

Icon of Knowledge

Why, as school children did we give ‘an apple to the teacher?’ Tradition and mythology hold that the fruit of the tree of knowledge that grew in the Garden of Eden and eaten by Adam and Eve was an apple. The apple is a symbol of the key to knowledge – the knowledge of Good and Evil. (Genesis 2:9) In Masonry we are taught that the emblem of Divine Providence is the Star that gleams in the centre. Cut across to reveal the core, we see at the centre of the apple a five pointed star – a perfect pentagram. It brings to mind another reference in our Ritual: “*the bright morning star whose rising gives peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.*”

Teachable Moments

There are many opportunities when the Worshipful Master can share ‘a few words of wisdom’ with the Brethren: while the candidate is resuming his personal comforts – when congratulating the candidate at the conclusion of the degree – in the Master’s Message from the East in the monthly Summons – in responding to a brother’s question in the anteroom. *Carpe diem!* Never miss an opportunity.

The Master of a lodge will find his Mastership of greater joy and satisfaction to himself, and of much greater value to the brethren if he equips himself to become a teacher as well as a ruler and ritualist. (The lodge should be) a school for the education of Masons. Unfortunately, the average Mason does not pry far beyond the ceremonial, and Masonry reveals its hidden mysteries only to those who diligently seek them.

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We cannot shine if we have not taken time to fill our lamps