

# What We As Masons Believe

## The Masonic Creed

Freemasonry teaches the universal principle of unselfish friendship and promotes those moral precepts that are in keeping with all great faiths.

In pursuing this doctrine, the following, though not exclusive, is considered to be basic.

### **Masonic Beliefs**

- \* Man was created by God.
- \* This one God is the author of all life.
- \* God's existence is revealed to man through faith and the Book of Holy Scriptures.
- \* The Book of Holy Scriptures is the Ultimate Authority or Great Light of Masonry.
- \* The soul of man is immortal.
- \* Man's commitment to God determines his destiny.

### **Masonic Teachings**

Considering the universality of Freemasonry, its teachings cannot be defined in a single statement or established profile. The following are considered to be representative of its fundamental teachings.

- \* Man's first duty is to love and revere God,
- \* Implore His aid in all laudable undertakings,
- \* Seek His guidance through prayer,
- \* Embrace and practice the tenets of religion,
- \* Extend charity and sympathy to all mankind,
- \* Shield and support the widow and orphan,
- \* Defend virtue,
- \* Respect the aged,
- \* Honor the bonds of friendship,
- \* Protect the helpless,
- \* Lift the oppressed,
- \* Comfort the downcast,
- \* Restore dignity to the rejected,
- \* Respect the laws of government,
- \* Promote morality, and
- \* Add to the common stock of humanity's knowledge and understanding.

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