Benefit of the BLF

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Of what benefit is the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen to its members?

We can give no better answer to such a question than this:

He that is most benefitted is he that most benefits others.

He that receives most is he that gives most.

He that is most happy is he that causes the most happiness.

If there is a single member of our Order who has not been benefitted by his connection with it, he has himself to blame, because he has not obeyed its teachings.

He has not been charitable, or he would have reaped the benefit that comes in the knowledge that one has relieved a suffering fellow man.

He has not cultivated friendship among his fellow workmen, or he would rejoice in the knowledge that they are his friends.

He has not been a truly manly man, or he would delight in the happiness one feels when he has so lived that he can call every honest man his friend.