What Is A Masonic Lodge?

As Freemasonry as mentioned in general conversation it is almost always discussed as if it consisted of a number of beliefs or doctrines or ideas. That shows how little of Freemasonry is understood among

Non-Masons.

In the early centuries, its members were Operative Masons. It was a good thing that during the first two centuries that it didn’t consist of theories, beliefs or doctrines, because those could not have erected so much as one building. They were builders of men, not ideas. So, this is the first fact to be stated in any description of a Masonic Lodge. It is composed of a group of men who meet in a natural room, and their work can be observed. They meet in an actual building. It must have a Charter issued by the Grand Lodge in their jurisdiction, a group of members, and a full complement of Officers. It must be able to confer the three Degrees of Freemasonry, it must have the means to carry out the Masonic purpose, acting according to their rules.

Freemasonry is self-contained. Its members are only allowed to do Masonic work. The selected men conduct themselves as they carry on their prescribed works according to the Crafts own rules and regulations.

While other fraternities can conform to societies that change from time to time, Freemasonry is absolute. Either they are completely Masonic, or it is abolished.

Fraternally,

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