



Nugget

Telling Stories

One of a series of Twelve short talks about the Royal Arch

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Summary

Telling Stories - one of a series of short talks for presentation at Craft Meetings, to introduce members to the Holy Royal Arch and encourage them to join.

Keywords

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Twelve Short Talks for Craft Lodges regarding Royal Arch Chapters

8. TELLING STORIES

One of the things that distinguishes Freemasonry from other very worthy charitable organisations, such as the Society of Men in Charitable Endeavour, Rotary or the Round Table, is that its members enact stories. At his Initiation ceremony, a Candidate is figuratively blind and impoverished, unable to enter without giving a password, first given by the Tyler, then repeated by the Inner Guard and passed to the Warden by the Junior Deacon.

The story of self-discovery varies in its details from Lodge to Lodge, but the presentation of the apron, the representation of the foundation stone and the symbolism of the Working Tools, form the start of every Candidate's learning curve or journey, which continues into the Second and Third Degrees. The Master Mason's Degree ceremony explores a deeper universal truth through a story of greed, treachery and murder. It also tells us that there is more to come.

The word 'Companion' is brought to our attention as the Brethren unite in their tasks. You may wonder what could possibly follow the drama of the Third-Degree. Well, you need to become one of those (Royal Arch) Companions to find out. The ritual of the Royal Arch Chapter is in the form of another story and the recent 'Setting the Scene' additions to it have made it much easier for everybody to follow. The story of the discovery of the Royal Arch takes Candidates on another journey to a deeper truth.

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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.

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