Answer to the Masonic Monday Question for the week of September 27, 2010

Dear Masonic Student,

Our question for the week was an interesting one, because there are many answers that could be given and many if not most would be correct: I have a certain answer I was looking for to match the one I have, but I received some other good and correct answers.

This was our question: **What is Freemasonry’s Greatest Treasure?**

**Freemasonry’s Greatest Treasure in many ways is like Beauty; it’s in the eye of the beholder!**

Those with correct answers were:

**Brother A. White**, from "THE" Memorial Lodge No. 46, in Houston, TX

**Worshipful Brother Ray Abbey**, from Wabon Lodge #305, In Michigan

**Brother Glenn Kiecker**, from Cataract Lodge #2, in Minneapolis, MN

Congratulations Brothers! As always I learn from you when you send in your answers. Before I get to the answer I have I would like to reproduce the answer Brother Ray Abbey sent in, because it seems to include what many Masons would answer to the question about what is Masonry’s Greatest Treasure?

“Robert Freke Gould in the book A Library of Freemasonry: comprising its history, antiquities ..., Volume 2 states that the Bible is a Mason’s greatest treasure.

“Some may say that the Ark of the Covenant or the Ten commandments handed down to Moses or some other rare material treasure is a mason’s greatest treasure. Certainly one might say that our Supreme Architect is our greatest treasure.

“While all of these are surely valuable assets, I personally find that Brotherly Love, relief and truth are also the most valuable treasure a mason could ever find.”

A very good answer and it mentions a reference from a noted Masonic Scholar of many decades ago.

Here is the answer I have:

The answer comes from Brother C.C. Hunt’s book “the Masonic Concordance of the Holy Bible.” Page 27

Freemasonry’s greatest treasure is the Holy Bible – The Great Light of Masonry!

In spite of all the attacks which have been made upon it, the Bible remains Masonry’s greatest treasure. It is the attackers that fall – not the Bible.

The Anvil
“Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith’s door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.

“How many anvils have you had? Said I,
To wear and batter all these hammers so?
‘just one,’ said he; then said, with a twinkle in his eye,
‘The anvil wears the hammers out you know.’

“And so I thought the anvil of God’s word,
For ages skeptic blow have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows are heard,
The anvil is unharmed – the hammer’s gone.”

Fraternal regards,
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