

IS FREEMASONRY A SECRET SOCIETY?

Many hold this widespread misconception. "Secret Society," however, implies that Freemasons conceal their membership, that they meet in secret, and that their purposes remain secret.

Several authors have exposed the only "secrets of Freemasonry" well over a century ago, and members are encouraged to talk openly about the fraternity. More importantly, however, the fraternity does not hide its existence, its purpose or its membership.

The lessons taught in meetings improve and educate our members, but we do not discuss these lessons with those outside the fraternity. Lodge meetings, like those of many other groups, remain private and open only to members.

The rules and aims of Freemasonry, however, are available to the public. Meeting places are also known and, in many areas, become used by the local community for activities other than Freemasonry.