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The Square & Compass - World Known Emblem

Brethren:

The majority, if not all Freemasons wear the emblem or insignia depicting the Square and Compass as a means of revelation to the profane that we are members of this Sublime Order. A secondary reason it is displayed openly is to attract the attention of one or more unknown Brothers that we may run across during our travels, whether here or abroad. In either case, just the fact that we publicize our membership in a Masonic Lodge is indicative of the pride we feel to be a part of an organization which propagates the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

Service to ourselves, our families, our Brethren and humanity should always remain engraved in our hearts and be the first priority of our objectives. The quest for further light will always result in additional knowledge we absorb and thereby be able to cope with the adversities which confront us during our journey through life. Once these adversities are overcome, the sense of accomplishment follows the success in overcoming hardships, not only for us, but all of humanity. It cannot be emphasized enough that besides the material relief provided our fellow human beings, we should also pass on any and all knowledge and understanding that will assist in raising themselves from either a grave of poverty or iniquity. My Brothers, do not despair, not all will be receptive to your subtle imparting of wisdom but during your spiritual charity, many will absorb, retain and find beneficial your kind thoughts and words of advice. The seed of truth and knowledge always germinates.

In circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds and squaring our actions, we traveled in the direction of becoming better individuals. In doing so, we acquire understanding of a spirituality that we never thought of but have now come to realize that exists within us. As our spirituality blends with our material desires, we find success in understanding a little of that which was lost. Our outlook in life changes and we realize the strong bond that exists between all human beings. The parallel between the spiritual and material is reflected in the Square and Compass. The bond spoken of above currently exists in our Order. It was coined "The Mystic Tie" by a Scottish Brother-Robert Burns (1759-1796). It is this bond of Brotherhood that Freemasonry wishes to teach humanity so that our world will exist with a blend of better human beings. This then is the only primary meaning of the Square and Compass worn by many proud Brothers.

So Mote It Be.

