

The 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.