

**Illinois
Masonic
Education
Themes
*September***

**Grand Lodge Committee
on Masonic Education**

September–Freedom, Fervency, and Zeal

Review the final Paragraph of the Tenants and Cardinal Virtues Lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

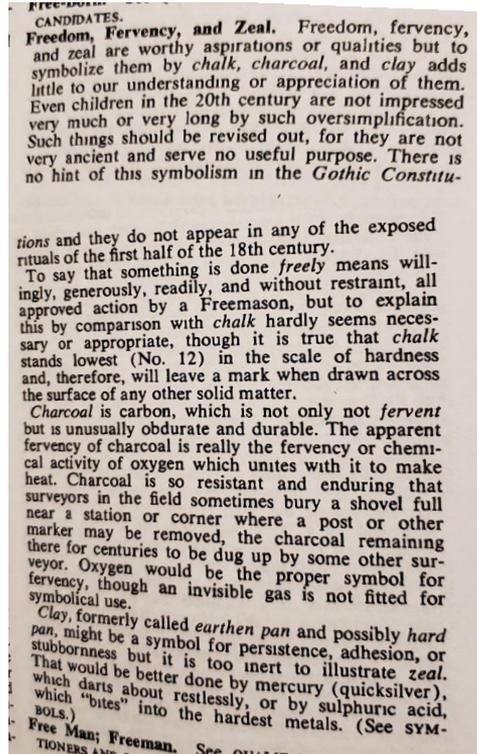
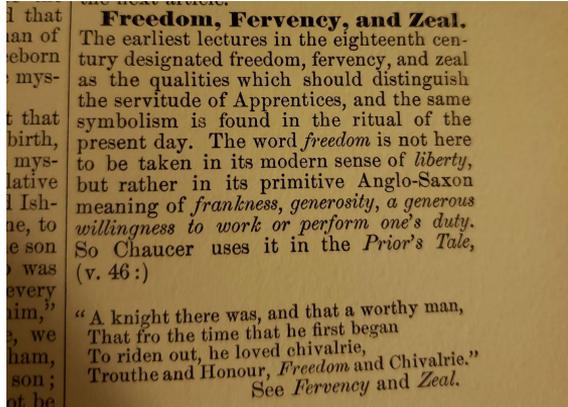
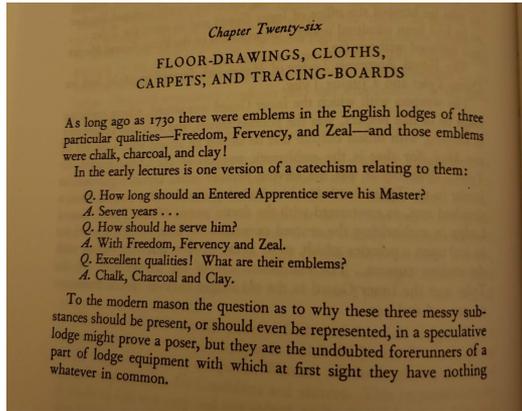
Discussion Questions

1. According to the Entered Apprentice Degree what mineral represents “Freedom”?
2. What is the difference between fervency and zeal?
3. What does this passage charge the Entered Apprentice with?
4. How might a Mason demonstrate fervency toward his masonic development?
5. Why do you think Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay were selected? *i.g.* Why not water or fuel?
6. What other element might you use to represent?

Notes and Guided Answers

1. Chalk
2. Warmth versus happiness. (from Mackey)Fervency- ardent devotion to duty. Zeal- advance the morality and happiness of one’s fellows.
3. “It is hoped and expected that you will apply yourself to the study of masonry...” Though this meaning has evolved (see supplements).
4. Try to seek more answers than “learn the catechism/ritual work”
5. Reflect on this idea. Get creative.
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September Supplements



Another interesting note is in his work, *The Mason's Words*, Robert G. Davis 33° G.: C.: references the early Tracing Boards being drawn by chalk and charcoal often on clay tile. It was the responsibility of the newly made Mason to clean the drawings with mop and pail.