

Masonic Membership Value Exchange - A Conversation Starter

"Masons living Masonry in their daily lives"

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In Illinois Freemasonry, we focus on **Membership Retention, Attraction and Development** of good men who represent and promote **a quality life filled with honor, integrity, brotherly love, freedom, equality, tolerance, learning, and service to mankind.** Through our timeless Masonic experiences, quality men of sound character receive significant value from being a member of our ancient and honorable fraternity. This document assists with **a conversation about the value exchanged amongst active Masons** who seek unique fraternal experiences, continuous learning, and ways to make a difference in our communities.

Brothers Give...	Brothers Receive...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talents, Skills, Abilities and Strengths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal "gifts" and expertise ○ Those developed through work / professional / career experience • Time • Personal Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial support ○ Guidance, advice and knowledge derived from experience ○ Access to personal contacts and associated influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship (Brotherly Love) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A feeling of belonging and social attachment with faithful friends and Brothers who care about you and champion your well-being and success on life's journey ○ Connection to the more than 57,000 Master Masons in Illinois Freemasonry and the millions of Brothers around the world who, informed by "The Right of Visitation" (a Landmark of Freemasonry), are ready to recognize our Mystic Tie and extend our privileges ○ Peace of mind associated with the old maxim, "I am my Brother's keeper, and we will take care of our own" • Learning (Masonic Truth) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to the "Wisdom of the Ages" provided through our unique Masonic degrees (educational process) and other periodic Lodge and District educational / training events ○ Personal growth and development from acquiring new skills and improving current abilities (i.e. public speaking, project management, coaching, leading men to deliver results, written and verbal communication, managing business meetings, inspiring people, etc.) ○ Personal satisfaction from giving back and sharing knowledge with Brothers during Masonic degree ceremonies, the Intender Educational Program, educational sessions / workshops, and individual conversations ○ Guidance and advice by networking with experienced and successful men who are willing to "pay it forward" to coach, mentor and assist worthy Brothers with their Masonic, work / career, and life endeavors • Satisfaction in Positively Impacting the Lives of Others (Relief) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pride in helping our worthy Brothers and their families in times of need whether with a kind word, an attentive ear, manual labor or financial support directly and / or through the Illinois Masonic Outreach Services Program (IMOS), our charitable program designed for this purpose ○ Feelings of satisfaction, compassion and joy from teaming up with Brothers to spend time "relieving the suffering of others" (i.e. young people, the elderly, those physically challenged, etc.) around the state ○ A genuine feeling of "making a difference" by pooling our financial resources to positively impact our Illinois Masonic charities and local communities throughout the state