

program for men. It provides a practical course in morals and ethics.

✦ He should be a Mason because it gives a sense of permanence in a work where everything seems temporary and disposable. We've been around since the Middle Ages- we'll be around tomorrow.

✦ Your grandson should be a Mason because it would make you proud.

(Of course, it doesn't have to be your grandson - you can give a petition to any man you think would be a good Mason.)

Here's how it works.

Tell him you would like for him to become a Mason, and give him the Petition. If you need more Petitions just contact the Grand Lodge. The contact information is below.

He fills it out and decides which Lodge he would like to join. If you or he need help finding the name or address of the Lodge where he lives, contact the Grand Lodge, We'll be happy to help.

He'll need to get two Masons from that Lodge to sign the petition. You probably already know some Masons from just about every Lodge in Colorado. But, again, get touch with the Grand Lodge if you don't and we'll supply the names of some Brethren.

He gives them the filled-out Petition and a check for the amount the Lodge requires with the Petition. That varies from Lodge to Lodge. They will take the Petition to the Lodge. A committee will contact him to talk about the

Petition and answer any questions he may have. When the Lodge votes to accept him as a member, they will contact him to set a time for the first of three Degrees, the Entered Apprentice. After that, he takes two more Degrees, and he's a full master Mason.

And you can feel good about a job well done.

Talk with your grandson about becoming a Mason. It will be one the best things you've ever done for him. Then he can join Eastern Star. Of course, it wouldn't hurt to bake a batch of cookies too.

To contact the Grand Lodge, you can -

Write to us at:

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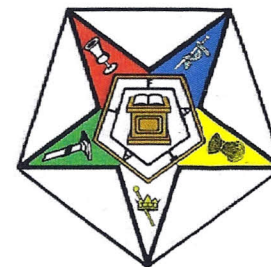
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*You used to
bake cookies
for him ...*



... now you can do something just as important!

Maybe it was cookies, maybe it was pie, maybe it was pancakes or fried potatoes – but there's always something that "grandma does special!" Something your grandsons know you do better than anyone else in the world.

It's an important part of growing up: and we never forget what Grandma's kitchen looked and smelled like. In a way, we spend our adult lives trying to find it again.

Most of us learned a lot in that kitchen. We learned about love, and trust, and happiness – and we learned about integrity, too, although we didn't know it. We only knew Grandma took the trouble to do things right. You helped us learn to make right decisions, even if you were just stirring up a batch of cookies.

Now there is something else you can do for your grandsons. You can help them connect with a group of men who understand those same values, live by the same basic rules of honesty and caring and integrity.

You can help him become a Mason, and later, Eastern Star.


We don't need to tell you why Masonry is important. You wouldn't be an Eastern Star if you didn't understand that.


But you may not have thought about encouraging your Grandsons to become Masons. Even if you have thought about it,


you may not have been quite sure what to say.

That's why we've given you this leaflet, and tucked a Petition inside of it. We've written down some of the reasons a man should be a Mason. Use them as you see fit.


But remember, you have a great advantage; very few men can say "no" to something we know Grandma really wants. We remember the cookies.


 A man should be a Mason because it's easier to do the right things when you're surrounded by friends trying to do the right things, too. The only real temptation in Grandma's kitchen is to snatch the chocolate chips or the raisins. But the work out there has a lot of temptations to do the easy thing, the profitable thing, the thing "everybody's doing," whether it's right or wrong. It makes a big difference when you're a part of a group of men who believe in doing right.


 A man should be a Mason because he has someone to talk with that he can trust to keep quiet. All of us need to vent now and then, to blow off steam. We don't like talking with our wives about those things, because we love them and it just adds to their burdens. But we can't talk to just anyone because they could tell other people or use it to hurt us in some way. But Masons have promised that we can blow off steam to each other and no one will ever know. That may not sound like a big deal, but it is.


 Your grandson should be a Mason because he'll get to know good people who are willing to help him when he needs it. He


may never need the charitable help of the Fraternity, but he may need some advice in business or in his career development. Brothers are always willing to help out with a word of good counsel.

 He should be a Mason because the Blue Lodge is the gate to all the masonic organizations such as the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and the Shrine. Of course, his membership in Blue lodge makes the women of his family eligible for organizations such as the Eastern Star and Amaranth.

 He should be a member because masonry builds bridges between the generations in a family; gives them things to share in common.

 Your grandson should be a Mason because it gives him a chance to make a difference. Blue lodges raise funds to help individuals, or to support needed community improvements such as fire and ambulance equipment. The Scottish Rite has free clinics for children with reading or language problems. The York Rite supports medical research and has an eye foundation. The Shrine's hospitals for children and their burn treatment centers are famous. He can be a part of helping others.

 Our grandson should be a Mason because it makes him a better family man. Many wives have told us that they have seen changes in their husbands when they join the Fraternity – and they like the change.

 He should be a Mason because masonry offers a time-proven self-development