

Office Seekers

There is no room in the Order of the Eastern Star for the man or woman who seek to advance themselves at the expense of others. The ambition to get in line in a Chapter and to pass through the various offices to the dais in the East is most laudable, but when this ambition becomes unbridled and leads members to trample upon the rights of others in their mad scramble to attain distinction, they subject themselves to the contempt of all good Stars. It is the just right of every member who has fulfilled their obligation to look forward in due time to promotion, but the promotion must be earned and not achieved by short cutting and by over riding the rights of others. There is absolutely no place in our Order for politician tactics. The principles on which our Order is founded demand that we lay aside all selfishness and self-seeking. The main thought which should occupy our minds is how best we can serve the Order and our Sisters and Brothers, and not how quickly we can achieve this or that office for our own glorification. The proper attitude toward promotion is that it brings, as a reward for work already well done, the opportunity for enlarging the sphere of service that one may perform. Higher position, it is true, carries higher privileges, but one of the chief of them is that upon receiving promotion one is privileged to assume greater responsibility in the affairs of the Order and its members. Unless candidates regard promotion in this light we submit them are not entitled to advancement.

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