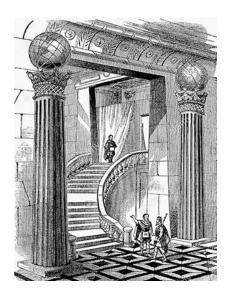
## A different kind of skeleton.

Stepping into a Grammar lesson probably brings back memories most of us would probably like to forget. But what we learned in school wasn't necessarily grammatically correct. Sure there were some elements of Grammar but the classes we took went beyond this language art.

Grammar is the set of structural rules governing the composition of clauses, phrases, and words in any given natural language. The term refers also to the study of such rules, and this field includes phonology, morphology, and syntax, often complemented by phonetics, semantics, and pragmatics. It refers to the skeletal framework of language. It is also a part of another group of 3 found in Masonry. Grammar along with Rhetoric and Logic form a triad dedicated to the cultivation of language as a whole according to Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.

In Masonry, we utilize Grammar to maintain the structure of our language so that we can all remain equal with our preceding brethren that established our ritual. Grammar has not changed for us as masons for this very purpose. So while some elements of our work will be adjusted to keep up with the times, the structure of our ritual will remain steadfast based on this structure.

Enough school for now, next time we will see what influence rhetoric has in our lives.



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