
United Efforts

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No one can estimate the vast amount that can be accomplished in all enterprises with united efforts. Nowhere is this fact made more manifest than in our organization.

In the whole history of its existence not a single Lodge has gone down from any other cause except a lack of cooperation. Neither has one ever prospered without it.

Members may have their personal feelings for or against each other but they should never allow them to predominate in the Lodge Room. When the good of the Order is at stake the bitterest enemies should work together in unison and harmony — remembering that only with united effort can the purposes in view be accomplished. It is very unfortunate that members should fall out with each other at all and doubly so when it interferes with their duties of membership. The aim of every ambitious member should be to harmonize all factions of dissenters. Without harmony there can be no success in any enterprise.

Great armies upon the field of battle depend upon a harmony of action, as much as anything else, to carry them on to victory. Political parties, in antagonizing each other for supremacy, must be united to succeed. The most powerful are beaten if there is a division and a lack of cooperation while the weakest are triumphant if harmony prevails.

This fact should be borne in mind by our members. Whatever your relations may be with your fellow-members let them not interfere with your aiding them when they are engaged in enhancing the welfare of the Order. We want only good Lodges and we will have no other kind if our members will pursue a straightforward, consistent, and manly course and blend their efforts harmoniously, while discharging the solemn duties of membership.

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