

Distinguishing Characteristics of a Mason

Permit me in conclusion, to caution you to ever bear in remembrance that Masonry demands the performance of no duty, the practice of no principle, that is extravagant or impracticable; but it does demand in the most solemn manner that we should, to the best of our ability, endeavour to correct each other's failings by advice, admonition and reproof, whether that failing be ignorance, vice or prejudice, and that we should to the utmost of our power promote the great end of our Institution with fervency, zeal and fidelity, and until these are our distinguishing characteristics, we cannot expect to conform to the principles of our Order or fulfil our obligations as Masons.

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