

Masonic philosophy and values

Freemasonry is a fraternity based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity. As Masons we value and promote:

- Ethics
- Personal growth
- Tolerance
- Education
- Diversity
- Philanthropy
- Family
- Community

Masons believe in the importance of religion; men of all faiths are members of the organization. Freemasonry celebrates ethnic diversity and welcomes men of all racial backgrounds.

Our values

Ethics

Masons practice a lifestyle based on honor, integrity, and philanthropic values. We believe there's more to life than pleasure and money.

Tolerance

The fraternity transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect others' opinions and strive to grow and develop as human beings.

Education

Masons opened some of the first public schools in America and lobbied in the 1800s for state-supported education and colleges. Today, Masons provide support for California's public schools in many ways.

Philanthropy

We are committed to make a difference in our world through community service, volunteerism, and charity. It is estimated that Masons contribute more than 1.4 million charitable dollars every day in the United States in support of public education, community programs, and individuals in need.

Family

Strong family relationships are important, and we include our families in many of our activities. Striving to be better husbands, fathers, and family members enhances our fellowship.

Making the **world** a better place