



Masonic Compact

Because I am a Freemason...

☞... I believe that ***freedom of religion*** is an inalienable human right and ***tolerance*** an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

☞... I know that ***education*** and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

☞... I know that the rich ***tradition of Freemasonry*** and its framework of ***Ritual*** are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

☞... I know that ***charity*** is the distinguishing human virtue, and that ***personal community service*** is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

☞... I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my ***patriotism***: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

☞... I know that ***leadership*** is best demonstrated by ***commitment to serving others***; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

☞... I know that ***friendship, fidelity and family*** are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

☞... I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry -- ***the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word*** -- is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

☞... I know that ***Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared*** with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason,

these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.