

## **FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIETY IS:**

### **Charitable**

It is devoted to goodwill towards mankind.

### **Benevolent**

It teaches that consideration for others is of a primary concern.

### **Personal**

Participation in lodge activities provides outstanding opportunities for personal growth and development. A Mason can learn and practice skills of leadership, diplomacy, organization and communication which improve his effectiveness and satisfaction at home, at work and in the community.

### **Communal**

It recognizes that society is comprised of diverse individuals and promotes community responsibility among its members. It enlightens them in those things which inspire actions of goodwill and improve humanity.

### **Educational**

Its authorized ceremonials teach a system of universal morality and brotherhood

### **Social**

It encourages the meeting together of men and family for the purposes of fellowship, charity and education.

### **Moral**

It recognizes a Supreme Being neither secular nor theological. The holy books representing the faiths of those present are open in the lodge during ceremonials.



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## **FREEMASONRY IN CANADA**



“MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER”

## **FREEMASONRY**

Freemasonry is a four hundred year-old fraternal order founded on ancient traditions of personal **uprightness, fairness and honesty**. It promotes the noble principles of **prudence, temperance, fortitude** and **justice**.

Freemasonry is a way of life. It is fraternal in organization, moral in character and based on the belief in a Supreme Being.

It is a voluntary society wherein good men come forward of their own free will and accord to work together to achieve these objectives.

Freemasonry endeavours to do charitable work through its teachings and practices. It strives to make good men happier and more effective in society. The initiation ceremony exemplifies lessons related to the Golden Rule which promotes good will toward one's neighbour.

Freemasonry is a worldwide band of men sharing the bonds of brotherly love and the common pursuit of self-improvement.

## **FREEMASONRY IS:**

- Kindness in the home
- Honesty in business
- Courtesy in society
- Fairness in work
- Support for companions
- Rejection of cruelty
- Compassion for the less fortunate
- Forgiveness for the penitent
- Reverence for a Supreme Being
- Love for one another

## **TO THESE ENDS:**

### **It Teaches**

respect for a Supreme Being, truth, justice, fraternity, philanthropy, enlightenment and liberty.

### **It Charges**

each of its members to be true and loyal to his family, to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to obey the laws of the state in which he resides.

### **It Believes**

that these objectives are best attained through a broad basis of sound moral and ethical principles upon which men of every race, religion and opinion may unite.

### **It Welcomes**

good men who wish to become better men by working together in harmony within the fraternity.