

What are You Doing with that Ring?

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We have often been reminded that the ring is a symbol of constancy and fidelity and thus employed in the Masonic Fraternity as a representation thereof. So what does that ring mean to you? Are you acting in a manner that is commensurate with that which it represents? What are you doing to ensure that the Order has continuity of success?

To wear this ring, you had to exhibit a character that is exemplary beyond that of the average Mason. That ring should identify you as one who can be looked to as a person to provide assistance and guidance to every Brother who observes you as well as to those members of the public who may not know you as a Mason but should know you as a stalwart of your community - ready and able to lend a hand to anyone who may need it.

But first and foremost, you should be an example to the Sublime Princes who aspire to attain the honor that you have been blessed with. And that example should be a shining beacon of light that shines as brightly to all as that golden symbol on your finger.

We must endeavor to ever present ourselves as men who have a purpose, a

desire to achieve and a desire to excel in all that he ascribes to. We must show our peers and companions that we have a desire to affect change in the world and be ready to ensure that this change can occur. And it can occur if you work at it.

Our society today is at a point where our youth have a reason to look up to us.

We must be able to show them that there is more to this life than just a good time. To do this, we must set examples that coincide with the principles that are the embodiment of the symbol upon our hand - constancy. That we believe that we attribute our lives to that same design - a well rounded embodiment of a belief in the trinity symbolized by the triangle surrounding the number "33" - that of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

So, in closing, I again ask of you - what are you doing with that ring? Does it mean as much to you as it should? Or, are you just perpetrating a belief that you are capable of upholding the values that it stands for? Let us all ask this of ourselves, take due notice, govern and be governed accordingly.

