Life doesn’t come with an Instruction Book

That’s Why we have Fathers

As Masons we often reflect upon the way our fathers have influenced our lives in our earlier years. Each of us would want to be proud of his father, as we would want them to be proud of us. I would think that most of us would want to pattern ourselves after them.

We hear comments today that the fathers of the past were out of touch with the problems confronting the youth of today. Does this not remind us how we could hardly wait to make our own decisions when we were that age? We don’t deny that the boys of today are living in a new age. But, we wouldn’t be any more content to live as our fathers did, than our sons would be content to live as we did when we were their age. One thing that we should all remember. that no age is so new, nor different, where the truths that we learned have changed.

Reflect upon your Sons or your Dad when you read these thoughts.

My Father, when I was:

4 Years old; My Dad can do anything.

5 My Dad knows a whole lot.

6 My Dad is smarter than your Dad

8 My Dad doesn’t know exactly everything.

10 Things were sure different in the old days, when my Dad grew up.

12 Oh, well, naturally, Father doesn’t know nothing about that .He is too old to remember his childhood.

14 Don’t pay any attention to my father, he is so old fashioned.

21 Him? He’s hopelessly out-of-date.

25 Dad knows a little about it, but then he should because he has been around for

so long.

30 Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he has a lot of experience.

40 I wonder how Dad would have handled it? He was so wise and had a world of

experience.

50 I’d give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him.

Too bad, I didn’t appreciate how smart that he was. I could have learned a lot

from him.

Fraternally,

Bob