens; D.G. Chaplain V.W. Bro. Gordon McGowan; D.G. Dir. Ceremonies, V.M. Bro. Harry Aulenbach; M.W. Bro. David Waterbury, P.G.M.; M.W. Bro. Gordon Conrad, P.G.M., and many visitors from other Lodges.

At recess, friends and relatives, including Donna Covey, wife of W. Bro. Hale Covey, were invited to the Lodge room to witness the very moving presentation of the Meritorious Service Medal to W. Bro. Hale Covey by R.W. Bro. Kenneth Carroll at the Altar. There were a great many photos and videos to record the event with a very heartfelt thank-you from W. Bro. Hale Covey, who is at present undergoing treatment for a medical condition.

The good wishes of all his Lodge Brethren and friends go out to him.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the Lodge Hall. 🍷

Submitted by Glynne K. Lloyd.

Through Masonic Windows

by Kenneth D. Roberts, FPS

Glasgow Scotland is the home of a very special Lodge. The majority of the members of Southern Cross 1243(!) are wheelchair bound. "The good humor and dignity which they display during and after the degrees is quite breathtaking." So says Brother James McCrouther of Glasgow. "You can always be assured of a most memorable evening if you should ever visit." A special dispensation is issued allowing able-bodied Brethren to remain seated during the entire meeting.

Source: the philalethes, June 2000

King George Lodge No. 123



Attending the presentation of a 50 Year Jewel to Bro. Arthur Putnam, at King George Lodge No. 123 are, left to right: R. Wor. Bro. Donald Davidson, V. Wor. Bro. Earl Chisholm, Wor. Master Gerald Jennex, Wor. Bro. Arthur Putnam, Wor. Bro. George MacLean, Wor. Bro. Kenneth Carroll and R.W. Bro. Lyman Perrin.



Bro. Arthur Putnam, charter member of King George Lodge No. 123 is shown being presented with his 50 Year Jewel, by Bro. George MacLean, P.M., also of King George Lodge on April 12, 2000.



*Grand Lecturer
R.W. Bro. Reo
Mathews*

Do You Know?

Questions:

1. What is a Cable Tow?
2. What is the meaning of the phrase "Great and Sacred Name"?
3. What does SHIBBOLETH signify?
4. What does the square symbolize in Freemasonry?
5. Who was Tubal-Cain?
6. What does the "WORD" signify in Masonry?

see last page for answers!

Activities At East Gate Lodge No. 127

To date this year, the brethren of East Gate Lodge have raised almost \$1,200, which will be distributed to local charities and worthwhile causes. Not bad for a small lodge, not to mention the fun and fellowship the fund-raising activities provide! 🍷

Wor. Bro. D.B. (Dare) Powell, Master.



The cooks and servers, or "Breakfast Bunch", at a fund-raising "pancake and sausage breakfast" in March at the Sydney River Market. This breakfast raised over \$300.



Some of the "Barbecue Bunch" at the Sydney River Market, where the lodge ran fund-raising BBQs during the last weekends of June, July and August. In the picture from left to right are Taylor MacKinnon, Vince Ells, and Don MacAulay. The BBQs were a lot of fun...plus they raised almost \$900.



Wor. Bro. Don MacAulay presenting a cheque for \$200 to V. Wor. Bro. Roy Whidden, representing the Cape Breton Palliative Care Society. The donation was made in memory of Roy's dear wife Eva, who passed away in the New Year.

Taylor Lodge No. 62



Wor. Bro. Ross Jones of Taylor Lodge No. 62 in Lockeport (center) traveled from Edmonton, Alberta, in September to receive his sixty year membership bar. The presentation was made on behalf of Grand Lodge by Rt. Wor. Bro. James Dedrick D.D.G.M. for Yarmouth/Shelburne District (left) assisted by V.W. Bro. Ed. Jacklin the District Grand Chaplin (right).

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy. - General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

Working Tools

The working tools of a Mason are designed for the use of only one man at a time.

- The seeker after Light plucks off his shoe - individually.
- He affirms his trust in God - individually.
- He comes face to face with destitution - alone.
- He stands in the Northeast Corner - individually.
- He goes forth in search of That Which Was Lost - alone.
- He retires to the Sanctum Sanctorum to pray- alone.
- He meets the test of fidelity - alone.
- He is raised to newness of life individually and alone.

André Gide said it in words few in number but powerful in their impact: "Man is more important than men. God made him and not them in His image. Each one is more precious than all." When we seek to circumvent personal interest and attention, to cast every Freemason in a standard mold and send him to the shipping room on a conveyor belt, then we deny the dignity of the individual and abandon our lofty mission.

*Dwight L. Smith, FPS
Source: the philaethes, April 2000*

Our Vows

The following poem has been used for years, but its origin has been a mystery. Various called the "Canadian Charge" or "On Yonder Book", the MSA (Masonic Service Association) has found it in a book title *A Treasury of Masonic Thought* published in 1957, edited by Carl Glick. The author is listed as *Attributed to Rob Morris*.

In Mason's lodge with darkened eyes,
And cable-tow about me,
I swore to hail all mysteries,
That Masons keep and Masons prize;
All brothers' secrets whispered low,
All words they speak and things they do,
In mystic manner taught me.

On yonder book, that oath I took,
and I will break it never,
I'll stand by this, and this, and this,
Forever and forever.

I swore to answer and obey
All summons made me duly,
By brother hand or lodge array;
I swore that I would never stray
From ancient laws and rules that bound
Freemasons, in the days renowned,
But would observe them truly.

I'll stand by this, etc.

I swore in charity to care,
For all in sorrow hidden;
My brother on the darkened square,
His widow with dishevelled hair,
His sorrowing orphan, doomed to stray
Upon a long and desolate way
While tears gush forth unbidden.

I'll stand by this, etc.

I swore to deal in honesty,
With each true heart around me;
That honour bright, should always be
Unbroken bond 'twixt him and me;
Nor guile, nor wrong, nor cruel fraud,
Should break, or loose that holy cord
With which my vows have bound me.

I'll stand by this, etc.

I swore that chastity to shield
Of woman true and tender;


Of Mason's widow, wife and child,
His mother, sister undefiled;
Those pure and innocent, whose love
Makes Masons' homes like heaven above,
I am the sworn defender.

I'll stand by this, etc.

I swore to guard the portals close
To the Masonic Temple;
To purge the quarries of their dross,
To build the mystic walls of those
In body perfect, honest heart,
And mind mature in moral art,
By precept and example.

I'll stand by this, etc.

These were our vows; be these our care,
And may such light be given,
In answer to our earnest prayer,
That we may always do and dare
All that God's gracious laws enjoin;
And so, as life's last shades decline
We may be found in Heaven

On yonder book those vows we took,
And let us break them never,
Let's stand by this, and this, and this,
Forever and forever. 

Attributed to Rob Morris

Loge Jean T. Desaguliers

This lodge is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Quebec and meets in Montreal. It is, primarily, a French speaking lodge.


Interestingly, in this era of shortened proficiency and waiving of memory work, here are the requirements for becoming a member of Loge Jean T. Desaguliers:

"The purpose of our school is to instruct our members. Following initiation, the candidate must follow 7 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge before he is allowed to proceed to the second degree. The Fellowcraft mason must follow 5 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge. The Master Mason

must follow 3 lectures and then present a paper in open Lodge before we will give him his 3° certificate."

The reasoning of the lodge is:

"The interest shown by the members confirms that serious training is unquestionably necessary for the survival of Freemasonry. Any business that is short on capital can borrow, any business that has a poor location can move, but any business that is short on leadership will not survive in the long term."

It is also very interesting to note that this lodge is one of the most active in the jurisdiction with a waiting list to join. 

Source: M.S.A. (Info provided by Bro. Philippe Decelles).

Masonry And The Shrine

As a result of the action taken at the recent Shrine Imperial Council Session, whereby Master Masons may now go directly into the Shrine, Imperial Potentate Robert Turnipseed has issued the following guidelines:


Each Shriner must remember he is a Mason as well as a Shriner, and he should govern himself accordingly.

Each Shriner should remain (or become) active in his Masonic Lodge and all Masonic activities.

Each Shriner should redouble his efforts to see that more qualified individuals become Masons. By doing this, he will be exemplifying one of the cardinal tenets of Freemasonry, that is, to make good men better.

Those Shriners who are Scottish Rite or York Rite members should retain their membership - do not react negatively, always react positively. Those who are not Scottish Rite or York Rite members should seriously consider becoming Scottish Rite and York Rite members. The Rites do provide "more light in Masonry."

Remember that as we succeed in our efforts to bring more men into Masonry, this creates a larger pool of Brothers who will become eligible to join the Scottish and York Rites, as well as the Shrine.

Working together, we can make a difference in society. 

Words To Ponder

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.

- *Elbert Hubbard*

When is a Man a Mason?

When he can look out over the river, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage which is the root of every virtue.

When he knows that down in his heart every man is a noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man.

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds.

When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, above all how to keep friends with himself.

When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child.

When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life.

When star-crowned trees and the glint on sunlight of flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead.

When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response.

When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of divine things and sees majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope.

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, and with his God; in his hand a sword of evil, in his heart a bit of a song - glad to live, but not afraid to die!

Such a man has found the only real secret of Masonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

Rev. Joseph Fort Newton SCMRS

The Altar

In some English Lodges, as in the French and Scottish Rites, the Altar is in the East directly in front of the Master. In the York Rite, it is placed in the centre - more properly, a little to the East of centre - about which all Masonic activities revolve.

It is not simply a necessary piece of furniture, a kind of table to support the V.O.T.S.L., Square and Compasses. The position of the Altar is not accidental, but profoundly significant. It is a symbol of what Masonry believes the Altar should be in actual life, a centre of union and fellowship, not a cause of division as is so often the case with sectarian religion. It does not seek uniformity of opinion, but it does seek

fraternity of spirit, leaving each one to fashion his own philosophy of ultimate truth.

Finally, one can often find in church people sitting quietly, each without reference to the other, seeking to communicate with their God on their own. But no one ever goes to a Masonic Altar alone. It is an Altar of fellowship, as if to teach us that no one can learn the truth for another, and no one can learn it alone.

Masonry brings men together in mutual respect, sympathy and good will that we may learn in love the truth that is hidden by apathy and lost by hate. ⚖️

Source: Joseph Fort Newton, Short talks on Masonry.

Mechanics Lodge No. 78, Caledonia

50 year jewels presented



Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Lloyd Blagdon is shown presenting a 50 year jewel to V. Wor. Bro. Paul Freeman, Chaplain of Mechanics Lodge.



Bro. Arnold Meisner is seen receiving his 50 year jewel from Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro Lloyd Blagdon. The ceremony was attended by a number of visiting lodges and Grand Lodge officers.

What Is Royal Arch Masonry?

The Royal Arch Chapter is the second of the four York Rite Bodies of Masonry (the first is the Symbolic Lodge, where the first three Degrees of Masonry are conferred). Chapters confer four degrees: Mark Master, Virtual Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch.

The Degree of Mark Master is a continuation of the lessons taught in the 2nd (Fellowcraft) Degree. The Degree teaches that although we are often misunderstood, underrated and traduced, there is ONE who will make the rejected stone the Head of the corner.

The Degree of Virtual Past Master teaches that before one can rule, one must learn to obey; before one can govern others, one must learn to govern oneself. This Degree is part of the Royal Arch Chapter because originally only Past Masters were allowed to receive the Degree of Royal Arch. This Degree therefore fulfills that requirement.

The Degree of Most Excellent Master is a very beautiful and dramatic Degree. Here the Temple, on which work was halted so dramatically in the 3rd (Master Mason) Degree is completed.

The Degree of Royal Arch is the capstone of the Craft Degrees. It is concerned with the discovery of a crypt and the value of the resulting discoveries to the Craft. In this Degree, that which was lost in the 3rd (Master Mason) Degree is again found.

These Degrees continue the education which the Master Mason received in the Symbolic Lodge. Any Master Mason who wishes "Further Light in Masonry" should receive them. 🏴

Recent Books of Interest

Confessions of A Born Again Fundamentalist Freemason by Nelson King. This book is a compilation of short speeches and articles from the past few years. Nelson King is well known for his sometimes controversial writings and this book will certainly keep your attention.

150 pages, Hardcover/\$29.95 + S/H (shipping and handling) \$3.00 (US) from Anchor Communications, P.O. Box 70, Highland Springs, Virginia, U.S.A. 23075-0070

Vested In Glory: The Regalia of the Scottish Rite by Jim Tresner. Graphically pleasing and informative, this book covers Masonic Symbols and Regalia of the Scottish Rite Degrees. The important lessons that are gained from one's own interpretation of each Degree's symbols are discussed in great detail. 224 pages - The book may be acquired free as a bonus should you wish to join the Scottish Rite Research Society. Softcover/\$12.50 U.S.A; hardcover/\$25.00. Published by Supreme Council, 33°, 1733, 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20009-3103.



Ritual

Quoting a part of Y "open" the Lodge? by Greg Becker, J.W., Rondout Lodge #343 F&AM in the May 1999 Niagara-Orleans District News, New York.

There are excellent reasons to gather and meet, but why the ritual? What is the ritual we use to open? Is it merely words in a book which we must become proficient in order to move through the chairs? A brother posed this question to me recently and it gave me great pleasure to hear my answer to him repeated in a Grand Master's Town Meeting.

My brothers, the ritual we use to open our Lodges is (and should be) a continual rededication of ourselves and our Lodges to the ideals and tenants of our fraternity. Listen to the duty of the tyler - relate it to the way in which your conscience serves as the guardian of your own spiritual temple. In my Lodge, the tyler is certainly not a man of imposing physical stature. He is, however, a man of unquestioned moral and ethical character and strength. Who better to guard our symbolic temple from the influence of those who might sully it or introduce disharmony? Who better to symbolize the guard we set for our personal lives by our conscience, which sets the line over which we will not suffer our passions to transgress?

All of the words spoken when we open our Lodges hold similar, deeply personal meaning. Rather than go through it all, I ask you to consider the tyler as an example. I issue each of you a personal challenge. The next time your Lodge opens, I urge you to listen, not just to coast through by rote, barely hearing the words. What induced each of us to become Master Masons? Pay attention to what the words say to your heart and to the Mason you try everyday to be. Strive to find new meaning and support for your personal life, and for your support of the brothers on your left and right. Rededicate yourself to the obligation you took and remind yourself anew of what it means to you to be a Mason. 🏴

From The Grand Lectures, R.W. Bro. Reo Mathews.

1. Cable Tow is a rope or line for drawing or leading, but Masonically as the covenant by which all Masters are bound.
2. Any name by which Deity is indicated; such names must be spoken in reverence.
3. The word signifies a "stream of water" or "a full ear of corn", based on the idea of plenty in harvest because of the abundance of water.
4. The square is the symbol of morality in Freemasonry.
5. He was the son of Lamech, a descendant of Adam's son Cain and noted as an "artificer in brass or iron", Founder of Smith-craft.
6. In its chief use and most profound meaning is synonymous with TRUTH.

Answers to quiz on page 4