

Masonic Philosophy

Freemasonry teaches and expects a particular 'Way of Life' from its members. It sets standards by which we are all expected to live. It offers its members an approach to life, which seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society, compliance with the law of the land and fairness in all things. It endeavours to do this by the symbolism of the 3 ceremonies.

Brotherly Love - Our relationship with our fellow humans, from those very close to us in the form of Family, Lodge Members, Work Colleagues and Friends to all humans.

Relief - Our Charitable activity through Freemasonry and personally in the wider sense of the activity. This also includes other-than financial activity as there are many ways to bring relief to someone.

Truth - Our wider responsibilities to everyone in our personal relationships. Our compliance with the law of the land and any other rules that apply to us. Our relationship with Masons, Non-Masons, Family etc are spelled out in the Charge after Initiation - included in the Valencian ritual book. When coupled with the Second Degree and Third Degree.

Mark Master Masonry

The degree is popularly known as 'the friendly degree'. The ceremony of advancement to the degree of Mark Master Mason centres on the traditional practice of choosing and using a distinguishing mark to identify each craftsman's work, so that he may be entitled to receive his wages.

It deals with the building of King Solomon's Temple and the various Craftsmen employed, but the real message is the contemplation of human strength and weakness.

If you would like to more about Mark Master Masonry, please contact:

spaindistrictgrandsecretary01@gmail.com

<https://markmastermason.es/>

Royal Arch Masonry

Freemasons, of all faiths, who have been Master Masons for at least four weeks can apply for membership, but must be proposed, seconded and balloted for by the members of the Chapter to which they seek admission.

If you wish to know more about Royal Arch Masonry which is considered the completion of your 3rd Degree, or require information about becoming a member, please contact:

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or ask your Lodge Secretary.

<https://www.gcpvalencia.org>

Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia



Master Mason
Leaflet



Provincial Grand Master

- * Provides effective and efficient leadership and management of the Province.
- * Provides internal and external presentation of the Province. Responsibilities. Internal to secure a strong long-term future for Freemasonry in the Province by: -
- * Inspiring, motivating and energising the membership to enjoy their freemasonry, contributing to the best of their ability at a level with which they are comfortable.
- * Creating and communicating in a variety of ways, including via social media, a positive atmosphere about our future and our role in society.
- * Creating and communicating a strong, clear vision for success.
- * Setting objectives and goals which are measurable and monitorable, which will demonstrate success in achieving the vision.
- * Ensuring that aims and objectives are monitored and reviewed to demonstrate continuous improvement over the Province.



Provincial Grand Lodge Officers

Provincial Ranks are similar to the Offices of your Lodge. Please scan the QR Code for the current lineup of Provincial Officers in the Province of Valencia.



The Festive Board

Most lodges hold a festive board (Luncheon/Dinner) following their regular meeting. The festive board is considered an extension of the meeting and all Brethren are expected to dine. It is at the Festive Board where many fine and old traditions of the Lodge are observed. There is a standard format to a festive board, however there are also many occasional and interesting local variations, which keep our Masonic order vibrant.



Protocol, Customs and Practices

The difference between Protocol, Custom and Practice sometimes gets a little muddled, but these are clearly defined.

Protocol

Protocol is the formal code of etiquette that has been long honoured and practiced within our Fraternity. Protocol encompasses standards for conducting Lodge business and for maintaining a level of dignity and decorum that serves to promote harmony and respect within the Lodge.

Customs and Practices

Whilst the Protocol is common to all Lodges, Customs and Practices will vary widely from Lodge to Lodge, these are long established, often laid down by the Founders of the Lodge and maintained as the tradition within the Lodge. Good Custom and Practice is encouraged, providing it does not deviate from the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.



Management of your Lodge

The Worshipful Master when installed, is empowered to 'Rule and Direct' his Lodge, however the wider management of the Lodge is vested with the 'General Purposes Committee'. There are well-defined procedures for most Masonic events, and although senior Brethren, such as the Worshipful Master and the Secretary, may sometimes make individual decisions, it is customary for a committee of members of the Lodge to be convened regularly to plan future events in detail. This 'Committee' is known as the 'General Purposes Committee'. This committee is chaired by the Worshipful Master. The members of this committee will be defined in the By-Laws of the Lodge, usually consisting of the Secretary Treasurer, All Past Masters, the Wardens and two junior Brethren.