

**WHITE RIVER LODGE
No. 153**



Brotherhood & Friendship

Questions Before Raising

WM: Brethren, Brother ... is this evening a Candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, but it is first requisite that he give proofs of proficiency in the Second. I shall therefore proceed to put the necessary questions.

Q: How were you prepared to be passed to the Second Degree?

A: In a manner somewhat similar to the former, save that in this Degree I was not hoodwinked, my left arm, breast and knee were made bare and my left heel was slipshod.

Q: what were you admitted?

A: square.

Q: What is a square?

A: angle of 90 degrees or the or the fourth part of a circle.

Q:: What are the peculiar objects of research in this Degree?

A: hidden mysteries of Nature and Science.

Q: As it is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, where did our ancient brethren go to receive their wages?

A: the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple.

Q: How did they receive them?

A: scruple or diffidence.

Q: Why in this peculiar manner?

A: scruple, well knowing they were justly entitled to them, and without diffidence, from the great reliance they placed on the integrity of their employers in those days.

Q: were the names of the two great Pillars which were placed at the porchway or entrance of King Solomon's Temple?

A: on the left was called Boaz, and that on the right Jachin.

Q: What are their separate and conjoint significations?

A: The former denotes in strength, the latter, to establish; and when conjoined, stability, for God

said, 'In strength I will establish this Mine house to stand firm for ever.'