



## Nugget

### Two Horses

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The two horses act as a parable in relation to Freemasonry.

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## Two Horses

Between Upper and Little Rissington in Oxfordshire there is a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse but if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down but has made a good home for him.

If you stop and listen you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound you will see it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends you'll see how she is always checking on him and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the barn each evening, she stops occasionally, and looks back making sure her friend isn't too far behind, to hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need; sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who the Great Architect places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

We are asked at our Initiation, *'In whom do you put your trust?'* and we respond *'In God'*. We are then escorted, blindfolded and therefore in complete darkness, around the temple. We place our faith completely in a stranger we have never seen *'... with a firm but humble confidence'*, for we are instructed by the disembodied voice of the Worshipful Master, *'... where the name of God is invoked no danger can ensue'*. Thus we hesitantly and trustingly commence our personal journey into Freemasonry. From this moment we know that our Brother Masons can be relied on and will be there for us should we ever need to call on them. Likewise, we too are making a commitment to others as Freemasonry teaches us to love and respect our neighbours as ourselves.

Be kind to all you meet, be they a Brother or a stranger, for everyone is confronted with some kind of personal challenge as they journey through life. We as Freemasons must expect to be judged according to our actions and how we deal with others. By acting on *'the square'*, by being *'on the level'*, and *'just and upright'* in our dealings with others, we will earn personal respect and truly enhance the perception of our organisation - such that some may wish to join us!

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## Recommended use of Nuggets

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- Read by either a new or an experienced Mason with the minimum of preparation and practice; *though ideally, they need to be read a few times beforehand.*
- Themed with the meeting or activity.
- Used to initiate a discussion within a Lodge/Chapter, LOI/COI, or group.
- Read at home and shared as a topic for a future discussion.
- Used as a focus for an unplanned, informal discussion.

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