



Lodge of Amity & Rossendale Forest No.283

Masonic Province of East Lancashire
Clayton-le-Moors Freemason's Hall



What a Candidate should know



Corinthian

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal societies of men and is concerned with moral and spiritual values. Its members are taught its precepts by a series of ritual dramas, which follow ancient forms, and use stonemasons' customs and tools as allegorical guides.

The essential qualification for admission into, and continuing membership of Masonry, is a belief in a Supreme Being. Membership is open to men of any race or religion who can fulfil this essential qualification and who are of good repute.

Freemasonry is neither a religion nor is it a substitute for religion. Its essential qualification opens it to men of many religions and it expects them to continue their own faith. It does not allow religion to be discussed at its meetings.

Freemasonry is non-political and the discussion of politics at Masonic meetings is forbidden.

From its earliest days Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick and the aged. This work continues today. In addition large sums are given to national and local charities.

Freemasonry demands from its members a respect for the Law of the country in which a man works and lives. Its principles do not in any way conflict with its members' duties as citizens, but should strengthen them in fulfilling their public and private responsibilities. The use by a Freemason of his membership to promote his own, or anyone else's business, profession or personal interests is condemned and is contrary to the conditions on which he sought admission to Freemasonry.



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His duty as a citizen must always prevail over any obligation to other Freemasons, and any attempt to shield a Brother who has acted dishonourably or unlawfully is contrary to his prime duty.



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Masonry teaches that a man's first duty is to himself, his wife, his family and his connections. No one should join the Order who cannot well afford to pay the fees and subscriptions required as well as donations to Masonic Charities, and this must be without detriment to the comfort and well-being of those who have any claim on his support.

Anyone offering himself as a candidate should be entirely assured in his own mind:

- that he sincerely seeks intellectual and moral improvement for himself and others.
- that he is willing and able to devote part of his time, his means and his efforts, to the promotion of brotherly love, relief and truth.
- that he will never seek commercial, social or pecuniary advantage from his membership.
- that he is able to afford the necessary expenditure without detriment to himself or his connections.

If you can meet these qualifications and wish to join our fraternity please contact our Lodge Secretary.

Contact details are on the website.

www.amityrf283.org.uk/Contact.htm