

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY ?

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest world wide fraternity dedicated to the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of a Supreme Being. It is a body of knowledge and a system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity.

Although of a religious nature, Freemasonry is not a religion. It urges its members, however, to be faithful and devoted to their own religious beliefs.

As Masons, we lead by example, give back to our communities, and support numerous Masonic philanthropies. We invest in our neighbors and communities.

The organization of Freemasonry is based on a system of Grand Lodges, each sovereign within its own territory. or state. There is no central authority governing all Grand Lodges. However, to be acknowledged by others, acceptable traditions, standards and practices must be maintained.



AN APPROACH TO LIFE

Freemasonry is of a personal nature in its private ceremonies. Its ritual dramatizes a philosophy of life based on morality. Freemasonry promotes self improvement.

As a fraternity, Freemasonry provides an opportunity for men to meet and enjoy friendly companionship. In the spirit of helpfulness and brotherly love and guided by strict moral principles it encourages goodwill toward all mankind.

Any man who becomes a Mason is taught a pattern for living - reverence, morality, kindness, honesty, dependability and compassion. He must be prepared to honor his country, uphold its laws and respect those in authority. He must be prepared to maintain honorable relations with others and be willing to share in Masonic activities.

