

After the 3rd Degree - Want to make yourself useful ?

Useful to your Lodge & Freemasonry

To paraphrase President John F. Kennedy, 'Ask not what your Lodge can do for you but what you can do for your Lodge.'

Freemasonry is a wonderful experience and something that will be of benefit throughout your life, but it is true with Freemasonry, as it is with life, that you will only get out of it what you put in. It is hoped therefore, that you will use those 'talents wherewith God has blessed you', to the benefit of your Lodge.

A Lodge has the need for many services in addition to those provided by Officers invested by the Worshipful Master. You may find your niche as Lodge

Auditor, Librarian, Building Surveyor, Gardener, Caretaker or Barman.

Or by providing Ad Hoc physical assistance as and when required. Why not register your willingness with the Lodge Junior Warden and/or Secretary. They will surely welcome assistance in such things as setting up for events such as Socials, decorating or tidying up after such events.

It has to be recognised that some Brethren, although wishing to be actively involved in the life of the Lodge, find it difficult to learn ritual. It is possible for them to offer their services as Treasurer, Secretary, Almoner or Charity Steward, as these offices are not restricted to Past Masters of the Lodge.

Whatever the service you provide to your Lodge and whatever the office you hold or not – remember it is but a step in your complete understanding of Freemasonry. You are encouraged to undertake your own researches into the 'hidden mysteries' of Freemasonry, read as many 'Masonic' Books as possible, use the Internet as a research tool, ask your Mentor or Lodge Mentor for advice. As a new Master Mason you will undoubtedly encounter Brethren with a greater knowledge of Freemasonry than you, being impressed by the knowledge of your Mentor, the skills of your Worshipful Master or the confidence shown by Past Masters and District and Grand Officers. Always remember that, like you, they continue to seek a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

Useful to Society.

Freemasonry does not aim to make you better than the next man, but does hope to make you better than you were. To make you someone who cares not just for his family, although this is your first duty, not just for the brethren in your Lodge, but also for the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our society. As a Freemason in the modern world, we can give you no better advice than to do unto others as you would have them do unto you and to do all in your power to relieve the suffering of the less fortunate wherever you are able so to do.