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As a mason, you can obtain diplomas, join esoteric and social organizations, and become privileged of the language and specific abbreviations of Freemasonry. The local Blue Lodge is where you and your Mason neighbors begin their Masonic careers. Blue Lodge is a Mason summing up the first three degrees: 1st — Enrolled Apprentice 2nd — Fellow Craft 3rd — Master Mason You can join other Masonic organizations for more diplomas. Masons are usually a social group that wants more and more people to join their love for their rituals. In the mid-1800s, there was the addition of more groups that joined the Masonic family, including groups for female relatives of Masons as well as their children. Called appendages bodies, some of these groups developed to confer more involved degrees, Masonic style. Others satisfied the desire of military-style training teams. Others were created to allow wives and children to participate in the inn's experience. The following list presents the adult groups affiliated with Freemasonry: The York Rite: York Rite is actually a descriptive term used for three cooperative groups (which include the Knights Templar) that confer a total of ten degrees in the United States. The degrees that make up the York Rite are considered in agreement with the three Masonic degrees, which means they confer additional additional degrees that expand and expand in the first three degrees of lodge. You must already be a Master Mason before you join the York Rite. The Old Scottish Rite Accepted (or the Scottish Rite): Perhaps the most visible and least understood body of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite is not particularly ancient, and did not come from Scotland. It is technically a concordant body, because some of its degrees continue the history of the construction of solomon's temple began in the first three degrees of lodge. The Scottish Rite appears in an important role in Dan Brown's novel The Lost Symbol. Shriners international: The Sanctuary has often been called the playground of Freemasonry. Shriners use red fezzes, ride small cars in parades, sponsor circuses, and do other crazy things to raise money for their 23 children's hospitals in North America. The Mystical Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Kingdom (simply and affectionately known as the Grotto): Over the years, the Grotto has unjustly earned the unflattering nickname Sanctuary of the poor man, but built on the premise that men would be better Masons if the solemn teachings of the lodge could be interspersed with a little socialization and fun. The Order of the Eastern Star (OES): Created to be a Masonic-style organization open to women, without simply being a copy, parody or rip-off of Masonic degrees. The Order of the Eastern Star is open to men who are master Masons, and female relatives, spouses and descendants of Master Masons. The Order of Amaranth: A group for Masons and their spouses and female relatives, is open to all beliefs. The Social Order of beauceant: Unusual in American Freemasonry because it does not require or even admits men. It is an organization of women limited to the wives and widows of the Knights Templar. The Ancient Egyptian Order of SCIOTS: Its motto is To Boost each other. They engage in social activities and help each other in their personal and business lives. High Twelve: An organization for Mason master who usually gather for an hour once a week to enjoy companionship and support Masonic and patriotic causes. National Sojourners: An organization designed especially for Masons who served in active service of the United States military. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon: Founded as a fraternal organization to promote fun, play and friendship, and standardize their ritual. Local chapters are called forests, and members are called tall cedars. His adopted helmet is a pyramid-shaped hat with a tassel. The diploma is purely for fun. Freemasons encourage young people to engage in their rituals. Over the years, Masons have started several youth groups. You must have a Masonic connection to join the Order of DeMolay or Daughters of Job, a girl of any race, creed or religion religion religion join the International Order of the Rainbow. Groups of Young Masonics are on the following list: Order of DeMolay (for boys): DeMolay confers initiation and knighthood in boys, followed by merit awards. Its members hold positions and conduct the ritual and business of the chapter, teaching the boys leadership skills, financial responsibility, civic awareness and public speaking. Today, the association is open to boys between 12 and 21 years. Daughters of Job (for girls): The goal of the order is to unite young people to build character through moral and spiritual development, teaching greater reverence to God and the Bible, patriotism, and respect for parents. The International Order of the Rainbow (for girls): Although its teachings are based on Christian writings used to show basic integral values to many religions, the order is open to girls of all religions. Freemasonry is full of rituals, and for rituals you need people to be responsible for the various activities associated with the ritual and the store in general. And what would any store be without a leader? The following list shows the official positions available in a typical store: Worshipful Master (WM): President Senior Warden (SW): First Vice President Junior Warden (JW): Second Vice President Secretary: Treasurer of Recorder: Senior Financial Officer Deacon (S Venerated: Messenger of Master Worshipper Junior Deacon (JD): Senior Messenger of Senior Steward Director (SS): Junior Steward Page (JS): Marshall Page: Master of Ceremonial Inners Guard : Inner door guard Tyler (or Tiler) : Outer door guard Chaplain Dan Brown's book, The Lost Symbol, invites much curiosity — and speculation — about a brotherhood of secrets and symbols. So what's the truth behind the narrative? Here are some facts revealed: did the Masons build Washington DC? The Masons of Virginia and Maryland held ritual ceremonies for the first foundation marker stone of Washington D.C., as well as the pillars of the President's Mansion (the White House) and the House of Congress (the Capitol building). George Washington and engineer Pierre L'Enfant were Freemasons, and consulted by non-Mason Andrew Ellicott, who finished designing the city's street plan after L'Enfant was fired from the project. The Masons actually laid the cornerstone of the Washington Monument, along with the contribution of a series of commemorative stones that appear inside the obelisk. Most of the Presidents of the United States were Freemasons? Only 14 of them (the first was George Washington, and the most recent was Gerald Ford). Do 33rd-degree Scottish Masons drink from a skull? Dan Brown wrote the ceremony on the front pages of The Lost Symbol of an anti-Masonic exhibition written in the 1870s to shame Masons. You don't have to. Is the Reflection Chamber real? Yes, although Brown has made some liberties. Freedoms. He. Some Masonic shops and groups of appendages enter a Reflection Chamber to meditate on their past life and future mortality before certain graduation ceremonies, but it is not a uniform practice. It is much more prevalent outside the U.S. However, Masons do not have private rooms like this in their homes or businesses (such as the basement of the U.S. Capitol building). Do Masons accept members of all religions? The first requirement for the adhering to Masons (along with being only for men) is belief in a Supreme Being, but a man's religion is considered his own business. Is the Temple House a real place? Yes, it is the head office of the Supreme Council of Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite in Washington D.C. As Brown said, it is located at 1733 16th Street NW, and can be toured by the public. And it's pretty much as described in The Lost Symbol, except that human sacrifices don't occur in it. The George Washington Masonic Memorial is also a very real place in Alexandria, opposite the King Street subway station. Are the pyramids a Masonic symbol? No, this is the fiction created by Dan Brown. Pyramids do not appear in regular Masonic ritual or symbolism, and Masons have not placed the unfinished pyramid and all-seeing eye on the back of the US dollar bill. They're myths. Do Masons really have a universal distress signal? Yes, it's a combination of words and hand signals. Do Masons have a secret cipher code? yes, though it's no secret now that Brown's told everyone about it. For the record, there are variations he hasn't revealed. Masons have their own language, like many organizations. They give special meaning to some common words and have terms you won't hear anywhere but in a Masonic shop. The following list is a glossary of types for some common Masonic phrases: appendages bodies: masonically affiliated groups that Masons or their relatives can join. Grade: One of the three progressive stages of advancement in the store, conferred through a ritual ceremony; additional degrees are conferred by appendages. Grand Lodge: A governing organization with authority over individual stores in its jurisdiction. Grip or token: A special handshake used by Masons to identify each other, different for each degree. Hoodwink: Sale used by candidates during parts of graduation ceremonies. Initiated: The conclusion by a masonic 1st degree candidate. Light: Masonic knowledge. Lodge: A group of Masons gathered under the authority of a letter issued by a Grand Lodge; also a building or a room where Masons meet. Operation: The period of Freemasonry in which Masons actually worked with stone and built buildings passed: The completion by a second-degree mason. Profane: A non-Mason. Raised: The conclusion by a third-degree mason. The agreement between the Great Masonic Lodges that each other's rules and customs conform to a certain accepted standard. Regular: A classification of Freemasonry that practices customs that conform to the laws and regulations of a Grand Lodge. Sign: A hand gesture used as a mode of identification between packs, different for each degree. Sitting in the East: The position in the room where Master Adorer sits, also known as the oriental chair; the shops are symbolically situated east and west. Speculative: Freemasonry as practiced today, using the symbolism of operational Masons to build character in men. Step: A foot position used as a reconnaissance mode between packs, different for each degree. Password: A password used as a mode of recognition between Masons, different for each degree. Degree.

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