

Free Masons

There have been many explanations as to how the term “Free” came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases, they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who laboured on Solomon’s Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking part in the work, free from any responsibility, but free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who do not wait for free time in which to attend Lodge. Let us not be the kind who believe Freemasonry is free. We are free to do as we wish about things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time, with his energy and by the use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.