

Preface

Contemplative Masonry: Mission Statement & Guiding Principles

I. Mission Statement

Contemplative Masonry (CM) is a fellowship of Master Masons joined in the practice of contemplative methods for the purpose of understanding and applying the wisdom concealed and revealed by Masonic symbols, rituals and teachings. The intention of CM is to enhance the psychospiritual maturation of its participants, thus making of them more effective instruments for the Great Architect of the Universe.

II. Guiding Principles

A. CM defines psychospiritual maturation as the balanced development of awareness and the integration of human faculties at all levels of being - physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

B. A Master Mason should be drawn to CM either through word of mouth or by discovery resulting from a diligent search for more light in Masonry. CM shall therefore maintain a reserved public profile, and shall not engage in organized efforts intended to increase public knowledge of its existence or mission, and likewise shall not campaign or proselytize among Masons. Participation in CM shall never be a requirement for membership, advancement or office in any association or organization.

C. The established curriculum of CM shall include exercises in meditation, mindfulness, imagery and scholarly study applied to the symbols, rituals and teachings of Masonry. The curriculum shall be carefully guarded and only communicated under the fraternal obligations of one Master Mason to another and in full compliance with the copyrights and wishes of the author or legal custodian of the curriculum.

D. CM is a tutorial association that should never sacrifice its mission or guiding principles to the issues of membership, fraternal politics or public esteem. In order to maintain contemplative practice as its highest and uncontested priority, no groups or individuals acting under the name of CM shall engage in any of the following actions:

- Receipt of any dues or fees for membership, services or items;
- Administration or communication of ceremonies or rituals for initiation or advancement;
- Issuance of warrants or charters to any group for any purpose.