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“Women’s Organizations of Freemasonry”

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Key: “Q” or “DC” is Donna Carrico speaking.

“Ans” or “LB” is Lora Brown speaking

DC: Welcome to the March 18th edition of the Perilous Times Report. This is Donna Carrico with Followers of Jesus Christ Ministries. We are on every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 on WRMI Christian Media Network. Please call us toll free at 866-..... for information about our ministry and to give us a frequency report. Our website is <http://www.ritualabusefree.org>.

Tonight we have a special guest interview with Lora Brown, founder of Rooftop Ministries. She is an expert researcher on the organizations that are a part of the secret society of Freemasonry.

There are several groups that are a part of the Freemasonry organization and we never hear much about them. We have a chapter on Order of the Eastern Star in our Christian Worker’s handbook for Ministry to Masons but our guest is the expert in this area.

Lora Brown is Founder and Director of Rooftop Ministries that began in 1989. She is a member of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions and Ex-Masons for Jesus. Her mailing address is: Rooftop Ministries, PO Box 4682, Montgomery, AL, 36103. Her e-mail address is rooftop_ministries@hotmail.com. Her website address is www.Rooftopmin.org.

Q: Welcome to the program, Lora. What does the name of your ministry mean?

Ans: Thank you. I am glad to be here. “Rooftop” is an acronym for “Rescued Out Of Freemasonry: Testimony of Prayer”. It has origins in a couple of Bible verses.

(Luke 12:3 KJV) “Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.”

(Matthew 10:27 KJV) “What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.”

Q: Many people think Freemasonry only involves men. How prevalent is Freemasonry among women, teens and children? How many Concordant Masonic (or Co-Masonic) groups are there?

Ans: From my research, I’ve found at least 14 affiliated groups for children and teenagers, and 40 women’s Orders.

DC: Wow – that is really a large number. Most people only know about the Eastern Star, Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. There is no way we can cover all of these groups tonight, so we will leave it up to the listeners if they have further questions about a particular group, they can contact you and you will help provide the information.

Ans: Yes, I will be happy to do that. There is also a wealth of information on my web site at www.rooftopmin.org.

DC: According to our information, the Eastern Star organization is an affiliated Masonic order and elite group for wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of Freemasons. It was started by a Freemason, Robert Morris, right before the Civil War.

Ans: Masons originally opened their doors to their wives who didn't like being left at home on lodge nights or being left in the dark about Masonry's secret rituals ('lodge widows'). Later, these Masons and Eastern Star members created rituals for their children as young as age five. Today it is not uncommon for 8-year old children to be pledged into these groups. There are at least three versions of Masonic baptism for children from a Masonic background. According to DeMolay headquarters, a "considerable number" of DeMolay members go on to join Freemasonry. Some Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls go on to join Eastern Star, especially if they come from a Masonic family who is already involved in the adult Orders. Note: At least one Mason MUST be present at every women's, teens' or children's meeting in order for it to be conducted.

DC: One of the most disturbing facts we discovered is the meaning of the 5-pointed star that represents the Eastern Star organization. It is similar to the inverted star that represents the Baphomet Goat symbol on the cover of the Satanic Bible in that it has two points at the top and one point at the bottom.

From "The Secret Teachings of All Ages" by Freemason Manly P. Hall, we read:

"When used in black magic, the pentagram is called the 'sign of the cloven hoof,' or the footprint of the Devil. The star with two points upward is also called the 'Goat of Mendes,' because the inverted star is the same shape as a goat's head. When the upright star turns and the upper point falls to the bottom, it signifies the fall of the Morning Star."

We can read more information from another Masonic source: "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders", by Henry L. Stillson and William J. Hughhan:

"This star represents God, all that is pure, virtuous, and good, when represented with one point upward; but when turned with one point down it represents Evil, all that is opposed to the good, pure, and virtuous; in fine, it represents the Goat of Mendes."

From other sources we find the Goat of Mendes which is said to take its name from the Egyptian city of Mendes where Satanic rites of bestiality were performed openly with goats. We have more information on this in our "Christian Worker's Handbook".

It is strange that both Masons who wrote "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders" knew what the Star represented but members of the Eastern Star Order are often kept in the dark and given alternative meanings.

The ritual of the Eastern Star, like that of Freemasonry, is based upon the Cabala. This fact is readily admitted in the "Order of the Eastern Star Manual" which states:

"Cabalistic Motto – 'Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely'. Upon examination, this motto is given as explained on page 100 of the Eastern Star Manual. The Cabalistic Word is 'F.A.T.A.L.' It is made up from the first letter of each word in the Cabalistic Motto." You would think that a woman would catch on that there is something amiss when they find out this motto spells out the word "FATAL".

Some will say that the Order's rituals, officers and symbols are based on biblical women and their stories. They also believe that the star on the altar is intended to represent the "star in the east" mentioned in Matthew 2:2 which heralded the birth of Jesus.

Even the motto sounds good: "We have seen his star in the East and are come to worship Him." But this motto is actually incorrect. The star of Bethlehem could not have been an "Eastern" star since most biblical expositors agree that the magi came FROM the east, and that therefore a star over Judea would be in the *Western* sky.

Q: Lora, why do you think women and children do not question these things and join these affiliated Masonic Orders? Is there pressure for them to do so? Do you have to swear vows like the Masons do?

Ans: 1) I believe many women and children join affiliated Masonic Orders mainly because of peer pressure and or parental/familial pressure. 2) This "pressure" is not present in every case. 3) Yes, all women and children swear oaths, but not blood oaths like Masons. I swore 18 vows, oaths, pledges and obligations during my nine years in Rainbow.

Q: Most people think Freemasonry involves men only. How prevalent is Freemasonry among women, teens and children? How does a woman, teen or child become a member of these Orders?

Ans: The requirements, standards and age limits have been lowered over the years to help boost membership numbers, although this does not deter from an air of elitism. Basically someone talks to the prospective candidate about joining or outright asks or tells a prospective member to join. The prospective candidate expresses an interest in joining. They must be recommended from a current member or two in good standing and then complete a petition. They are visited by an investigating committee who asks the petitioner questions about their character and the committee answers the prospective candidate's questions. If they pass the examination, the petition is discussed at the next board meeting. If passed, the petition is balloted on during the Orders next meeting (white balls elect, black balls reject – just like in Freemasonry). The candidate is notified of their acceptance. They go through an elaborate ritual full of symbolism and allegory.

Q: What goes on in affiliated Masonic meetings? What are the initiations like?

Ans: There are business meetings and there are initiation meetings. Business meetings are just that, taking care of business, i.e.: reading petitions, balloting, etc. Initiation meetings are when new candidates are brought into the Order. Each Order has an elaborate ritual which is performed almost like a play and the candidate is an important character in the play. Each Order has its own story line and plot, but there are many similarities between them and Freemasonry. Nothing significant happens until after the candidate is sworn to secrecy. The Orders all have a series of life lessons to be taught to the candidate, who is lead around the room to the various stations to receive instruction.

I was very nervous at my initiation, which is typical because candidates don't know what to expect. In Rainbow, the initiation ritual is based upon the 9th Chapter of Genesis in the Holy Bible. This chapter tells about the rainbow that God sent as a symbol of His promise to never again destroy the earth. In DeMolay, the initiation re-enacts the trial and execution of a Templar named Jacques DeMolay. In Job's Daughters, the initiation tells the story of Job's losses, and afterwards, how he is blessed with more than he had before. In Eastern Star, the candidate is familiarized with the stories of five women of the Bible. The DeMolay initiation reenacts the trial and execution of a Templar named Jacques DeMolay.

Just because these rituals are based upon the Bible does not mean they are Christian in nature. The “little g” god of Freemasonry is not *the* God of the Bible.

Q: How does someone get out of Masonry or an affiliated Order?

Ans: What the Masons say, “Once a Mason, always a Mason”, is a LIE! Any member can simply quit going to meetings, stop paying their dues and write a letter of withdrawal. It is very important to acknowledge participation in these Orders as sin, repent of this sin, ask God for forgiveness, accept God’s forgiveness, and invite God into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior.

DC: Thank you, Lora for being our guest tonight. Lora’s website for Rooftop Ministries is located at www.Rooftopmin.org.

We just want to say that there is healing through Jesus for any member of these affiliated Masonic Orders. We urge you that if you are actively participating, to please see the “Withdrawal Letter” section at another page of this website for you to download or to modify to fit your personal needs or desires. Thank you for listening to Perilous Times Report.

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