

The Ailsa Craig

Fixtures and Fittings

- Congratulations to Bros. Christopher Patric Brown and Bruce Michael Barnes on their Initiation to the Craft at the October working.
- The next meeting in November will be a Third Degree.

Up-Coming Items

- A trip to the installation of the Royal Johore Lodge is planned for the 18th December 1996, please make the effort to attend if possible.

"The moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves, too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no one could have dreamed would have come their way. Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now."

Goethe

- Ladies-Dining-in-Night is to be held next month
- A Mark Degree working is planned for February 1997.

Tinkers Corner

- Practice meetings are now back to 1:30pm on the Saturday preceding the Working.....remember the free lunch!

Classified

- Photos of the recent Ladies Night are available at the greatly reduced price of \$5 each.
- Please e-mail me at - colinmac@pacific.net.sg if you are on the net. Surfers will get their copy of Ailsa Craig early through the net.

Free and Accepted

Never a word was spoken
There was no common tongue we knew
But we shared a Sign and Token
As Sons of the Widow do.

We had made the same Preparation

Each in his secret heart
We had sought our Initiation
And we'd made Advance in the Craft.

We owned no link with each other
of language, of race or of birth
But we each of us greeted a Brother
from the opposite ends of the earth.

*from "Cluny's Land and Other Poems" by
Bro.J.H. Macpherson MM Lodge Spey No.527 SC.*

A Real Mason

My Brother, Masonry means more than just to wear
a pin,

Or carrying a dues receipt so the Lodge will let you
in.

You wear an emblem on your coat, and on your
hand a ring,

But if your not sincere at heart this doesn't mean
thing.

It's just an outward sign to show the world that you
belong,

To this Fraternal Brotherhood that teaches right
from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep within the
human breast,

Masonic teachings brings it out and puts it to the
test.

If you can do outside the Lodge the things you learn
within,

Be just and upright to yourself and your fellow
men.

Console a Brother when he's sick or help him when
in need,

Without a thought of a regard for an act or deed.

Conduct yourself in such a way the world without
can see,

None but the best can meet the test laid down by
Masonry.

Respect and live up to your trust and do the best
you can.

Then you can tell the world you are a Mason and
Man!

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