

FREEMASONRY AND FAMILIES

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:24-26 NIV)

The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Freemasonry) is widely known as an all-male secret society. Whether these orders are referred to as adopted, auxiliary, associated or concordant Masonic orders, I will use the term *affiliated* to apply to all such orders, and may distinguish the children’s and teens’ orders as ‘junior orders’. The largest affiliated orders include Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls. Lesser known are over 50 affiliated orders which Masons have established for women and children.

The intent of this paper is to present information regarding Freemasonry and affiliated orders as described in the Timothy text above, with the hope that this knowledge will result in the deliverance mentioned therein as well.

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

In order to understand its affiliated orders, it is necessary to first give a brief overview of Masonry and its symbolism, beliefs and practices. The *only* remaining secret about Freemasonry is that there are *no* remaining secrets about Freemasonry.ⁱ

All Masonic symbolism has at least two meanings, an exoteric (known) meaning and an esoteric (secret) meaning. Masonry’s three most prominent symbols include the Square and Compass with an embedded letter “G”, (on lapel pins, rings and cars), lambskin aprons and the red “fez” cap that the Shriners wear.

“Masonry is, according to its own philosophers, a system of pure religion expressed in symbols, one which cannot be understood without a knowledge of the true meaning of them.”ⁱⁱ They claim, ***“We are a society with secrets, but we are not a secret society.”***ⁱⁱⁱ

Beyond Blue Lodge Masonry, the Scottish Rite and the York Rite are the two most popular Masonic rites in the USA. The Shrine is an offshoot of Masonry. Shriners are the ones in parades dressed as clowns or riding miniature motorcycles or cars, wearing a red hat called a “fez”. They are most known for their circuses and hospitals for burned and crippled children.

Freemasonry teaches that, ***“Faith in the atonement of Jesus has nothing to do with [redemption]; it is rather a matter of enlightenment, step by step, which comes with initiation into the Masonic degrees and their mysteries.”***^{iv} The Mason is made spiritually perfect and sinless by:

- (a) being enlightened (having both secret knowledge and the proper understanding of it)
- (b) faithfulness to his death oaths of obligation, and
- (c) his virtuous life (salvation by doing good works).^v

MASONRY’S SEARCH FOR LIGHT

Albert Pike, one of the most prominent Masonic authors, states in his book, *Morals and Dogma* that, ***“Masonry is a search after light. That search leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabalah”***^{vi} – a medieval book of Jewish theosophy and mysticism. Albert Pike also states that, ***“Masonry, like all the religions, all the mysteries, Hermeticism and Alchemy, conceals [emphasis his], its secrets from all except the Adepts and Sages, or the Elect, and uses false explanations and misinterpretations of its symbols to mislead those who only deserve to be misled; to conceal the Truth, which it calls Light, from them, and to draw them away from it.”***^{vii}

Freemasonry refers to the Bible as “a greater light” of Masonry and a piece of “furniture.” While most Masonic and affiliated orders have a Bible open on their altar, ***“Blue Lodge Masonry has nothing whatever to do with the Bible. It is not founded on the Bible; if it was it would not be Masonry; it would be something else.”***^{viii} In Rainbow, the Bible is a ‘symbol of white light’; the “great source of the White Light [enlightenment]”, and the “symbol of True Womanhood.”^{ix}

JUNIOR MASONIC ORDERS

Masons state that one of the benefits and goals of belonging to junior orders in general and DeMolay in particular, is that, ***“The Order[s] are a viable member of the Masonic family, teaching Masonic values to young girls and boys, introducing them to the merits of future***

membership in adult Masonic bodies and influencing fathers, brothers, and friends to become associated with Freemasonry."^x Junior Masonic orders serve as 'feeder groups' to Masonry and its affiliated adult female orders. Children as young as age five are familiarized with ritual work and secrecy in preparation for membership in adult orders. These children and teens may experience tremendous parental, familial or peer pressure to join junior orders and subsequently, adult orders.

LODGE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

Masons are sworn to keep the secrets of Freemasonry from their wives and children. Their bloody death oaths supersede the marriage vows between husband and wife. Children without a Masonic background are sworn to keep the ritual work secret from their parents. This secrecy can cause a rift between the child(ren) and parent(s) which could later become a chasm and eventually a wall of emotional distance.

The children and wives of Masons may have difficulty believing the errors of Freemasonry and affiliated orders because that relative goes to church, is a *good person*, a *Christian*, and certainly wouldn't join any group labeled *bad*. Imagine their pride if their husband, mother, grandparents, uncles, and older siblings participate in Masonry and affiliated orders and the child comes of age to join. He or she wouldn't want to be left out, and would more than likely join, especially if they were specifically asked by their parents to do so. If parents participate themselves and send their children to meetings, why would the child or (spouse) think there could be anything wrong with Masonry?

COMPARING AFFILIATED ORDERS TO FREEMASONRY

The Rituals of most affiliated orders were written by Masons and therefore have strong Masonic origins, influence and resemblance. They contain 'watered-down, sugar-coated' versions of the beliefs, practices, symbolism and allegories of Freemasonry. These orders may differ from one another but still hold many things in common with Freemasonry. Affiliated Masonic orders are *like* Freemasonry in that:

1. They have a requirement of belief in a 'Supreme Being', which could refer to any entity. In Masonry, "god" has the generic name, "Grand Architect of the Universe".
2. Jesus Christ was a great man of the past. Albert Mackey stated that **"The removal of the name of Jesus and references to Him in Bible verses used in the ritual are slight but necessary modifications"** (emphasis added).^{xi}
3. They are universal in nature believing in the "Fatherhood of God, brotherhood of man." Meetings open and close with universal prayers so as not to offend anyone and so as to apply to everyone.^{xii}
4. They have a Volume of Sacred Law (typically the Holy Bible) open on the Altar. Masons consider the Holy Bible to be merely one of many *holy books* and is readily interchangeable with any other holy book.^{xiii}
5. At least one Mason must be present at every meeting in order for it to be conducted.
6. Non-members are 'purged' from the meeting room before any ritual work takes place.
7. Initiation rituals are elaborate and full of symbolism and allegory. There is a story line that is acted out like a play with the candidate playing an important role.
8. Orders are very elite in selecting their members. Potential members must be recommended by two Masons; questioned by an Investigating Committee and approved before their petition goes to ballot.
9. Initiates stay in the "Preparation Room" before participating in religious rites such as:
 - a) Divestiture. Removing something. In Freemasonry this includes certain articles of clothing.
 - b) Destitution. Being divested of all things of value (coins, watches, jewelry and wedding bands).
 - c) Induction. Initiation.
 - d) Circumambulation. Walking in a circle around a central object (the altar). This is an element of sun worship. During my 2 ½ hour Rainbow initiation, I was led completely around the room 14 times.
 - e) Investiture. Receiving something (i.e.: an Apron).
 - f) Entrusting. The candidate receives the secret words, handshakes, signs and symbols of the order.
 - g) Illumination. The candidate is brought out of '[spiritual] darkness' into '[spiritual] light'. (i.e.: when the candidates' blindfold is removed).
10. Members are made to swear oaths administered phrase-by-phrase. As a Rainbow Girl, I personally swore 18 oaths.
11. Rote lectures and prayers are memorized and recited by the members and presented to the candidate as 'life lessons'.
12. There is a distinct hierarchy within the Order. Officers have extravagant names such as Worthy Advisor, Worthy Matron, Master Councilor, Honored Queen, Senior Princess, etc.
13. Upon reaching the age of majority (adulthood), junior members go through an elaborate 'coming of age' ceremony. Upon reaching age 21, DeMolay members can only return to meetings if they join Freemasonry.
14. Sometimes hazing is involved.

Affiliated Masonic orders are *unlike* Freemasonry in that most do not take blood oaths.

EASTERN STAR

The most prominent women's affiliated order is the Order of the Eastern Star (Star). Created in 1850, its ritual was written by the poet, philosopher and teacher Rob Morris, a prominent Mason from Kentucky.^{xiv} Star characters are named after five biblical women; Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa.^{xv} The Star emblem is a pentagram, an inverted five-pointed star which is stamped upon the Eastern Star ritual cover. This pentagram is the most significant symbol of Satanism and is found in the Satanic Bible. The Star ritual makes references to the Kabalah in its motto: "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely",^{xvi} this acronym being, "F-A-T-A-L" or "FATAL".

The Star ritual states, "**We meet in private that we may arrange our plans for the good work in which we are engaged without interruption from those who cannot understand or sympathize with us...A large portion of our work lies in acquiring knowledge of how best...to find the true path that leads to everlasting life.**"^{xvii}

RAINBOW

Rev. William Mark Sexson, founder of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls (Rainbow), states that Rainbow is, "**an international secret fraternal organization for girls of teenage. Rainbow is not just a club or lodge.**" Girls ages 12-21 are eligible for membership.

MY TESTIMONY

When I was 11 years old, my friend Pam talked to me about Rainbow, of which she was a member. She spoke about wearing beautiful formal dresses and lots of parties, but wouldn't elaborate when I asked for details. It was at recess on my 12th birthday that Pam gave me a petition to join. I had no Masonic connection on either side of my family.

My mother had never heard of Rainbow but her friend had two daughters who were members. Satisfied by her friend that Rainbow was *harmless*, Mother signed the petition. The Investigating Committee visited my mother and me in our home, explaining that Rainbow was *like Girl Scouts, but religious*.

I received a letter of acceptance. I went to the local Masonic Temple and was initiated in a beautiful, but overwhelming 2 ½ hour ceremony.

I was an ardent member, excelling in all areas. At age 13, I was elected to the station of Faith, the first of five chairs 'going up the line' to become the presiding officer of the local assembly. At age 15, I was installed as Worthy Advisor and the following year I was installed as a Grand Representative on the state level of Rainbow.

At age 18, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. The Lord prompted me to leave Rainbow after six years of membership. By this time, I had spent a third of my life as a Rainbow Girl. I stopped attending meetings, petitioned for a withdrawal and quit paying dues. I began to research Masonry and eventually came across anti-Masonic literature but nothing was said specifically about Rainbow. I couldn't see the connection between the atrocities that Masons participated in and what I thought was the beautiful ritual work of Rainbow.

Twenty-two months after I petitioned for withdrawal, I received a letter from the Assembly with a Majority Card inside. This card is the equivalent of an honorary, lifetime membership with all the same privileges of a member, save voting and holding office. I eventually repented of my participation, renounced my oaths and received God's forgiveness. Through all this, I clung to God's promises:

"When a young lady still living in her father's household makes a vow to the Lord or obligates herself by a pledge and her father hears about her vow or pledge but says nothing to her, then all of her vows and every pledge by which she obligated herself will stand. But if her father forbids her when he hears about it, none of her vows or the pledges by which she obligated herself will stand; the Lord will release her because her [Heavenly] father has forbidden her." Numbers 30:3-5 (NIV)

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Job's Daughters was founded by Eastern Star member Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick.^{xviii} The current Ritual was written by a Mason named LeRoy T. Wilcox. Job's Daughters is the only international organization for girls that requires all of its members to have a close relationship to a Master Mason. The order is based upon the life of Job, as told in the Holy Bible. Its key verse is Job 42:15 which states, "**And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them an inheritance among their**

brethren.^{xxix} Girls ages 11-20 are eligible for membership and girls ages 5-10 may pledge membership. Members are affectionately referred to as *Jobies*; girls join a local *Bethel* (Holy Place); candidates are called *Pilgrims*; and the executive officer is a woman whose title is *Bethel Guardian*. Job's Daughters dress in white Grecian robes and elected officers wear tiaras.

From the theological perspective of Rev. Eldon Winkler,^{xx} **“Religion without reference to the unique Person and Word of Jesus Christ commends itself well to the Orders allied to Freemasonry. Masonry’s universal religion can be appealing and at the same time deadening. At one point during the Ritual, the Fourth Messenger advises that the “significance of her duty is that righteous service will lead to life eternal.”**^{xxi}

JOB’S DAUGHTERS TESTIMONIALS

Erin joined Job’s Daughters as a thirteen year-old girl looking for love and acceptance. She became immersed in the organization and served three terms as Honored Queen. In high school she came to know Christ and quickly found out that Christianity and the Masonic Lodge were not compatible or even complementary. Erin realized that while she had given her all to Job’s Daughters she had to leave it behind in order to walk in the light of Jesus Christ. In her words, the freedom that has come to her heart, mind, and all other aspects of her life after leaving Job’s has been **“incredible”**. She experienced the truth that truly sets a person free (John 8:32). Erin says that whatever benefits Job’s Daughters or other Masonic organizations may provide are not worth supporting a *religion* that is blindly telling its subscribers that any faith, as long as good works accompany it, will allow their admittance into heaven.

Allison didn’t need much convincing that she needed to repent of and renounce her activities in Job’s Daughters. She identified several things about Job’s Daughters that seemed worthwhile; friendship, belonging and the activities. **“I could see how [the ritual work and meetings] benefitted us, giving us skills, respect and confidence. But is all this worth it?”** She started to question Job’s and Masonry. She prayed about her participation and realized it would be a big decision if she was going to quit after four years of membership. Leaving Job’s at age 15, Allison was shunned by her family of origin who were all heavily involved in various forms of Freemasonry. She has never regretted quitting and says she is now closer to God than she has ever been.

Josephine began to realize that Job’s Daughters was not a true *Christian* organization because it does not teach the need to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and obey Him as Lord. She declared that the oaths which she took are null and void; that God has released her from them. (See Leviticus 5:4-5)

THE ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Frank S. Land, a Mason and a Christian Scientist, founded the Order of DeMolay in 1919 **“in hopes of increasing Masonic membership in latter years by recruiting these boys.”** The name DeMolay was selected in honor of Jacques deMolay, a fourteenth-century leader of the Knights Templars, who was arrested in Paris with 60 other Templars in 1307. DeMolay was burned at the stake by King Philip IV of France after being held in prison for seven years under charges against of **“blasphemy, heresy, witchcraft and devil worship”**.^{xxii} The DeMolay degree dramatizes the trial and execution of Jacques DeMolay.

DeMolay’s objective is the encouragement and development of good citizenship and sound character among youth. The Senior Deacon explains during an initiation ceremony that, **“the purpose of the Order is to teach and practice the virtues of clean, upright, patriotic, and reverent living as the best preparation for the manhood we are approaching. We are earnestly striving to be better sons, better brothers and better friends that when we reach the years of manhood we may be better men.”**^{xxiii} In the DeMolay Preparation Room, the candidate is hoodwinked, (blindfolded) and swears an oath of allegiance and secrecy, sealing his vows by kissing the Holy Bible. After the blindfold is removed, the candidate is escorted to seven *Preceptors* who each place a jewel in the Crown of Youth. These jewels are: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness and patriotism.^{xxiv} As the second jewel is placed into the crown, the Preceptor explains, **“As we are all sons of earthly parents, so we are the children of the universal father.”**^{xxv}

An older survey lists interesting statistics about DeMolay members. At the time of their initiation, 55% of the boys had fathers who were not Masons. Eventually 65% of all DeMolay seek admission to Freemasonry. One eastern state reported that 82% of all men joining the Masonic Lodge during a five-year period had been members of DeMolay.

The truth contained in this article is presented in love in order to shed light on a dark subject. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6), and it is this truth that sets us free. God promises us that if the truth sets us free, we will be free indeed. (John 8:32)

Recommended resources: Ephesians 5:11 Ministries - WWW.EPHESIANS5-11.ORG and Ex Masons For Jesus - WWW.EMFJ.ORG

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