

What is Masonry

Masonry speaks first to the mind with the sublime words, found in the beginning of the pages of our great light, "The Bible." "Let there be light" is the expression and the sublimest sentence in human language. It is the command for the mind, no blind faith, no submission to feigned authorities, but to God, the Father of us all, who revealed Himself to His children. We do not try to unravel the mysteries of creation but to know the Creator. We will not solve the eternal problem, and to the great question, " Who art thou? " as Masons, we have no other answer but, " I am what I am," and that my innate sense of duty teaches me, Masonic precepts and lessons command me to obey the Lord who has created me and endowed me with these faculties and live up to that which has been given unto me. It also speaks to the heart, that love is enjoined on nearly every page of our great light, the Bible. It points out to us, that love is life's end, life's wealth, life's reward. It commands to love our God, and love our fellow man, to love the poor and needy, the stranger and the homeless, the widow and the orphan. No feast and no enjoyment, no pleasure and no blessing, but that they are remembered, who appeal to our hearts and affections? So speaks Masonry of to-day, and so taught Masonry of antiquity. It is in harmony with the mind, the conscience and the heart. It is in harmony with the progress of the age already made, with the progress yet to be achieved. We therefore proudly exclaim, Yes, we are Masons, Chapter Masons, and adore the Lord of Light, Truth, Justice and Love. Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord," this is what Masonry bids us, what Masonry teaches, and what Masonry is.

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