All THE SECRETS THAT CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO YOU IN A MASTER MASON LODGE

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"To be a good and bright Mason, requires a man to be of sound mind and retentive memory."

After going through your degrees, and being made a Master Mason, your sound mind and retentive memory, by and through this process of completing catechism, unbeknown to you, was one of many secrets that laid right out in the open. The Secret of Alchemy! Merriam – Webster defines Alchemy: "as power or process that changes or transforms something in a mysterious or impressive way".

This process legend has it, "*to take led and turn it into gold*". can be done by the speculative Master Mason, simply put, as you memorize your cipher and meet with your catechism instructor of your lodge, whereby some of the instructions are from mouth to ear. You noticed the questions and answers of how you were thus delt with while undergoing the degree(s).

Called or referred to as the chemical process of memorization. When we learn something—even as simple as someone's name—we form connections between neurons in the brain. These synapses create new circuits between nerve cells, essentially remapping the brain. Acetylcholine (ACh) is an important neurochemical in the brain for paying attention, learning and memory according to John Hopkins Hospital (2023) *https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/inside-the-science-of-memory*

Observing the content and the means of knowledge being passed, you recall them to be of moral subjects and tenets arranged and communicated to you by symbols. The now visual and sound coming together within your minds eye. Taking your brain (lets call that the led, and your heart, the gold). Led, being in your mind by manner of, stubbornness, unwillingness, impatience, lack of tolerance the list goes on.

The attained knowledge instilled in you during the degree(s) of Freemasonry, where you exhibit these traits, Now, armed with knowledge of good moral tenets you memorized so you could play it back to the lodge during further examination. Thus, convincing the brethren present, that you have those tenets and moral compasses instilled in you. You realize the transformation of thinking from your brain to your heart is complete. Your heart, being the center of love, beauty, and happiness flows. Referred to as, "The Emerald Tablet." also known as the Smaragdine Tablet or the Tabula Smaragdina, is a compact and cryptic Hermetic text. It was highly regarded by Islamic and European alchemists as the foundation of their art. A registry of sacred texts left behind by Hermes Trismegistus, a syncretic combination of the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth. The Emerald tablet supposedly contains the secrets of Alchemy. And the recipe for the philosopher's stone. An artifact capable of giving its user eternal life. (1)

So, you stop thinking with your brain symbolically made of lead and now think with your heart. Thus, making your actions, words, deeds into gold. That transformation being the secret of alchemy by which Freemasons have since time in immemorial experienced. Repeating a modern-day quote, "Taking good men and making them better" is the speculative secret of freemasons.

While we have been told many times, "We are not a secret society, but a society that has secrets" rings true and accurate to men and masons everywhere.

(1) (Masonic Publishing Company. *Holmyard 1923:562*)

It always has been known that freemasonry, its teachings, moral tenets, and even esoteric studies will lead one down deep rabbit holes, some of which, have lids on them. Was and always will be, for you to discover for yourself.

This technique of learning and protecting the secret within freemasonry, gives an example and demonstrates how well-guarded and protected the secret is. And leads us to another understanding. Which has been repeated to us, "Secrets which have never been found out". (2) can be truly stated. Because an individual, unless they submit themselves to the degrees and experience the transformation, can one tell another what that secret really is. Simply stating the process will not lead one person, to discover of the secret. Until they submit themselves to the degrees and discover it for themselves.

Once the Alchemic transformation from led to gold appears, whereby a Master Mason now thinks from within his heart, his actions, deeds, and demonstration of thoughtful intelligent actions, can now be observed by brothers of the lodge, family, relatives and loved ones. That one can identify to the Hermes teachings and even creating your own Philosopher's stone gaining your eternal life. Meaning, when practiced, your experiences lead you to discover within you, a better man. People all around will admire your thoughtfulness, deeds, and charity. Thus, giving up the secret to you *speculatively* on building your Philosopher's Stone for eternal life. This is done by default from the degrees you have now passed. Your actions will be long valued and admired after you have long gone. Whereby, people will mention your name and your light, you will become a memory in them. when they talk aloud about you, they summoned your eternal self, and you live in the minds of those your actions and deeds impressed upon them,.

(2)(*Florida Masonic Monitor, 2014*)

In conclusion, with this thought, and reaffirm the statement made earlier in this paper. That once a Master Mason goes through the degrees and discovers his secrets and understands the Operative mason, as well as practice the speculative teachings, that when practiced, observed, and recognized by others who look upon your light. While remembering the statement made to you by the Worshipful Master, when he declared upon you that "you are now entitled to receive all the secrets which can be communicated to you in a Master Mason Lodge". Or, those secrets, as stated when Freemasonry declares during the public Installation of Officers while addressing the general public. states "We are not a secret society, but a society which has secrets, secrets which have never been found out" You as a freemason may question, What secrets? Why can they not be found out? In Freemasonry simply put, they are correct! they can't be found out, because That Secret, you take that which you discovered in you to the celestial lodge above. And since no one has ever returned from the grave, that secret cannot be found out. To sum it up in Masonic Teachings " From that undiscovered country from whose born, no traveler returns" Thus, My Brothers all, as the saying goes, used in every lodge to open and close the lodge

"Govern yourselves accordingly".

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