

## Give me a Second, I need to recharge.

Brethren, in token of a continuation of a review of the charges, we come to the charge on being passed to Fellowcraft.

This charge reminds us briefly of duties from the prior charge and encourages a strict adherence to them based on our experience and recognizing the value they hold to us. It also reinforces that Masonry is focused on the internal and not the external qualifications of a Man. Further demonstrating that being a king, prince, potentate or any other person means nothing inside the lodge room and that we are all just good men becoming better. As we look to the internal selves keep in mind this quote “What you do speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say” which just reminds us that our actions show the internal more than our words ever can.

This degree encourages us to study the liberal arts as detailed during the walking lecture. Again, it highlights Geometry which is the basis of our specific art. Geometry and Masonry were originally synonymous terms, and we are taught in this charge as well. The benefits of Geometry are widespread and many examples are provided to us as we make our way up the final flight of stairs.

Geometry is exemplified as both a moral guide and a divine one. We recently had a program on the Fibonacci sequence and Golden Ratio by Worshipful Jim which is just one example of the divine in everyday life or that Sacred Geometry. There are so many other elements of Sacred Geometry that it would take a lifetime of study to fully understand and comprehend them all. Visuals like the Flower of Life, Metatron’s Cube (he isn’t a robot that turns into a vehicle), and many others exist for you to explore and learn about as you follow this admonishment to study these liberal arts.

This charge also recognizes the effort taken to learn the information needed to be suitable for this next step. It infers that your behavior and deportment merit the honor of being passed to the second degree. And at the end it reinforces the plural ties that bind you to our Fraternity symbolizing your further progress to becoming a Master Mason and further learning and responsibility.



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