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To Hear, To Argue,

To Surrender

As Masons, we all try to express the Tenets of Freemasonry, as they were taught to us. We have heard

what Masons have done in the past which gives us the guidelines as to how we may conduct our lives.

Yes, we even disagree at times on the interpretation of these teachings and that is alright. For we all are enriched by the results of these discussions. But, in the final analysis we must surrender to the basic tenets we express belief in.

I recall a story I read which told of a well known actor who was being honored for all his accomplishments in the theatre. As the testimonial evening drew to a close, it was suggested that the distinguished actor recite some notable literature for those assembled. He agreed to this , provided that his dear friend of many years, a clergyman sitting next to him, would also speak. The actor chose the 23rd Psalm, and after giving a command performance, received a thunderous applause from those present. The actor then turned to his friend and indicated that it was now his turn. The clergyman rose from his seat, and with his snowy white hair shining, and his face showing the lines of carrying many people’s sorrows, he also recited the 23rd Psalm.

When he had finished there was not a ripple of applause. Those assembled sat spellbound, with tears running down their cheeks. Finally, the great actor broke the silence by saying, “The difference is, I know the Psalm, he knows the Sheppard”.

Fraternally,

Bob