

Have you run into someone you know and thought would make a good member of our beloved fraternity, but did not know what to say? How about someone asking about the Masonic emblem you are wearing and not knowing a good response. Below is a short “elevator speech” to assist in either situation. The speech highlights that we are a fraternal organization who does work in the community, but not a community service organization, and we are not a religion. It also covers a few programs the Grand Lodge supports and allows you to mention programs your lodge sponsors.

Freemasonry is the world’s oldest and largest fraternal organization for men over the age of 18. We are dedicated to serving our members and their families through building relationships, social networking, and activities with our members and in the community. Freemasonry is not a religion, but our members profess a faith in a higher power or Supreme Being. We leave how your belief is practiced to you.

Freemasonry is not a volunteer organization or a charity, but our members work together to improve themselves and make our community a better place. **<Insert specific Lodge program>** The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which is the governing body within the State of Nebraska, sponsors the Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP), academic scholarships for local high school students and the Nebraska Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp, a five-day band camp during the annual Shrine Bowl, The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The Children’s Home provides care for children in need regardless of their ability to pay for the services.

Personally, my closest friends have become members or are members. We are a brotherhood with a common experience of being initiated into this great organization.