



I AM SCOTTISH RITE



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I stand in **SOLIDARITY** with my brothers and, on my honor, pledge fealty to the Supreme Council to which I owe allegiance and will abide by its constitution, general regulations, orders, and decrees.

I am **COMMITTED** to the purpose of the Scottish Rite, which is to provide more light in Masonry. I am committed to the lessons of virtue and morality portrayed and inculcated in its degrees and to the belief that they serve as a guide to living a moral and practical life.

I am **OPTIMISTIC** about the future of the Scottish Rite and its role in preserving humanity, promoting equality for all people, and combating ignorance, superstition, fanaticism, despotism, and tyranny. Furthermore, I am optimistic that the Scottish Rite will always have a place in society and the world.

I am **TRUTHFUL** and will act in a manner that inspires confidence and trust—being truthful means we can grow, mature, and learn from our mistakes. Additionally, it cements friendships and social bonds with others. Truth is at our foundation and one of the first lessons learned during our travels.

I am **TOLERANT** because every other man has the same right to his opinions and faith as I do to my own.

I am a man of **INTEGRITY**. I will adhere to just and ethical principles and be honest, undiminished, and of moral character. I will take responsibility for my actions, put other's needs above my own, offer to help others in need, give others the benefit of the doubt, choose honesty in all things, demonstrate respect to everyone, exhibit humility, be able to admit when I am in error, maintain my word, and convey genuine kindness. Integrity is a trait we should all strive for and never permit to be compromised. Once comprised, it may never be regained.

I am in **SERVICE** to others, and I am a servant-leader. I desire to serve and to serve first. I look to the needs of our brethren and how to help them grow as individuals and Scottish Rite Masons. In doing so, I must lead by example, listen, empathize, problem solve, be self-aware of myself and others, be a good steward, and build a sense of community within the craft.

I am **HUMBLE**, acknowledging my strengths and weaknesses while being void of arrogance. Humility is a moral character manifested in modesty, empathy, and recognizing and respecting others more deeply. Additionally, it is an attitude of spiritual decorum that comes from understanding our place in the larger order of things. Humility keeps us grounded.

I am **RESPECTFUL** to others and treat them in the same manner I want to be treated. I will listen without judgment and consider others' opinions and ideas, even when I may disagree.

I am **INVOLVED** and engaged with the work of the Scottish Rite. Regardless of title or position attained, I will not rest on my laurels but continue to labor in support of the Rite. Bearing in mind that most problems that arise are more easily solved from within than without.

I will **TRANSCEND** and rise above petty quarreling, misguided ambition, selfishness, and jealousy. Instead, I will strive to take the higher road, give the benefit of the doubt, be a peacemaker, and celebrate the accomplishments of others.

I strive for **EXCELLENCE** rather than the status quo. Excellence encourages us to be better than we were on yesterday. It means not settling and listening to the voice telling us it's good enough and instead always working towards improvement. Excellence can only be achieved through consistent practice.