

Correct in the West

Greetings Brethren

This month I want to continue my series on Misconceptions of Freemasonry by discussing Freemasonry and the Illuminati. It is interesting to note that many people will choose to believe fantastic stories and will spend much time visiting internet sites that fit their belief. They will not let facts stand in their way, they end up living in a small sphere in which a few gurus propagate their lack of real knowledge and use the writings of Freemasonry to prove that it is Satanic or belongs to the Illuminati, or other equally nefarious orders such as the New World Order. The fanatics define the relationship of common things to their particular fantasy and then cite other fanatics, who may even be college professors, as knowledgeable people to prove their point. From Yahoo Answers I came across a concise refutation of Freemasonry's association with the Illuminati. Written by @J.R., in part it reads:

"The "Illuminati" as it is known to popular culture never existed. The idea of it was a legitimate work of fiction that combined many organizations and movements into one "Illuminati" for the sake of a good plot device for a story. The actual Illuminati of history was a political movement in central Europe that existed from about 1776-1788. Some early Illuminati members were also Masons, but the organizations themselves were never related.

Good fiction can make completely unrelated concepts look to be connected. Some folks blur the lines further, fill in the gaps with their own story and run with it, usually for their own financial gain. Good fiction, heck, even bad fiction, will always sell, otherwise tabloids wouldn't exist

Freemasonry is a big subject, but it is at its heart a fraternity in which men agree to not fight or argue over the things which make them different, (religion, politics, social class, etc.) but to promote the virtues on which they can agree despite such differences (tolerance, education, honor, justice, liberty, charity, etc.) for the betterment of themselves and the community in which they live.

Thrill boy" (name of the person posting information the led "Lady Kazekage" to ask the question about Freemasonry and the Illuminati) "there is not a Mason, so of course he knows everything about Masonry, more than Masons themselves in fact. Too bad his "knowledge" is so far off you ought to wear some rubber hip boots before reading it".

Thus, my Brethren, it is up to us to tell people about what we believe and how we use the tools and implements of masons to describe what we believe and how we should live. It is always a good idea to tell them about the books "Freemasons for Dummies" by Christopher Hodapp and "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry" by S. Brent Morris. Then invite them to our Meetup Group that meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Lovettsville Pizza & Subs.

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