

**GOAT RIDER 2**

**BROTHERLY LOVE  
RELIEF - TRUTH**



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It is designed to offer plausible explanations of issues and matters that are not freely available for discussion and which clearly ought to be understood.

Simply put we are often guilty of acting without knowing and we ought to know.

These thoughts are not the definitive explanation of the subject matter but simply serve to arouse the interest and to provide food for thought.

In life and Freemasonry the learned brother knows:-

- What has to be done,
- Where to do it
- When to do it
- How to do it
- Who to do it to

BUT

- Does he know WHY he is doing it?

The Goat Rider Series of mini books seeks to give the reader something to think about, if nothing else.

If you can accept this booklet as it is intended, as just one Mason's perspective, if you can accept it as that, then read on, if not, put it down, it is not for you.

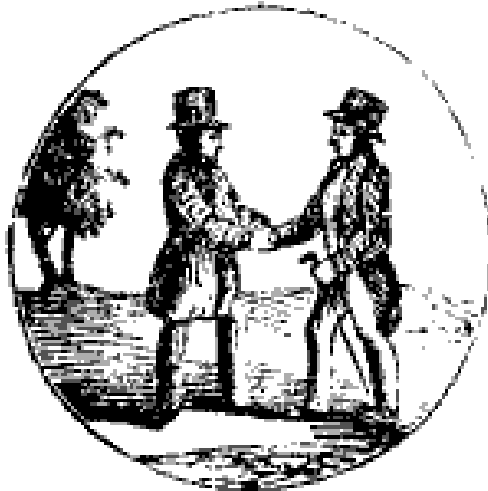


## WM

Brethren, the principal tenets of our Masonic profession are threefold, including the inculcation and practice of those truly commendable virtues: Brotherly-love, Relief and Truth.

This evening I will ask the Brother Wardens and the Brother Almoner to each make a small presentation dealing with these three important aspects of our Freemasonry.

The answers may not be in accord with answers you have heard or expected to hear but they are answers which have been considered and found appropriate.



**WM -** Bro. Senior Warden, will you explain Brotherly Love.

**SW -** Certainly WM

Wor. Master, Worthy Wardens, brethren all, by the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family; the high, the low; the rich, the poor; who, as created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other.

On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

This is the essence of Brotherly Love Wor. Master.

*(S of F to WM and sits)*



*The Almoners Jewel*

**WM -** Bro. Almoner, will you explain Relief?

**Almoner -** Certainly WM

Wor. Master, Worthy Wardens, brethren all, to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men; but particularly on Masons, we who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection.

- ❑ To soothe the unhappy;
- ❑ To sympathize with their misfortunes; to compassionate their miseries, and
- ❑ To restore peace to their troubled minds is the great aim we have in view.

On this basis, we form our friendships, establish our connections, and in essence provide Masonic Relief.

*(With S of F)* This completes Relief, Wor. Master.



**WM - Bro. Junior Warden, will you explain Truth.**

**JW - Certainly WM**

Wor. Master, Worthy Wardens, brethren all, Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue.

To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavour to regulate our conduct.

Therefore, while influenced by this principle,

- Hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us;
- Sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and
- The heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

Wor Master, this completes the explanation.

*(Gives WM S of F and sits.)*

## WM

Brethren, Truth in all our dealings and the application of relief to our fellow man that embodies Brotherly Love.

This tenet can be described as impartial friendship, and shows mutual respect and understanding between men.

Each respects the other as a friend, a companion, an associate, and a neighbour. To work with that person is one of life's pleasures.

Freemasonry builds on brotherhood, and provides opportunities to share true fellowship.

It encourages us to practice Brotherly Love, and to make it part of our existence. These then, are the principal tenets or foundations of Freemasonry.

As a Mason progresses through the Craft, he will find that the truths, on which it is founded, are not only sound, duty eternal.

There is no such thing as a Masonic morality that indicates a separate or exclusive code of conduct

Brethren, let us each strive to live our lives according to these tenets of the Craft, for such is our duty.

Thank you brother Almoner, thank you Worthy Wardens, your respective responses are appreciated.