

“ After giving this description he says, “ The emblematical meaning of the sun is well known to the enlightened and inquisitive Free-Mason; and as the real sun is situated in the center of the universe, so the emblematical sun is the center of real Masonry. We all know, continues he, that the sun is the fountain of light, the source of the seasons, the cause of the vicissitudes of day and night, the parent of vegetation, the friend of man; hence the scientific Free-Mason only knows the reason why the sun is placed in the center of this beautiful hall.”

The masons, in order to protect themselves from the persecution of the christian church, have always spoken in a mystical manner of the figure of the sun in their lodges, or, like the astronomer Lalande, who is a mason, been silent upon the subject.

The Lodges of the Masons, if built for the purpose, are constructed in a manner to correspond with the apparent motion of the sun. They