

Something to Think About



Where there is much desire to learn there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making. – John Milton

ASK ME ANOTHER ONE

- Everything you always wanted to ASK but were afraid to KNOW about Freemasonry
- 1. Is Freemasonry a “secret society”? Why are Masons afraid to let people know that they are Masons? “Secrets” or “secrecy” is the basis for many negative public perceptions about Freemasonry. If we have nothing to hide, why do we still hide behind a veil of secrecy? Why is there a secret handshake?
- 2. In practical terms, what is the point of Freemasonry anyway? *“Is it Girl Guides for older men?”* What should I say if a non-Mason asks, *“What is Masonry all about, and what do you guys really do in your meetings?”*
- 3. My wife wants to know what goes on in the lodge. *“We have never had secrets in our marriage. What is so secret about Freemasonry that you can’t or won’t talk about it?”* What may I tell her without breaking my obligations?
- 4. Isn’t Masonry a kind of religion? Aren’t there enough religions without you guys having one of your own?
- 5. Is Masonry “sexist” because it excludes women from membership? In this modern ‘enlightened age’ why do we not admit females? Why can’t a woman be a Freemason?
- 6. How does a Masonic Lodge differ from a service club (Rotary, Lions, Kinsmen, etc.)?
- 7. What is the one question that you hope no one ever asks you about Freemasonry?
 - a. From a Masonic Brother,
 - b. From a potential applicant,
 - c. From an interested friend, associate, or work-mate,
 - d. From your wife, mother, sister, or niece,
 - e. From an aggressive anti-Mason,
 - f. From a member of the left-wing political party,
 - g. From a member of a right-wing fundamentalist religious sect,
 - h. From a stranger who notices your Masonic ring or lapel pin.

There is no need to defend Freemasonry, but we must be able to explain it.