

The real genius of Masonry

"But, Companions, an increased membership is not so much to be desired and sought for as an increased interest and activity in performing the duties incumbent on us as Royal Arch Masons. Masonry has a definite, positive, and serious purpose, and that purpose is manifest in the lessons of each degree. The real genius of Masonry is to help others, and the addition to our membership of one Companion who will adopt that principle and make it the ruling motive of his daily life is worth much more to Capitular Masonry than the addition of a much larger number who may seek the degrees for personal benefit or sociability. I believe in sociability, Companions, and would encourage it in every reasonable way, but I would not have it the most prominent feature of our gatherings. Let it always be secondary to the real intent and meaning of Masonry. Let it be an auxiliary in bringing Companions together that they may better understand the sublime teachings of Masonry, with the hope that that understanding will develop in every one of us thoughts that will lead to nobler and better lives, which will be richer in service and in making a reality of a true Universal Brotherhood of Man."

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