

Masonic Actualization at Arcana Lodge Number 246

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Every time I learn about a member of Arcana Lodge Number 246 performing Masonic work for another Lodge or visiting another Lodge or affiliating with another Lodge or talking about another Lodge or thinking about another Lodge, it causes me to believe that somehow Arcana Lodge has failed that brother, has somehow caused that Brother to seek Masonic fulfillment elsewhere.

When a member of Arcana Lodge Number 246 ventures into the world, he is an emissary of Arcana Lodge. Thus, whenever a member of another Lodge approaches you and asks you to perform some kind of service for his Lodge, let me suggest that you give this reply: "Thank you with honoring me with your request. Let me discuss it with the WM of my Lodge and get back to you with my reply." You may also add, "By the way, is there any message that you wish for me to take back to my Lodge?" By replying as such you will be acting in a respectful and prudent manner.

Let me assure every member of Arcana Lodge that if you feel that Arcana Lodge Number 246 is failing to fully utilize your Masonic talents or is ignoring your desire to provide more service on behalf of Freemasonry, you need not seek fulfillment elsewhere. Service that you may want to provide Arcana Lodge Number 246 includes but is not limited to:

Planning and organizing a Lodge-sponsored social event.

Delivering a lecture on a subject of personal interest.

Delivering the First-, Second- or Third-Degree lectures.

Engaging in questions and answers during degree work.

Investigating petitioners for membership.

Mentoring a fellow Lodge member.

Hosting a private social event for fellow Lodge members.

Participating in Masonic charitable events as a representative of

Arcana Lodge Number 246.

**Becoming proficient in Masonic ritual as a member of Arcana Lodge
Number 246.**

Writing a history of Arcana Lodge Number 246.

Writing an essay on a subject of Masonic interest.

**Just contact me, tell me how you wish to serve Arcana Lodge Number 246,
and I can assure you that I will listen to you with an attentive ear and work with
you to help actualize your Masonic potential to the benefit of the Lodge and the
Craft.**