

## The Master

The word “master”, “magister” in Latin, has roots in “magis” which means “the more”. The Master is the one who, in theory, is “the wisest”, the one who has the best sense of moral and justice, and the highest spiritual level.

There is a subtle though profound difference between an Apprentice and a Master Mason. An Apprentice Mason is born at his initiation. He is later reborn when he is raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. He is given the task to reconstruct his own Temple, his values, and his truths. That is an arduous process which needs the trilogy – perseverance, humbleness and sacrifice. The word sacrifice is very significant as it is the sum of the Latin words “sacer”, sacred, and “officium”, service. The Master Mason’s sacrifice is sacred because it is esoteric. It aims at transcending his own limitations.

There are various great and important societies which propose to help the world with philanthropy and charity. However, they differ from Freemasonry which is an Initiatic Society. Its aim is that each member asks himself, “Who am I?” Although every Master in the world goes through the same process, conquering his own interior Mastery depends on his individual effort for that is experienced in a singular and unique way.

The Master is indefatigable in his search of Masonic learning. He does not experience Masonry only inside his Lodge. He does it at home, with his family, in his neighborhood, and at work. The Master Mason is always committed to practicing Masonry everywhere. His interior effort reflects on his exterior world. Masonry follows him wherever he goes. Masonry is the Master Mason himself.

Several times, the Master walks by himself. He explores other sources. However, he is never alone; with him is his desire to achieve. Solitude is the initiatic opportunity to access his interior Temple - the “Sanctus Sanctorum” which is his inexhaustible source of energy.

The Master has the Symbolic Lodge as the legs that sustain him and the Superior Degrees as the arms which help him in his mission. The great triumph of a Master is to find Love for it is through Love that every work should be traced. He should plan before the construction. Before beginning, he should ask himself if Love is the true inspiration for his action.

The Great Architect of the Universe strengthen you,

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