



## Nugget

### Closing Poem

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A poem to close the Lodge.

**Summary**

A short poem with which to close the Lodge.

**Keywords**

First Degree, Poem

## The Closing of a Lodge

With the closing of the Volume and the opening of a door,  
Think not this Lodge has ended, think what has gone before.  
Remember all those worthy men who as apprentice came,  
And who developed love and skill and worked in friendship's name.

When you take up the Working Tools too gently put aside,  
Think not their work has ended, think how they were applied.  
Remember well the lessons taught, to craftsmen tried and true,  
Of Masons worthy of the name and aprons white and blue.

When your Tracing Boards are covered and the Columns laid at rest,  
Think not their teaching ended, think more a message blessed.  
Remember the special meaning to Master Masons all,  
Of birth and life and learning and waiting for the call.

With the sounding of the gavel and as the lights at last go out  
Think not your Lodge has ended, dispel all lingering doubt,  
Master, Wardens, Brethren, remember as you depart,  
That \_\_\_\_\_Lodge will live forever, in every Masons' heart.

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##END##

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## Recommended use of Nuggets

Nuggets offer a short, simple and readily absorbed means of progressing Masonic knowledge and an easy way to introduce learning to Lodges and Chapters. It is hoped that they will become a regular feature of Lodge and Chapter meetings as well as a source for private-study.

Nuggets can be included as an item in the summons and read at most Lodge/Chapter meetings. They can be:

- 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.

**For further nuggets and other learning materials visit 'Solomon' at <http://solomon.ugle.org.uk>**

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