

The secret of Service

Graceful tribute was paid to the indefatigable Grand Lecturer Companion George McGown, now for over half a century a faithful worker in that capacity, as also to Grand Secretary Fox, re-elected on this occasion for the forty-fourth time.

"The thing that has impressed me most during my service as an officer of the Grand Chapter has been the universal and genuine loyalty of the Companions, their devotion to the cause of human brotherhood, and their willingness to perform any task to promote the work in which we are engaged. While this spirit continues, Royal Arch Masonry cannot fail to exercise a beneficent influence, not only on its members, but on the community at large.

"Companions, we hear a great deal about the Secrets of Freemasonry, the secrets which distinguish us from the rest of mankind as a peculiar people. To my mind, the supreme secret of Freemasonry may be expressed in a single word — Service; service to God and our fellow man. The secret of Service is imparted to the candidate in every degree of Masonry. It is the dominant note of the entire institution."

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