



THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES

FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIETY IS:

Charitable

It is devoted to the welfare and happiness of mankind.

Benevolent

Teaches that the good of others is of primary concern.

Communal

Recognizes that society is made up of individuals, impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and responsibility, enlightens them in those things which make for the good of human welfare; and inspires the feelings of charity and goodwill toward all mankind leading to practical application of these cherished principles.

Educational

Its authorized ceremonials teach a system of morality and brotherhood based upon Sacred Law.

Religious

It acknowledges a one and caring Deity. Neither secular nor theological, reverence for a Supreme Being is ever present in its ceremonials. The Volume of the Sacred Law, appropriate to its members, is open upon its Altar whenever a Lodge is in session.

Social

It encourages the meeting together of men for the purpose of its primary objects: education, fellowship and charity.

TO THESE SEVERAL ENDS:

It Teaches

And stands for, the individual's worship of a Supreme Being; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; enlightenment and liberty civil, religious and intellectual.

It Charges

Each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the laws of the province in which he may reside.

It Believes

That the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by laying a broad basis of principles upon which men of every race, country, sect and opinion may unite, rather than setting up a restricted platform upon which only those of certain races, creeds and opinions can assemble. It is expected that holding these beliefs and in the knowledge that the true Freemason will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and dictates of his conscience. ***Continued next page***



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THE GRAND LODGE AFFIRMS:

Its Continued Adherence

To that ancient and approved rule of Freemasonry which forbids the discussion in Masonic meetings of creeds, politics or other topics likely to excite personal animosities.

Its Dedication

To those basic Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth; and by their consistent practice, the lessening of the aggregate of human suffering and the promotion of the true and lasting happiness of mankind.

Its Conviction

That it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, but dangerous to its unit strength, usefulness and welfare, for Masonic bodies to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any legislation, or in any way attempt to procure the election or appointment of government officials, or to influence them, whether or not members of the Fraternity, in the performance of their official duties.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is a way of life. It is fraternal in organization, religious in character, based on the belief in a Supreme Being, brotherhood of man and immortality of the soul.

Freemasonry is NOT a secret society as many surmise. It is a voluntary association wherein the interested one comes of his own free will and accord.

Freemasonry is NOT a religion as many claim it to be.

Freemasonry, in its every effort and purpose, strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society. Through its teachings, it seeks to make good men better men. The lessons conveyed by our ritual are based on the Golden Rule.

Freemasonry is a band of men bound together in the bonds of brotherly love and affection that extends throughout the world.