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Gatsby Gala May 20, 2023 - @ Elysian Lodge Entrance

Greetings From The East

Brethren, What a spectacular celebration we had at the Gatsby Gala hosted by us at Elysian 418 and our own LA59 Sciots! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who played a part in organizing this unforgettable event, as well as all those who attended and celebrated with us at the party. The ambiance was truly enchanting, with guests elegantly adorned in glamorous 1920s attire, walking the red carpet through a VIP step and repeat backdrop. The culinary experience was exceptional, reminiscent of a gourmet feast at a swanky restaurant. The five-piece band set the perfect tone with their sensational performance, while the presence of the giggling cigar girls added a delightful touch of charm. As the evening progressed, the back parlor transformed into a vibrant speakeasy, with cheers of excitement echoing through the air as lucky winners were announced. The exquisite decor and an open bar provided an enchanting atmosphere throughout the night. Be sure to flip through the last few pages of this trestleboard to relish the captivating moments captured in the lively snapshots.



As we enter the month of June, we are reminded of the warmth and vitality of the summer months. It is a time of growth, a time of opportunity, and a time to reflect on the teachings and principles of our beloved craft.

June has been a significant month for Freemasonry throughout history. On June 24, 1717, the Grand Lodge of England was established, marking the birth of modern speculative Masonry. This event paved the way for the growth and spread of our craft throughout the world, and for the continued pursuit of our shared goals and values. This date is also traditionally celebrated as the feast day of St. John the Baptist, who is one of the patron saints of Freemasonry.

As we witness and navigate through the rapid growth of Elysian we should remember that the actions or decisions of one member can affect the whole Lodge. We should therefore reaffirm our commitment to brotherly love, relief, and truth, and pursue greater understanding, knowledge and self-improvement.

Our degree conferrals on June 22nd and 29th represent a continuation of our dedication to the craft, and a reaffirmation of our commitment to growth and learning. Let

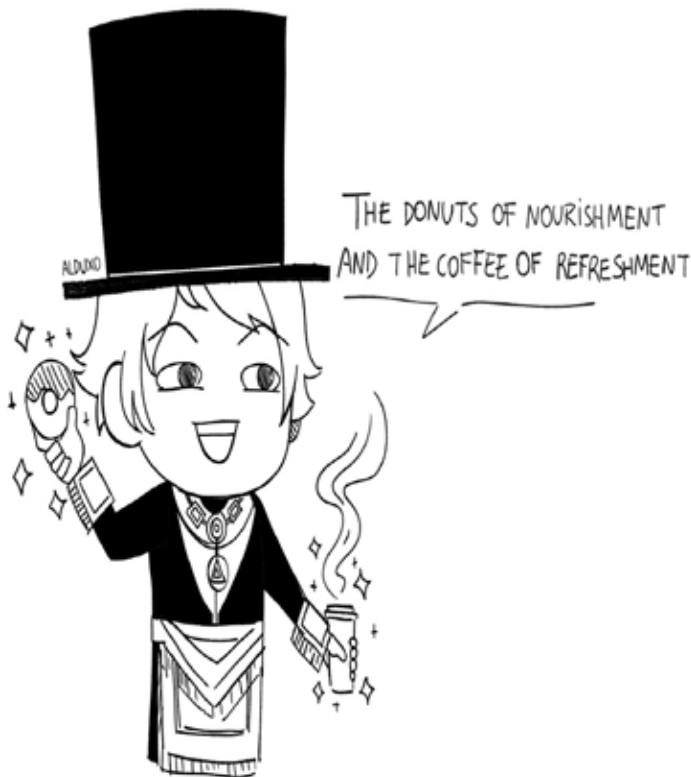
us welcome and support our newly initiated brothers, and continue to guide them on their journey towards greater light and knowledge.

Our Open House on June 17th is an opportunity for us to come together in support of the Sciots of L.A. 59 and the Sciots Foundation. That charity is a vital part of our mission as Masons, and provide critical support to those in need. I encourage each and every one of you to contribute generously to this worthy cause, and to continue to support the charitable endeavors of our order.

As we move forward, let us remember the words of our Masonic forefathers, who reminded us that the pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement is a lifelong journey, and that our commitment to the ideals of our craft extends far beyond the walls of our lodge.

In closing, I leave you with the words of the great Masonic philosopher, Manly P. Hall, who said, “The Masonic fraternity is one of the most noble and praiseworthy institutions that has ever been founded. It teaches the great truth that human brotherhood is more important than national sovereignty, and that the welfare of mankind is of greater moment than the wealth of nations.”

Upon the Square, Frank Barbano
Master, Elysian 418



Elysian Lodge OPEN HOUSE June 17, 2023

Saturday at
9:00am until noon

Coffee • Bagels • Donuts
Fellowship!



Tidings From The West

Hi Brethren,

I want to congratulate Jamie Galen, Michael Rankin, Jaddiah Ladores and Tom Terpajian on receiving their first degrees in masonry. Welcome brothers. We are here to help to you on your journey in Masonry!

Congratulations to the Degree teams for putting on very excellent degrees. Our work is vastly improved.

However, it would be great if even more brothers show up for degrees, specifically Entered Apprentice Masons, Fellowcraft Masons, and Master Masons alike!! It is critical that you show up and show your support and brotherly love to the candidate who's getting his degree. Please make it a priority to show up for degrees whenever you can as is important for the candidate to see many Brothers in support of his Degree.

We have a few second degrees coming up and I will be pleased to sit as Master for those second degrees, as it is the duty of the Senior Warden to do so. Just as it is the duty of the Junior Warden to sit as Master for the First Degrees. The subline degree (3rd) is conferred by the Master of the Lodge, Frank Barbano.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge.

Fraternally, Irving Rosenbloom, P.M.
Senior Warden



Elysian Lodge in Los Feliz is home to the
Ancient Egyptian Order of SCIOTS!

Los Angeles Pyramid No. 59

www.LA59.org

We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month
at 9:00 am - 1900 N Vermont Ave., L.A.



ELYSIAN LODGE, OUR HISTORY

Part 5, Anniversary Celebrations

A significant event in the history of Elysian Lodge No. 418 occurs once every 25 years and has become a continuing tradition with our membership since the establishment of our Lodge in 1910.

A formal Anniversary Celebration ceremony is conducted at Elysian Masonic Temple in commemoration of Elysian's 100 plus year history and the prior 25 years in particular. It is a festive occasion attended by our membership, family, friends and representatives of the Grand Lodge of California.

Previously presented in 1935, 1960, 1985 and 2010 the next 25 year Anniversary celebration will be in the year 2035, just 12 years in the future.

A record of these first four events is as follows.

25th SILVER ANNIVERSARY

October 17, 1935 - Thursday evening.

Elysian Masonic Temple (Original Echo Park Location)
1569 1/2 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles

**** GUESTS OF HONOR ****

Earl Warren - Grand Master of Masons in California

Rollie W. Miller - Deputy Grand Master

J. Frank Bourne - Masonic District Inspector

Henry D. Coley - 1935 Lodge Master

Robert A. Odell - 25th Anniversary Committee Chairman



50th GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

May 26, 1960 - Thursday evening

Elysian Masonic Temple (Current Los Feliz Location)
1900 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles

**** GUESTS OF HONOR ****

Guy B. Mize - Senior Grand Warden

Ralph W. Collins - Assistant Grand Lecturer

Wendell L. Goodwin - Inspector - Masonic District 532

Clifford G. Schillinger - 1960 Elysian Lodge Master

Henry D. Coley - 50th Anniversary Committee Chairman



75th DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

September 19, 1985 - Thursday evening
Elysian Masonic Temple
1900 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles
GUESTS OF HONOR

Roy J. Henville

Grand Master of Masons in California

Charles K. Schertle - Inspector - Masonic District 564

Raymond G. Kolts - 1985 Elysian Lodge Master

Clifford G. Schillinger PM

75th Anniversary Committee Chairman



100th CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

July 24, 2010 - Saturday evening
Elysian Masonic Temple
1900 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles
** GUESTS OF HONOR **

Kenneth G. Nagel

Grand Master of Masons in California

Reuben B. Zari - Inspector - Masonic District 541

Cirilo P. Marquez - 2010 Elysian Lodge Master

Robert H. Petersen PM

100th Anniversary Committee Chairman



*A*t each ceremony a Plaque is presented to Elysian Masonic Lodge whereon the name of each Worshipful Master of Elysian for the 25 year period is engraved.

The four Plaques are installed in a Display Case located on the wall in the Rotunda of Elysian Masonic Temple for permanent display.

Elysian's history to be continued.....

Submitted by Robert H. Petersen PM
Treasurer, 2023



June 2023

Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge!
Business dress

Thursday, June 1st, 7pm

Stated Meeting

1st Degree Meeting and 2nd Degree Proficiencies
Dinner is open to invited guests and family

Thursday, June 8th, 6pm

Dinner then Temple Board Meeting
Followed by Second Degree Practice

Thursday, June 15th, 7:00pm

2nd degree practice

Saturday, June 17th, 9:00am

OPEN HOUSE @ Elysian!!

Coffee, Bagels & Donuts

SCIOTS - Initiation of New Sciots!!

Thursday, June 22nd, 7:00pm

2nd Degree CONFERRALS

Thursday, June 29th, 7pm

2nd Degree CONFERRALS

Thursday, July 6th, 7pm

Stated Meeting on the 1st Degree
Dinner is open to invited guests and family

Saturday, July 8th, 6pm

Bourbon Tasting with

Bro **Matt Feil** & Wor **Robert D Petersen**

You first, Nay, begin you!



Elysian Lodge No. 418

presented last month to its membership and special invitees... an

“Evening with Benjamin Franklin”

Presented by Illus. Jim Hoerricks, Phd, 33°

Below are the notes from the evening.

Making Good Men Better

The Role of Self-Directed Learning and Vibrant Social Networks in the Success of Benjamin Franklin

Skim any of the usual biographical sources online and you will find that Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston, Massachusetts. He was the fifteenth child (of 17) of a poor candle maker and his second wife. He received only a basic education at the foot of his mother. At the age of 12, he began working as an apprentice in his older brother's print shop, where, having access to a variety of printed materials, he developed a love of reading and writing.

You will further discover that in his late teens, Franklin left Boston and moved to Philadelphia, where he started his own printing business. He quickly established himself as a successful printer and publisher, and he began to write and publish his own newspaper, the Pennsylvania Gazette.

In addition to his work in the printing industry, Franklin, it is said, was also a self-taught scientist and inventor. He conducted experiments on electricity and developed several important inventions, including the lightning rod and the Franklin stove.

During this period, you will find, Franklin also became involved in politics and public service. He served in the Pennsylvania Assembly and helped to establish several important civic organizations, including a library, a volunteer fire department and a hospital.

All sources seem to agree that by the time he was 25, Franklin had established himself as one of the most prominent figures in colonial Philadelphia. He had built a successful business, became a respected public figure, made significant contributions to science, and invented several quite useful items. These early accomplishments would serve as the foundation for his later achievements as a statesman, diplomat, and one of the



founders of these United States.

So, what's missing?

Much of what we know about Franklin was written by Franklin himself. When writing his autobiography, towards the end of his life, he was primarily writing to and for his son, William Franklin. It seems, reading between the lines, that he was quite close to his son and wanted to leave him a record of his life. However, he also intended for it to be read by a wider audience of those interested in his life and achievements. As such, much of the work is self-censored and highlights the themes and events he wanted to focus upon, omitting those he believed unimportant.

What's missing in his autobiography are the details about how the 15th child of a poor candlemaker managed so quickly to become an indispensable man in the largest city of His Majesty's American colonies. Philadelphia, at the time, was not only the largest city in the colonies, but it was the center of American publishing. It featured many newspapers and printing houses. How was it that Franklin's print shop rose to such prominence so quickly? What was it about him that allowed him to navigate his way to the top?

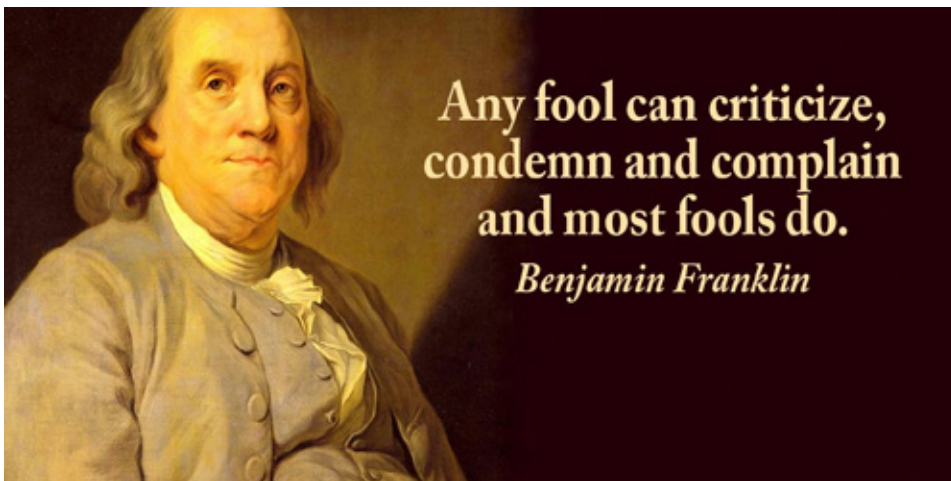
Franklin's Apprenticeship

As the history books tell us, Franklin's apprenticeship to his older brother James began when he was just 12 years old. James was a printer who had set up his own printing shop in Boston, and he took Benjamin on as an apprentice to teach him the trade. James' shop produced a wide variety of printed materials, including books, pamphlets, newspapers, and broadsides. At the time, the printing industry was still in its infancy, so most printing shops produced a wide range of materials rather than specializing in one particular type of printing.

During his apprenticeship, young Benjamin learned the complete art of printing, including setting type, inking, and running the press. It's likely that he would have also engaged with customers of the print shop during this time. In a small printing shop, apprentices would have been involved in many aspects of the business, including customer service. As an apprentice, he would have been involved with customers who came into the shop to place orders or pick up their printed materials. This would have given him valuable experience in dealing with a wide variety of people, as well as an understanding of their needs, preferences, and opinions.

In fact, Franklin later wrote about the importance of good customer service in his autobiography, citing his experience in the printing shop as a key factor in his success as an entrepreneur. He wrote, "I learned that courteous behavior is not only compatible with success in business, but that it actually contributes to it."

During this time, he finished learning how to read and write. As the shop's customer base included book publishers, political figures, merchants and traders, churches, and individuals, he had access to a wide variety of source materials ... as well as to the diverse range of people who wanted these materials printed.



However, despite his emerging social skills, he didn't always get along with his brother James. James was a strict master who didn't appreciate Benjamin's independent thinking or his ambition to become a writer. In fact, James once censored one of Benjamin's articles and forbade him from further writings.

Despite these setbacks, he continued to hone his writing skills and even started writing articles anonymously for other newspapers. He also started

publishing his own newspaper, the New England Courant, at age 17, with the help of a fellow apprentice. The Courant was the first newspaper to be published in the colonies without government censorship. The paper was also the first to publish original content rather than simply re-printing news from other sources, and it quickly gained a reputation for its sharp commentary and witty writing.

Through his apprenticeship, Franklin not only learned the skills of the printing trade but also developed his social skills and connections, which would serve him well throughout his life.

Franklin's Love of Learning

Franklin had an insatiable curiosity and a love for learning from a young age. As an avid reader, he spent much of his free time studying books on experimental science (e.g. Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, Newton's Opticks, the Experimental Philosophy of Robert Boyle, Robert Hooke's Micrographia, and the Natural History of Oxfordshire by Robert Plot), natural philosophy (e.g., Newton's Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica, Hume's Treatise on Human Nature, and Linnaeus' Systema Naturae), history (e.g. The History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides and Gibbon's The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire), medicine (e.g., The London Pharmacopoeia by the Royal College of Physicians and Cheselden's The Anatomy of the Human Body), and other subjects. This thirst for knowledge helped him develop a keen mind and a broad range of interests that he would later use to great effect.

For example, he was 25 years old when he founded the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731. By this time, he was a successful printer and businessman who had recently returned to Philadelphia after spending several years in London. He founded the Library Company as a subscription library, meaning that members paid a fee to access the books in the library's collection. The library was open to anyone who could afford the subscription fee, which was relatively low compared to other libraries of the time. The initial subscription fee to join the library was 40 shillings, which was equivalent to £2 (British pounds) or about \$5 in colonial currency at the time. Using the "Purchasing Power" calculation on the MeasuringWorth website, an initial subscription fee of 40 shillings in 1731 would roughly be equivalent to around \$620 in today's dollars ... and this was the low-cost option. The ongoing cost was 10 Shillings per year, \$155 / yr. in today's dollars.

Franklin believed that access to books and knowledge was essential for the development of a strong and informed society, and he saw the Library Company as a way to promote literacy and education among the people of Philadelphia. He worked tirelessly to promote the library and expand its collection. To achieve his goals, he utilized his extensive network of contacts to expand the library's collection. He corresponded with scholars, authors, and fellow intellectuals to request book donations, recommendations, and assistance in acquiring rare or valuable books. His reputation as a learned individual and his connections within the intellectual community helped attract donations and support for the library.

Additionally, Franklin organized public lectures and events to promote the library and foster a culture of intellectual engagement. These events featured prominent speakers, scientists, and scholars who shared their knowledge with the public. By offering educational and entertaining programs, Franklin aimed to raise awareness about the library and attract new members.

Today, the Library Company of Philadelphia is still in operation and is one of the oldest cultural institutions in the United States. It holds a vast collection of books, manuscripts, and other materials related to American history and culture, and it continues to play a vital role in promoting literacy and education in the community.

Franklin the Freemason

Our now Worshipful Brother became a freemason when he was 26 years old, in 1731, the same year that he founded the Library Company of Philadelphia. He was initiated into the St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia, which was one of the first Masonic lodges established in America.

Franklin was drawn to the principles of freemasonry, which emphasize morality, charity, and brotherhood. He saw the fra-

ternity as a way to connect with like-minded individuals and work together to improve the world around them. Of course, we now know that he was an active member of the fraternity for the bulk of his life and held several leadership positions, including, of course, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

For Franklin, freemasonry was not just a social club. It wasn't merely a way to network with other influential people. Instead, he saw it as a way to form deep and meaningful connections with people who shared his vision for a better world. He believed that by working together and supporting one another with intentionality, freemasons could make a positive impact on society and promote the values of brotherhood and service.

This ever-curious connection seeking evidenced itself during tours abroad. For example, as a member of the Grand Lodge of England, and holding the position of Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, he had access to the range of Lodges present in London at that time. During the period spanning 1757-1775, Franklin returned to London as a representative of the Pennsylvania Assembly and served as an agent for several other American colonies. During this period, he became heavily involved in diplomatic and political affairs, advocating for colonial interests, and attempting to improve relations between Britain and the American colonies. Also, during this time, several Masonic lodges were active in the city. Some of the notable Masonic lodges that were available to Franklin during that period:

- The Horn Tavern Lodge (later named the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2): This lodge had a strong reputation and counted many prominent individuals among its members.
- The Lodge of Nine Muses: This lodge met at the Turk's Head Tavern in Greek Street, Soho. It was known for its intellectual and literary connections, attracting scholars and men of letters.
- The Lodge of Antiquity No. 1: This lodge, also known by the name of the location in which it was held (Goose and Gridiron), was another significant Masonic lodge in London. It of course played a pivotal role in the formation of the premier Grand Lodge of England in 1717.
- The Lodge of Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12: This lodge was one of the oldest lodges in London. It had a reputation for its charitable activities and was known for attracting members from diverse backgrounds.

It is important to note that Franklin's Masonic activities in London extended beyond a single lodge. As a prominent Freemason, he had connections and affiliations with multiple lodges in the city. His involvement in the Masonic community provided him with a social network and opportunities for intellectual exchange during his time in London.

During his visits to Scotland, Franklin had access to several Masonic lodges. These include:

- The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1: Established in 1599, the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1 is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the world.
- The Lodge of Melrose St. John No. 12: This lodge, based in Melrose, Scotland, is another ancient lodge, having been in existence since at least 1599.
- The Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2: Located in Edinburgh, the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 has a rich history and is known for its connections to the Royal Mile and the Canongate area of Edinburgh.
- The Lodge of Glasgow St. John No. 3: Founded in 1736, the Lodge of Glasgow St. John No. 3 is one of the oldest lodges in Glasgow. It has played a significant role in the Masonic history of the city.

Franklin arrived in Paris in 1776 as the United States Ambassador to France, seeking support for the American cause during the American Revolutionary War. He stayed until 1785. During this time, he actively engaged with French society, including (of course) the Masonic community.

One notable lodge that Franklin was associated with in Paris was the Lodge of Nine Sisters (Lodge Les Neuf Sœurs). This lodge, established in 1776, was one of the most influential and prestigious Masonic lodges in Paris at the time. It attracted prominent figures from various fields, including intellectuals, artists, and scientists. Franklin became a member of the Lodge of Nine Sisters and was known to attend its meetings.

Franklin's membership in the Lodge of Nine Sisters provided him with a platform to interact with influential individuals in French society, fostering connections that were instrumental in advancing the American cause. It also served as a venue for intellectual and cultural exchange.

In addition to the Lodge of Nine Sisters, Franklin likely had interactions in and with other Masonic lodges in Paris, given his status and involvement in Freemasonry. However, his affiliation with the Lodge of Nine Sisters is particularly well-documented and significant.

The other notable Paris lodges of this time were:

- Lodge of the Amis Réunis (Lodge Les Amis Réunis): Founded in 1773, this lodge had a reputation for its inclusive and tolerant approach, promoting the principles of equality and fraternity. It welcomed individuals from different nationalities, backgrounds, and professions. Franklin's reputation as a statesman and his commitment to democratic values would have led him to engage with this lodge whilst in Paris.
- Lodge of Saint-Alexandre d'Écosse (Lodge Saint-Alexandre d'Écosse): This Scottish Rite lodge was established in 1781 and operated under the authority of the Grand Orient of France. While it was founded after Franklin's departure from Paris, it is worth mentioning as it exemplifies the presence of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the city.

As for myself, I've considered Franklin and his travels as a model in ordering my traveling life. For example, when working in the Obama Administration and travelling the world, I had the privilege of setting my own schedule. I would often be tasked with going to a certain city. Before booking the trip on my calendar, I would check to see what local Masonic events I might enjoy there, then base my calendar upon those. As a result, I've witnessed some amazing things as a Mason.

Making Good Men Better

The phrase "making good men better" is a well-known motto of freemasonry, and its origin is a subject of some debate. However, it is generally believed to have first appeared in literature in the early 19th century.

One of the earliest written references to the phrase comes from an article in *The Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, a Masonic publication that was first published in 1834. The article, titled "The Principles and Objects of Freemasonry," describes the goals of the fraternity as "the cultivation of the social virtues and the improvement of the moral character of its members" and states that its aim is "to make good men better."

Another early reference to the phrase comes from the book "The Freemason's Monitor" by Thomas Smith Webb, which was first published in 1797. In the book, Webb describes the purpose of freemasonry as "to render mankind more virtuous and more happy," and he states that the fraternity seeks to accomplish this goal by "making good men better."

Over time, the phrase "making good men better" has become one of the most well-known and widely quoted mottos of freemasonry, and it is often used to describe the fraternity's focus on self-improvement and personal growth.

But what does this phrase have to do with Benjamin Franklin?

From Franklin's point of view, the phrase "making good men better" would likely refer to the idea that freemasonry has the power to help men improve themselves morally and ethically. He believed that individuals should always strive to be better versions of themselves, and that freemasonry provided a framework for this self-improvement.

For Franklin, the goal of freemasonry was not just to make good men better in a moral sense, but also in a practical sense. He believed that through freemasonry, men could learn valuable skills and knowledge that would enable them to lead successful and productive lives.

Franklin was a strong advocate for self-improvement and personal growth, and he believed that freemasonry was an important tool for achieving these goals. Again, saw the fraternity as a way to connect with other like-minded individuals and work together to improve themselves and the world around them.

He developed his plan for self-improvement and his 13 Virtues when he was a young man, around the age of 20. In his autobiography, Franklin wrote about how he was inspired by a book called "The Art of Virtue," which he said provided a

framework for developing good habits and living a virtuous life. He was also influenced in this effort by the teachings of the Quakers, a religious group that emphasized simplicity, honesty, and hard work.

These 13 virtues were:

1. Temperance: Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.
2. Silence: Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation.
3. Order: Let all your things have their places; let each part of your business have its time.
4. Resolution: Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.
5. Frugality: Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; i.e., waste nothing.
6. Industry: Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions.
7. Sincerity: Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly.
8. Justice: Wrong none by doing injuries or omitting the benefits that are your duty.
9. Moderation: Avoid extremes; forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.
10. Cleanliness: Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habitation.
11. Tranquility: Be not disturbed at trifles, or at accidents common or unavoidable.
12. Chastity: Rarely use venery but for health or offspring, never to dullness, weakness, or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.
13. Humility: Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

Each week, he focused on one of these virtues and worked on it to improve himself. He would keep track of his progress and mark his successes and failures each day in a journal. This method helped him to become a more disciplined and virtuous person.

Overall, taken from Franklin's perspective, the phrase "making good men better" would be a call to action for individuals to strive for self-improvement, to be the best versions of themselves, and to work together to make a positive impact on the world.

Taken in light of our theme, that of leveraging vibrant social networks and seeking to improve oneself, Franklin's self-improvement regime prepared him to be that indispensable man that we know today. It speaks the maxim that chance favors the prepared mind. That phrase is often attributed to Louis Pasteur, the renowned French chemist and microbiologist. The idea behind the phrase aligns with Pasteur's scientific approach, emphasizing the importance of preparedness, observation, and being open to unexpected discoveries. Not unlike Franklin's.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the life and legacy of Benjamin Franklin demonstrate the power of self-directed learning and vibrant social networks in personal growth and success. His pursuit of moral perfection through his 13 Virtues, his commitment to self-improvement through lifelong learning, and his engagement with a diverse community of thinkers and doers on two continents exemplify the importance of deliberate practice and social support in achieving excellence in all of one's undertakings. His achievements in science, politics, and literature are a testament to the potential of individuals to make positive contributions to society through purposeful action. As we seek to cultivate the next generation of leaders and innovators in this Lodge and beyond, we would do well to remember the lessons of our Most Worshipful brother and promote a culture of self-directed learning and community engagement. For as Franklin himself noted, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning."

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About the Author

Jim Hoerricks, Ph.D., was initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in North Hollywood Lodge #542 (2003-2004) but now spends his time at the Archimedes Lodge #871 in Pasadena, CA, as well as travelling the world visiting Masonic bodies in his spare time. Being very busy professionally, he has also been a member of Oasis Lodge #854 (Chaplain, 2012), Lancaster Lodge #437, Reseda Lodge #666, and Beverly Hills Lodge #528 (Treasurer, 2006). He is a member (33°) of the Scottish Rite bodies in Pasadena, CA and Guthrie, OK., the San Fernando Valley York Rite bodies, the Grand College of Rites, the Royal Order of Scotland, Al Ma-laikah Shrine, the Scottish Rite Research Society, the WSB Club, and the Oklahoma Lodge of Research.

Jim is an active Masonic speaker and can often be found presenting on a variety of topics in Lodges around the western United States. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Grand Lodge of California's Lodge Management Certification and Funeral Service Programs.

Jim has been most active in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ. He has served the Valley of Pasadena, Orient of California, in many ways. He was Wise Master of the Pasadena Chapter of Rose Croix (2012) and served as Classroom Director from 2008-2014 and Director of the Work from 2021-2023. Prior to his receiving the investiture of K.C.C.H., he served in the Valley's Knights of St. Andrew service organization, attending to the Valley's needs as necessary. He completed the Scottish Rite's Master Craftsman program in 2021 and is currently working his way through Guthrie's College of the Consistory.

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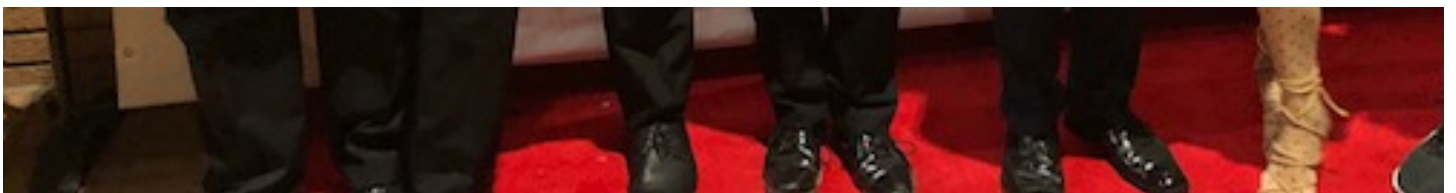
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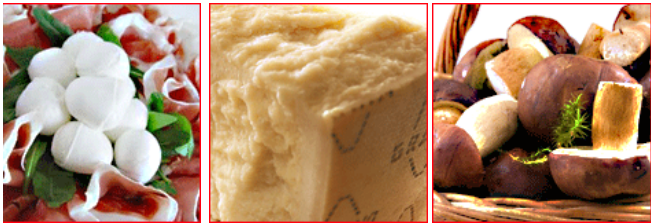












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