

CAN FREEMASONRY BE EXPOSED?

In answer to this question: I would reply, no, others say yes.

There are several reasons why this cannot be done. The first reason is that there is nothing to be exposed, as it is a Speculative Symbol, and must be so understood.

And Secondly, because it is a Mythical Symbol of "Truth," and that "Truth" is a Symbol sought for, but not found or secured.

Thirdly, the history so far as known of these Symbols is a Mythical history of the Science of Morals, which is defined as constituting the whole of Speculative Freemasonry.

This much can be said concerning it, in explanation; those who are Masons or think they are, could not expose it if they wanted to do so, and those who are not members of the order, could not understand it. Therefore what is not understood would neither be comprehended nor exposed.

Signs and Grips, do not represent the Science of Morals or principles and tenets of Speculative and Symbolic Freemasonry, these are used as a friendly recognition. It is said that the wind is an element of force and power, yet who can understand it; or who can tell what it is, whence it comes and where it goes. So is it with every one that attempts an exposure of Freemasonry. It is a matter of Speculation, Symbols and the so-called "Science of Morals."

This is so understood by the Scientific Mason of which there are not many. The reason for this is because very few Masons study the subject of Masonry. After they have been initiated in the order, they appear to be satisfied with their social and fraternal relations of membership. To all such, the Signs, Emblems, and Ceremonies, with a few phrases which are used, and passes current among such members, constitutes the general knowledge of what is called and understood among them, as Freemasonry. Therefore it may be seen, with such a superficial understanding of the subject, on the part of many of its members; and with absolute ignorance of others outside the order, concerning the real meaning of the Symbols, and purport in the "Speculative Science of Morals," it would be impossible to expose Freemasonry. All that could be done regarding an exposure would consist in repeating or revealing a few signs, words, or ceremonies, which is very remote from "Speculative Masonry, or the Symbols of Divine Truth," which constitute the principles of Masonry as explained in "Masonic Facts."