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Immortal Freemasons

Webmaster's Note: This paper was presented by our Mexican Bro. Deldhy Nicolás Moya Sánchez, Senior Warden Bereshit Lodge No. 29, on April 28, 2020. Bro. Moya, a hospital medical doctor, reflects here on the chaotic times we are living under the COVID-19 pandemic afflicting the whole world, in relation to his professional life and the duties of a Freemason. His reflections should be a reminder to all of us to reflect on what Freemasonry should be and, as Freemasons, on how to conduct our professional and family lives.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity

I write with joy, anxiety, and great hope for these times. At the highest peak of the epidemic, I am only able to see my brethren of our lodge virtually. This is not as I would have liked, but we must maintain our health and look after the well-being of our families. We all must isolate ourselves from routine life and create a place where we contribute and receive knowledge. Seeing our mother lodge once more after a time in quarantine is of utmost importance and a great relief to the soul.

For some, quarantine is a time of stress and worry; for others a time of work or study. For me as a physician, like for my other brethren in the medical profession, it is a process of change; a transition to a new stage where we reaffirm the knowledge obtained during our daily preparation, not only of technician study, but also of the knowledge obtained since the day of our initiation.

Now that we have had the opportunity to directly help patients and their families in the most critical period of modern public health, we had experienced different emotions: joy when there are improvements, but also regrets those who suffer. We go through that period of anguish when health is absent. We discover how professional and human our convictions are and become aware of our personal transformation. We realize what we had learned from our Masonic studies, in our lodge rituals, and the lessons our illustrious brethren have conveyed to us. All this confirms the meaning of our mission as Freemasons.

The hospital setting is a space for daily coexistence between colleagues, patients, and families. Each person requires special and effective treatment, but a feeling is felt that is summed up in the proposition: "we all have problems, we are all in a difficult situation, and we all want to solve our problems." This is a voracious space, in constant chaos, where a majority of people are in a defensive attitude and seek personal benefit. In these tense environments, where death and legal problems are constant, we find inducements to vices and egoism, which results in a distancing between family and colleagues. In this chaos that I refer to, there is a feeling of general apathy, indifference, greed, corruption, cruelty, selfishness, negligence, and laziness. This is where we must pause and think: Within our capabilities, how to change things? What must we do so that those feelings do

not affect our personal life or our family? What can we do to carry out our work correctly? How can we benefit the patient to the maximum? How can we collectively, effectively and efficiently comply with our Masonic oath in our daily lives?

After reflection, we can answer these questions with the cliché, "the change begins within ourselves." To be a Mason of excellence is to be virtuous in all actions. We cannot force the change on others, especially if we notice the contrast between a gentleman and a tyrant. This is where the definition of "freemason" and the lessons of Freemasonry come to mind, "the mason before himself, before society and before divinity." It is useless to learn something without putting it into practice; when we leave our temple we always promise to be good men and to call ourselves Masons.

A Mason must aim and fight for freedom, equality, and fraternalism, facing any tyranny or vice of its own that is susceptible to spread among our fellow men like the same black plague or epidemic we are facing. We must strive to be examples of honesty, hard work, and commitment, relentless against injustice, and constantly supporting the weak and the unfortunates. We live in a society where everything is reciprocal, that's why one has to know how to serve, to attend to everyone with courtesy, kindness and efficiency. We must seek the common good that enables and drives growth, while standing firm against ignorance and fanaticism.

We are able to make decisions by ourselves, to practice free and positive criticism. We are aware of our dignity and love of freedom. We appreciate the beauty of what is good and true. We exercise philosophical doubt, but we understand the powers that are gifted to us, as well as the means we have to use those powers. We have the capacity to carry out systematic work; to cultivate the truth, and we know how to seek out excellent methods to apply those skills to the study of life and death. We teach our fellowmen by proclaiming to support each other and by strengthening the fraternal bonds. We are men of science and practitioners of virtue. We can illuminate our own lives and spread to others the great ideals for the progress of mankind. We are prudent, diligent, moderate, and discreet. We must do good to all; speaking ill of no one. Undoubtedly, we are good men, but we must constantly try to be better.

We must always be an example of constant studiousness and mastery. Our lessons are calculated as the surest means to teach to our future destiny. We must aspire not to leave unanswered or unresolved any of the queries that are made to us. One of our missions is to give sound advice to facilitate good deeds. We are men of character, well educated, and well prepared in scientific matters to cultivate and practice virtues. Virtuous and scientific men who walk the paths of light, hope, love, harmony, and truth. We live prepared for the fight for permanent improvement to defeat the enemies characterized by ignorance, hypocrisy and ambition. We are men who easily destroy superstition, fanaticism, and intolerance with good education, self-discipline, personal preparation and self-improvement.

We must learn how to use symbolic tools to polish our rough stone. We must study and practice personal and professional education to show the work taught in our lodge. None of us is a finished product, we must, therefore, improve ourselves in order to influence our environment. With virtue, we must seek to contribute to society. We are in the shadow of the great and illustrious men of history who were formed in our institution. We must honor those men, as in the end, only what we did for others will remain immortal.

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