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**Social Media and Masonry
&
Your Responsibilities as Mason**



What is Unmasonic Conduct?

CHAPTER 34

MASONIC OFFENSES

34.01 Unmasonic Conduct:

- (a) Any conduct that is unbecoming a good man and true, shall be deemed a Masonic offense and shall subject a brother so offending to Masonic trial and punishment

What Does The Phrase:

Any conduct that is unbecoming a good man and true.
Mean To You?

What If Anything May Constitute
Unmasonic Conduct
On Social Media?

Individual Behavior and Responsibility

A Mason's behavior extends to his actions in public, with his fellow Masons, his family, co-workers, and other individuals, whether in person, in writing, or on social media and other digital forms of communication. The lesson "to be a good man and true" in that sense is universal. If a Mason lives by the virtues taught in the three degrees, he will earn the respect of those around him.

LODGE COMMUNICATIONS and PUBLICITY

Social Media, Web Pages, and Electronic Communications

The basic guidelines and concepts that apply to print publications apply equally to social media and all forms of digital communications. Lodge business decisions, membership lists, petitioners and candidates, and suspensions and expulsions should never be published on a lodge web page or social media page.

Guidelines for Digital Media Approved by Grand Lodge Advisory August 2016

“Masonic conduct and conversely unMasonic conduct are the same whether a Freemason is acting in the real world or in the digital one. Social media has not changed this fact other than to increase the need to remind the Brethren of it. In all aspects of his life, a Freemason is charged to be a good man and true, strictly to obey the moral law, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men. When partaking of Masonic fellowship, wherever that may be, Masons and Masonry are best served by avoiding partisan political and sectarian religious comments and discussions, focusing instead on those things that all good men have in common.

(This is not meant to prevent a man, in his private life, from being active politically or religiously or from expressing his opinions outside of the Masonic fellowship.)

Additionally, Masonic emblems and symbols are not to be used for sectarian, partisan, or private business purposes.”

May We All Agree:

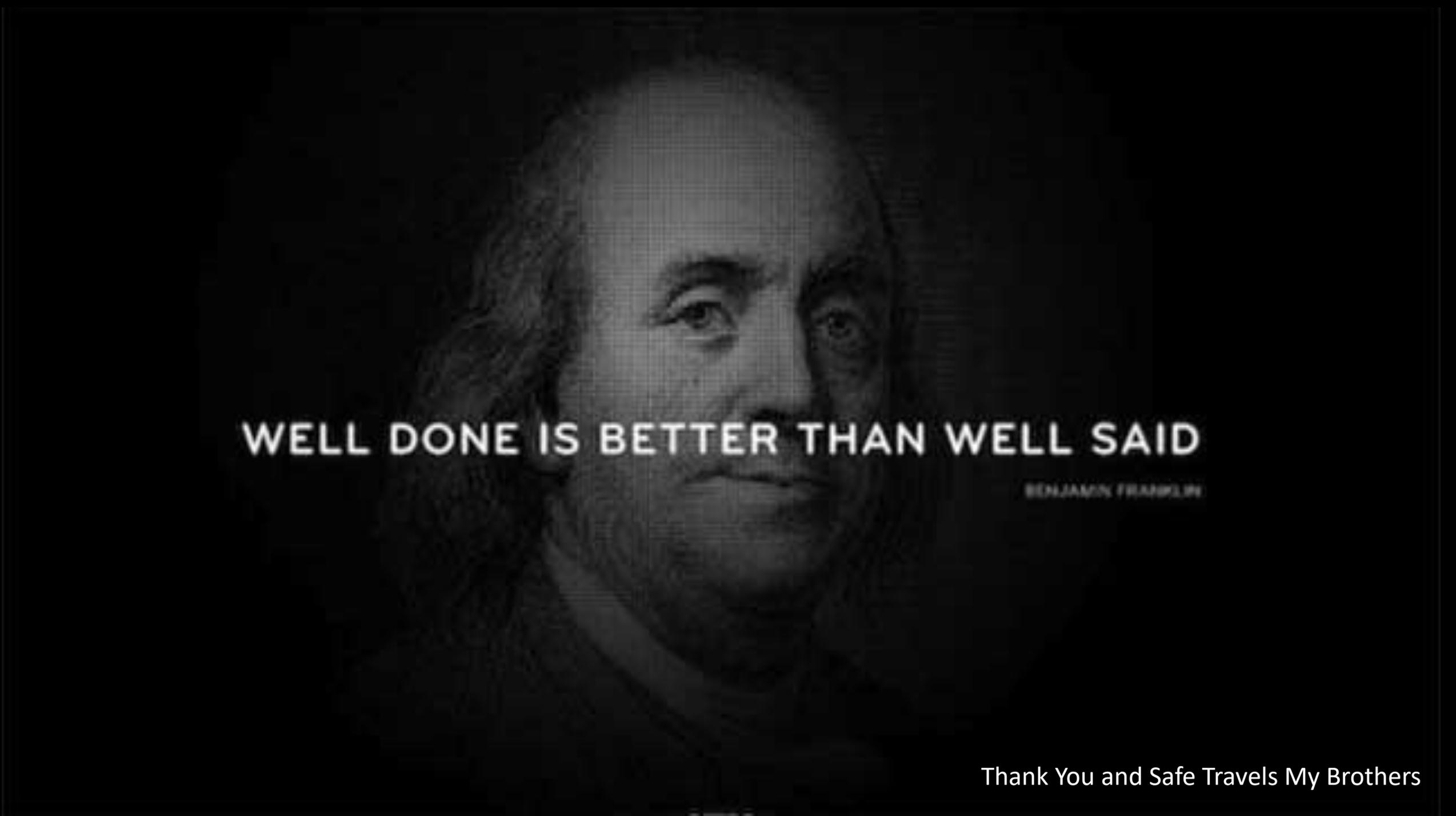
That as Masons we all recognize that many of our Brethren rely heavily on Social Media for their businesses, their place of employment, communications, and enjoyment.

We therefore, as Masons must set a standard of decorum and respectability for ourselves in the use of these medias.

Furthermore, as Masons we must always remember that we are members of the Craft and our actions, whether on Social Media or abroad in the world will reflect directly upon the reputation of our Fraternity.

Therefore, inappropriate conduct upon any and all Social Media sites may be considered Unmasonic Conduct.

Question?



WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Thank You and Safe Travels My Brothers