

### The First Masonic Duty

The first duty which an Entered Apprentice acknowledges is to improve himself in Masonry, yet how many do truly and sincerely attempt to discharge that duty. What would be the success of a lawyer who would never again look into the law books after his admission to the bar; a minister of the gospel who never read the Bible after ordination; a doctor who never took up medical work after securing his sheepskin; or a member of any other graduate studies?

And yet one finds Freemasons on every hand, pretending to be Masonic lights, who never read. Some of them, perhaps, can repeat glibly certain portions of the ritual, but who could not give an intelligent interpretation of the education of every Freemason. It is never too late to begin but always better to begin early.

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