

## WAGES OF A MASTER MASON

Wages of a Master Mason are not paid in silver or gold – or articles of commerce and trade that may be stolen or may deteriorate and moulder through the passage of the years.

They are paid in those things that the Brother may keep within the repository of the faithful breast. One Brother may not be paid in the same wages as another. One may receive wages in gratitude of one for whom he has performed an act of charity. Another may receive wages in the joy that comes from having brought cheer into a sick room. Another may receive wages in the appreciation of Brethren to whom he has imparted something of Masonic knowledge.

Another may receive wages in gratitude of a brother's family to whom he has been a main stay during their hour of grief. Another may receive wages in honors conferred upon him by Brethren whom he has faithfully served. Another may receive wages in friendships that have come to him through his Masonry. Another may receive wages in the satisfaction he derived from service to others. Another may receive wages that to him seem sufficient when he is privileged to coach someone in the lectures or when he is given a part in degree work.

They are paid in those things that are secure in the hearts of his Brethren and his friends. The wages of a Master Mason have no intrinsic value. They cannot be measured by any standard by which the value of intrinsic things is measured.

Wages of a Master Mason are measured only by the value placed upon them by the one who has received them.