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## Membership Charter

# Integrity - Friendship - Respect - Charity

## What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is one of the oldest Fraternal, social and charitable organisations in the world and its principles are Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity

## Charitable Work

Charity has always been a core principle of Freemasonry, enabling our members to make an important contribution on a local, national and global level, to both Masonic and Non Masonic Charities.

## What is a Lodge?

A Lodge is a collection of such men from all walks of life and age groups usually consisting of anywhere between 15 and 50 individuals. There are over 170 lodges in the Province of East Lancashire spread over 11 districts and totalling approximately 3700 members. It would be safe to say, there is a Lodge to suit everyone.

## What do you do outside of the Lodge?

Wherever possible Masons will try to involve their partners, families, friends and children. Outside of our Lodges, we enjoy ourselves by organising many social events and by helping in our Communities.

## Can I join?

Any man over the age of 18 may join regardless of ethnic group, political views, religion or economic standing, although he is expected to have a "belief in a Supreme Being". There are also Masonic organisations dedicated to Women's Freemasonry, the OWF & HFAF.

## Charter Timeline

