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## From the Tylor

### Membership re-re-re-visited, again

by Bro. Jean-Claude Malterre, P.M.

The subject of membership in Masonry is like an open-pownd refractory to any treatment. I am not a Doctor but I will play one in this article.

We claim that Masonry came to us, through the ages, by means of good men who became better men as a result of becoming Master Masons for having been initiated in the teachings of Freemasonry. They, in-turn, inspired other good men to follow their path.

This process carried Masonry into our century; did it? If Freemasonry is still alive today, is it really due to a propagation process by inspiration?

During the second half of last century, Masonry failed in a big way to maintain its membership levels. This might indicate that Freemasonry or, rather, Freemasons are not inspiring.

Inspiration is the necessary condition leading to emulation. I believe that if we are not emulating as we once did, it is not because the system or the process is outdated or obsolete but because we corrupted it.

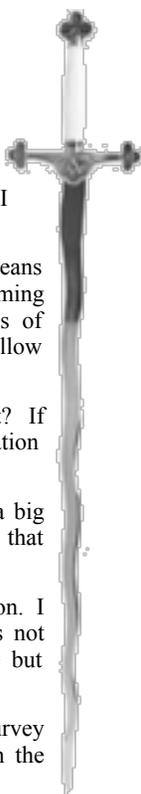
We applied quick and modern remedy, marketing and survey techniques, which, addressing to the symptoms rather than the cause, hid the real problems which, naturally remained.

Our decreasing membership is a symptom of a deep-rooted problem. It is not with Masonry: Freemasonry is just as worthy today as it was centuries ago, when it inspired our forefathers with ideas of justice, freedom, and moral values. The problem is not television, time, obligations, family life, or money. What is the problem then?

It is very simple: I am the problem, no; I am not by myself in this, we are the problem. We are the problem because our example as a Masons is marginal at best.

We prefer to meet, in good-looking Temples. In addition, rather than paying ourselves for the true cost of their maintenance, we request all the dues that we can get from "Absentee Members" and put on thankless and exhausting fund-raisers.

We are the problem because we keep threatening those "Absentee Members" with suspension if they stop paying their dues. Yet, we refuse to increase our dues to a realistic level and instead channel our efforts and



energies towards activities aiming at generating money, rather than "doing Masonry". Meanwhile we still claim that it is what we came here to do...

We are the problem because we are not the good Masons and the better men that we could be. In fact, I am not sure that anyone who knew us before we entered the Fraternity could tell a difference between now and then... Could it be because we did not really become Mason? May be we expected to be taught rather than to learn Freemasonry. May be, we did not learn much because we did not have teachers, let alone good ones... Didn't we become teachers though?

What good is the oversized Temple purchased and maintain at great expense and where most of the officers meet every week with a few on the the side line (Notice the singular of line)?

Where are the Brothers with whom to exercise Brotherly Love? The worth of Masonry is not the good looking Temple where we meet the few members of our Lodge who show-up once a week, when there is no game on TV or who take a break from home. What are we learning from each other, Officers and Brothers, about ourselves, about the type of life that we should want to switch to, now?

What counts are the deeds that we can, and should accomplish, the improved persons that we should become, starting from the day of our raising when we were given the opportunity to begin a new life, a Masons' life.

The reason why we have a membership problem is because we are so much "Masons-in-progress" that the good men around us, the would-be-Masons, have serious difficulties at understanding what makes us different from

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Barry E. Austin          | 06-15-1976 |
| Jean-Claude Malterre, PM | 06-23-1988 |
| Harold R. Hager          | 06-24-1975 |
| William J. Hendren       | 06-24-1986 |
| James W. Waters          | 06-27-1967 |

them and, better than they are... Are we so much better than they are? Is it to the point that they would unequivocally feel the burning desire to imitate us, and want to have, on their own freewill and accord, "the same thing that we are having"?

Yes, I believe that if I were a better Mason, following the precepts and principle of Freemasonry more closely, I would contribute to the resolution of our "membership problem".

In our society, values, character, morality, rightfulness, and truth are not recognized nor praised. However, "not getting caught", "getting away with something", "winning at all cost", "justifying the means by the end", leave us in admiration and somewhat jealous of those who do such.

In such a decaying society, the Masonic way of life, even modestly applied, should provide an extraordinary and noticeable contrast. There should be no need to advertise our deeds: the great ones have no witness.

The clash of the ideals of Masonry with the morals and ethics of our Society does not invalidate our Masonic values; it makes them more precious.

Solving our membership problem is neither simple nor easy, but it is not difficult either. We just have to be Masons and live like Masons. It is even made easier because we are Brothers, on the same journey, and we help each other. Of course, this assumes that we have, on our own, made the effort of finding out what it is to be a Mason.

Well, now you have it, we are you and I, the real cause of the membership problem in Masonry but we are also, the solution.

Keep (or start) working at it, the old fashion way, the breadth of rewards that you shall earn will blow your mind. Aid and assist a distressed worthy potential Brother: inspire him; convince the whole world that upon becoming a Mason, you have become a better man.

Life is not what it's supposed to be. It's what it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.

—Virginia Satir

## Required Reading



Greetings Brethren,

Did you know that there is a Masonic Book Classification system similar to the Dewey Decimal System used by profane libraries? Well, one does exist and our own Adobe Lodge Library uses it. Bro William L. Boyden developed the system and published it in 1915. The [Classification of the Literature of Freemasonry and Related Societies](#) divides Masonic Literature into ten (10) Classes. Each Class has a number of Divisions within it and, finally, each Division contains a number of Topics/Subtopics. Bro. H.L. Heywood stated that Boyden "perfected a library classification system for masonic books." After reading through the ten Classes of Masonic Literature, I am not so sure. Here they are, in order:

- M00 – General Works
- M10 – History and Philosophy
- M20 – Customs and Paraphernalia
- M30 – Jurisprudence
- M40 – Charity and Education
- M50 – Art and Architecture
- M60 – Literature and Music
- M70 – Societies Admitting only Masons
- M80 – Women in Masonry, CO-Masonry
- M90 – Negroes in Freemasonry

If a perfect classification system/listing of Classes existed, than it would not need revision as the above clearly does. While we strive for perfection in many aspects of our lives, we rarely, if ever achieve perfection. However, this does not mean that great achievements are not made along the way; on the contrary, we create great thing by striving to perfect ourselves.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Sean

## From the Editor



The Internet has provided the opportunity for many interesting resources to be made available. One of these that I was recently using is provided by the United Grand Lodge of England's [Library and Museum](#) website. They have a nice tool for viewing the genealogy of a UGLE lodge. An extract from a report of Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501 is provided below.

If you find a useful resource for masonic studies then please send a note or article for the Teven. This is your newsletter.

Fraternally,  
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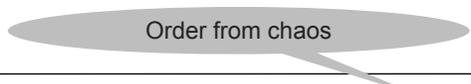
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a) No sponsoring Lodge. Originated in Hong Kong.





**IN MEMORIAM**

BROTHER ROBERT ELMER KEMPFFERT

BORN: JULY 31, 1933  
 WAUWATOSA, WI  
 INITIATED: FEBRUARY 12, 1980  
 PASSED: NOVEMBER 22, 1997  
 RAISED: NOVEMBER 22, 1997  
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 AFFILIATED: JUNE 3, 1980  
 ADOBE LODGE NO. 41  
 DEPARTED: NOVEMBER 15, 2011  
 TUCSON, AZ  
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**Eulogy for Wor. Brother H. Wade Doyle, Jr.**

My first association with Wade was not only at Lodge but at the local Rainbow for Girls assembly that Adobe Lodge sponsored. Wade's daughter Davita affiliated with the group and that was the beginning of a long and rich association. Wade came to the Lodge and became involved immediately, as an officer. He served as Master in 1987, then instead of becoming a Trustee, became one of the longest serving Treasurers of the Lodge. His books were always in proper order, and he actively opposed any unnecessary spending. For a long time, all I knew about Wade was that he was a retired U.S. Air Force NCO. When his partner re-located to Washington, Wade became the sole owner of a business dealing in industrial time keeping products. He was able to balance his time well between Lodge, business and family. Wade brought three sons to the fraternity, two of which became members of Adobe Lodge. I remember how proud he was the nights that each of his sons became Master Masons, then some years later, each became Masters of the Lodge. Wade became the un-appointed mentor of many of our new members, and was always ready to offer advice, whether the member realized that he needed that advice or not. Many came to realize that Wade had done his homework and was quite well versed in many areas, but especially, Masonry, and all of the major religions. When the Lodge financial system was changed from single entry to double entry, Wade, never flinched, as he used the same type of system in his business. He was instrumental in the tumultuous time when the Lodge was selling it's building. He became, in my opinion, one of the premier Treasurers in Arizona Masonry, and received the respect of his peers around the state. He was an extremely spiritual person, and always had a good word to say, even when he disagreed with you. I never knew him to wish ill on anyone. Was Wade a wealthy person? Well, he was blessed with a loving and supportive wife and family, to include several grandchildren, which he delighted in bragging about, at least a little. So, yes, Wade was a wealthy person. I truly loved my Brother and friend, and will miss him greatly. When I gaze on the Treasurer's desk, I can still see him there. Farewell my Brother, may God bless you and keep you always.

Bro. Kenneth W. Smith, P.M., Secretary

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**Lodge Calendar**

Jun 5: Monthly Communication

Jun 12: installation practice

Jun 19: Installation

Jun 26: Table Lodge

Sept 4: Monthly Communication

Sept 11: FC degree

Sept 18: MM degree

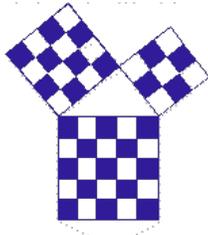
Sept 25: Hiram Men's Discussion Group

Oct 2: Monthly Communication

**District Calendar**

Jun 9: District Training

**Grand Lodge Calendar**



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