

Valley Educational Program
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As Masters of the Royal Secret, we have taken many Masonic obligations in which we have made numerous promises and vows. In the 32nd degree the obligation is broken into five parts: the Soldier of the Light, Soldier of Liberty, Soldier of Freedom of Religion, Soldier of the People, Soldier of the Scottish Rite, and Master of the Royal Secret.

As a Soldier of the Light – that is as a teacher – we promised to improve our own knowledge and wisdom so that we could assist those around us in becoming wiser and better. Attendance at Valley meetings and study of the books that have been written for instruction in the Rite are specified as methods for gaining light.

As a Soldier of Liberty we promised to oppose those who subjugate free men by manipulating their necessities, passions, or follies, and to demand for ourselves and all people a free voice and vote in public affairs. We promised to follow the convictions of our conscience and the judgments of our own intellect, and not permit any person, or body of persons, to dictate in matters where we alone are accountable and responsible for our actions

As a Soldier of Freedom of Religion we promised to be the enemy of all spiritual tyranny over our souls and consciences and to resist all claims of any religion to outlaw free conscience, to enslave thought and opinions, and to compel men to believe what it may prescribe. We also promised to combat superstition, bigotry and fanaticism with reason and the truth.

As a Soldier of the People we promised to combat the efforts of all who seek to gain power by unworthy means--the crafty, the unfit, and the incompetent, and to constantly endeavor to incite men to be self-reliant and independent.

As a loyal Soldier of the Scottish Rite we promised perform all our duties as a Scottish Rite Mason. We promised not to be absent from the meetings without valid reasons, and when we cannot attend, not

to withhold our contribution for the Box of Fraternal Assistance.

Finally, as a Master of the Royal Secret we promised not to disclose the secret work, rituals or ceremonies of the Rite to anyone not entitled to receive them.

That in any Masonic matters, our actions will not be influenced by political or religious differences of opinion or by commotions in the state, revolution, or civil war. And finally, that if we have a complaint against any part of the hierarchy of the Rite, we will keep it within the bounds of the Rite, and not express it in any way to the profane or to Masons not of the Rite.

Such is a brief summary of our promises as Masters of the Royal Secret, which is just one of the obligations we have assumed in Masonry.