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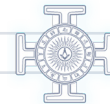
Freemasonry Institution

The freemasonry is an institution essentially philosophic, philanthropic and progressive.

It is Philosophic because it orients the man towards the rational investigation of the laws of the nature; it invites to the effort of the thinking that goes from the symbolic geometric representation to the metaphysic abstraction; it seeks the philosophical thought, the penetration of the spiritual sense of the history movement; it contemplates in each historical time the new doctrinal inspirations and it assimilates, from each philosophical system, what can mean the contribution to the patrimony of the abstract truth, beyond time and space.

It is Philanthropic, because it practices the altruism, it wishes the welfare of all human beings and it is not inspired in the search of personal profits of any kind. Its efforts and resources are dedicated to the progress and happiness of the human species, without any distinction of nationality, race, sex and religion, tending to the elevation of the spirits and the consciences. Some apostles of the Order have expressed, in synthetic phrases, the ecumenical spirit that animates the Freemasonry: "The entire human species is one single family dispersed on the face of the earth; all peoples are brothers and they must love each other as such. Unhappy the impious who look for a cruel glory in the blood of their brother!". (Ramsey, 1725).

It is progressive, because it teaches and practices the human solidarity and the total freedom of conscience. The purpose of the Freemasonry is the search for truth, discarding the fanaticism and approaching with no prejudices all the new contributions of the human invention; it studies the universal moral and it cultivates the sciences and arts, and it does not put any obstacle to the investigation of Truth.



Freemasonry Virtue

The Freemasonry understands as virtue the capacity of doing good in its widest sense, and the accomplishment of our duties with the society and the family without egoism or vanity. The Freemasonry teaches the practice of the virtue as supreme quality of the moral, and as loyalty of the behavior for the ideal, that must conduct to the sacrifice when is necessary for the accomplishment of the duty. The Freemasonry considers the virtue as a realization always perfectible, because it knows that the man is not inaccessible to the temptations and weaknesses; but the permanent effort of the spirit becomes in efficient bastion of the virtue.



Freemasonry Moral

The moral of Freemasonry is not directly linked to any philosophical system, nor to any religious credo, but it is constituted by the common background of universal precepts that teach the man how to be better and to love his similar. In all religions and in all philosophies can be found essences of a wisdom elaborated by the most great apostles and prophets of the Humanity, inspired in the most sublime feelings of the human heart, and used in the hard experiences of the life and the history.

The Freemasonry seeks the solidarity of the intellectual, ethic and esthetic values, in order to the harmonic consistency of the behavior.

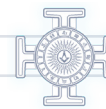


Freemasonry The masonic duty

The Freemasonry understands as duty the respect towards the rights of both the individual and the society, as well as the strict accomplishment of the obligations that involves. But the man has also his duties toward himself. The Free-

masonry induces the man to be faithful with his ideals, adjusting his behavior to the principles that he proclaims. The Masonic duty consists in adopting the proper norms of behavior in each moment according to the pledged word, the proclaimed ideal and the good by intimate decision, arriving to the sacrifice without need of external pressures and even against powerful obstacles of exterior order.

The Masonic duty is the unyielding vocation of the spirit for the virtue.



Freemasonry Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Is the Freemasonry a Religion?

The Freemasonry is not affiliated nor can be affiliated to any determined religion. Rising itself over all type of controversies, it offers to the lovers of Truth the most appropriate ground for the mutual intelligence and the fraternal union. It does not recognize in the scientific investigation any authority superior than the Human Reason, therefore, it rejects the revealed truths that the positive religions accept. It admits persons of all religious credos,



without distinction, as long as they are tolerant and they respect all sincerely expressed opinions, meaning, exempt of fanaticism, egoism and superstitions.

Is the Freemasonry Tolerant?

The Freemasonry is eminently tolerant and it demands to its members the widest understanding. All masons, of any country and any rite, constitute a single universal family, because Human fraternity is one of its principles and tolerance its main duty. In the Freemasonry fit all men who are free, honest and with good customs, without distinction of race, religion, political and social ideas, professions, categories and position in the profane world.

