

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS

THE FREEMAN'S DECLARATION (as prescribed in the Book of Ordinances approved by the King's Justices on 30th October 1630)

I ask that you do solemnly and sincerely declare that you will be true to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, her Heirs and successors, and at all times obedient to the Master and Wardens of this Fellowship and Society, and their successors after them, in all honest and lawful things touching the affairs and business of this Fellowship. You will be ready at all manner of summons, and bear Scott and Lott in all manner of reasonable contributions of and to this Fellowship and Company of Spectacle Makers of the City of London.

You will to the best of your skill, power and ability uphold and maintain the weal of this Company. You will not know or suspect any manner of meetings, conspiracies, plots or devices against the Queen's Majesty, her heirs or successors, or the government of this Fellowship, but you will the same to the uttermost of your power let and hinder, and speedily disclose to the Master or one of the Wardens of this Society.

And this City of London and Fellowship of Spectacle Makers you will keep harmless as much as in you lies. Also you will be ready at all times to be at the Quarter Days, and every other assembly, matter or cause that you shall be warned or called unto for the affairs of this Fellowship, unless you shall have lawful and reasonable excuse in that behalf.

And all the ordinances of this Fellowship or Society, ratified according to the laws of this Realm or otherwise lawful for this Fellowship or Society to make or ordain, you will to the uttermost of your power well and truly submit yourself unto and keep.

DO YOU SO DECLARE?

[I so declare]