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|  <p>The International Order of Freemasonry Le Droit Humain, American Federation</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 A Masonic Lodge for Men & Women in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metro Area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freemasons are people who seek knowledge of themselves, and the world around them, through the study of and participation in symbolic ritual.</p> |
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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR CLASS OF 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To introduce graduating high school seniors to Freemasonry and the role it has played in the United States, Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953, a Masonic lodge belonging to the International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women, Le Droit Humain, American Federation, is located in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area, has established a scholarship program. Our goal is to offer financial assistance to one graduating high school senior to pursue further education.

| Award Amount \$500 | Deadline Date March 29, 2019 | Award Available One (1) |
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| <p>Description</p> <p>The Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Scholarship Program is open to all high school seniors currently enrolled in a Washington, D.C. or surrounding metro area high school in the 2018 - 2019 school year who are planning to attend an accredited U.S. college or other educational program starting in the 2019 - 2020 school year. Eligible students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be in good academic standing, as well as take and pass the attached Quiz about Freemasonry in the history of the United States and today.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>Visit the sponsor's Facebook page for additional information on the provider of this scholarship at https://www.facebook.com/FreemasonryforMenWomenWashingtonDC or email ldh.lglscholarship@gmail.com.</p> | | |
| <p>Applicable Majors</p> <p>All fields of study</p> | | |

Freemasonry has played an important role in the United States since before the American Revolution and has influenced the structure of American government, civil rights, benevolent organizations, and much more. This scholarship program was created to raise awareness of the role of Freemasonry historically and of the range of Masonic organizations existing in the greater Washington, D.C. metro area. It also offers the opportunity to provide up a local graduating senior with assistance to pursue additional education.

How to Apply

The applicant should print the attached forms, complete the applicant information, follow the Rules for the Scholarship Program, and successfully complete the Class of 2018-2019 Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Freemasonry Scholarship Quiz ("Quiz"). If the applicant is less than eighteen years of age, his/her parent or legal guardian must sign the application. If over eighteen years of age, his/her parent, legal guardian or guidance counselor must confirm this. An applicant's guidance counselor must complete a certification section. The applicant is invited to pay special attention to Rules 2, 3, and 4 below when applying for the scholarship.

How the Award is Made

All properly submitted applications with qualifying scores on the Quiz are eligible for a random drawing for Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Class of 2018-2019 Scholarship Program

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this scholarship. The scholarship winner will be randomly selected at our April, 2019 Meeting. The selected applicant will be notified and their name will be announced on or around April 30, 2019.

Rules for the Scholarship Program

1. The Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 Scholarship is open to all high school seniors (graduating in the 2018-2019 academic year) currently enrolled in a Washington, D.C. or surrounding metro area high school; who are accepted at an accredited U.S. college for the 2019 - 2020 school year or other educational program. The student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, be in good academic standing, and exhibit behavior that permits them to attend school events such as a prom and graduation.

2. A graduating senior wishing to apply must complete the Application for the Class of 2018-2019 Scholarship Form (pages 7-9) which includes the Quiz Answer Sheet. Applications require an original signature of the applicant and, if under the age of eighteen (18), the signature of their parent or guardian or, if eighteen (18) or older, the signature of parent, guardian or school counselor confirming they are eighteen (18) or older. Only one application per student shall be submitted.

3. The ten (10) question Quiz must be completed solely by the applicant. The applicant is free to find the answers either in this announcement or through any Internet sources included (some research likely will be required). Not all sources may agree, so be sure that you read this announcement and use the provided information in your best judgement. A passing grade of at least eighty percent (80%) on the Quiz qualifies the applicant for the scholarship drawing.

4. An applicant's guidance counselor must certify the application as indicated. The application and completed Quiz must be mailed, with a postmark no later than March 29, 2019 and received by April 3, 2019 to:
Louis Goaziou #1953 Scholarship
P.O. Box 234
Cabin John, MD 20818

5. All properly submitted applications with qualifying Quiz scores will be accepted by the Lodge for a drawing. The scholarship winners will be randomly drawn during our April, 2019 Meeting; notified by mail or phone; and, the scholarship winner's name will be announced on or about April 30, 2019.

6. The one (1) \$500 scholarship monies shall be used solely for books, tuition, room and board, or other college or education related expenses.

7. Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 reserves the right to withhold scholarship monies pending verification of rules compliance by scholarship applicant and acceptance of scholarship applicant at an accredited college or university or other educational program.

8. No prizes will be substituted nor any other prize offered in lieu of the established scholarship award.

9. It is the Lodge's intention is to award this scholarship; however, if any unforeseen event precludes this award, this application process shall not result in a commitment to fund the award until the scholarship winner is formally notified and commits to use for valid expenses for books, tuition, room and board, or other college or education related expenses are identified for payment.

10. This application and scholarship award process does not constitute a contract between the applicant, or any other party, and the Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953, or any other representative or portion of The International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women, Le Droit Humain, American Federation. Upon signing and submitting the application, the applicant and, if under eighteen (18) his/her parents/guardians agree that these rules and application shall be administered, interpreted, graded and adjudicated exclusively by the Lodge and its officers, with no right of appeal to any other entity or authority.

Freemasonry Quiz Background

WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Freemasonry is an initiatic fraternal organization. A fraternal organization is a type of social organization whose members freely associate for a mutually beneficial purpose such as for social, professional or honorary principles. While fraternal organizations date back to ancient Greece and the mystery schools, they were in their 'golden age' in the United States from the 1870s to the 1920s. At the turn of the 20th century in the United States, one in five men belonged to one or more fraternal societies. Today, we have fraternities and sororities in college, as well as fraternal organizations like the Elks, Owls, Fraternal Order of Police, Freemasonry and many more. An initiatory organization is one with a formal rite of passage marking entrance or acceptance into a group or society. These exist today in religion (baptism, Bar Mitzvah, etc.) as well as in fraternal organizations.

The earliest mention of Freemasonry that is generally agreed on is the Regius Poem (circa 1425). However, many consider its beginning to be 1717, when the first formal governing organization was formed in the U.K. Originally, it was defined as "a system of morality, veiled in allegory (or a story) and illustrated by symbols." Freemasonry continues to be a course of moral instruction which uses both allegories and symbols to teach its lessons. While most Freemasons in the United States are men, women have been involved in affiliated organizations since at least 1850 (Eastern Star) and in other Masonic organizations with lodges that are mixed (men and women) or women only (sometimes referred to as feminine). Today there are organizations for boys and girls, as well as many charitable and other Masonic organizations.

WHAT ROLE DID FREEMASONRY HAVE IN COLONIAL TIMES AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

Freemasonry was popular in colonial America. During the late 1700s, it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. In Maryland, the first lodge was established in 1770, and the Maryland Grand Lodge formed after the Revolution in 1787. Black free men formed a lodge in Massachusetts in 1775, what later would become known as Prince Hall Freemasonry. Freemasons fought on both sides during the American Revolution, as depicted at the Friend to Friend Masonic Memorial in Gettysburg, PA. After the Revolution in Maryland, the first lodge of black masons was established in Baltimore on February 2, 1825.

WHAT ROLE HAS FREEMASONRY HAD IN THE DOCUMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

In the Mitch Horowitz article in US News titled, "Masons and the Making of America", it stated, "Freemasonry's real impact on America is richer and more significant than anything that entertainment or speculation would hold. As a radical thought movement that emerged from the Reformation, Freemasonry was the first widespread and well-connected organization to espouse religious toleration and liberty — principles that the fraternity helped spread through the American colonies." Freemasons were active in the creation of this country with at least eight (8) of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence being Freemasons, thirteen (13) out of the 39 signers of the Constitution were Freemasons, and at least fourteen (14) of our Presidents, including George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR), and Harry Truman were Freemasons. There is still research going on to determine how much influence Freemasonry has had on the documents and institutions of American government.

WHAT ROLE HAS FREEMASONRY HAD IN MODERN TIMES?

Freemasonry continues to play a key role in personal growth and development, broadening one's experience and contacts, and in the development of society. It supports a moral and ethical approach to life – including thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in all matters, courtesy in society and fairness in all things. There are charitable organizations that are inspired by Masonic values such as the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Center, the Shriners Hospital for Children, and efforts such as the Maryland Masonic Child ID Program (MD CHIP) as a few examples. Freemasonry is open in general to all men and women regardless of race, color, religion, or social or economic standing. In the male-only lodges, only males are admitted; other lodges are open to both men and women, or to women alone. Lodges may admit people with or without religious beliefs, e.g., agnostics or atheists.

WHAT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE PART OF FREEMASONRY TODAY IN THIS AREA OF THE USA?

There are many organizations existing today including numerous male-only lodges that are part of the Grand Lodges of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, their counterpart Prince Hall Grand Lodges, as well a number of other male, mixed (men and women together as in this sponsoring lodge) and feminine lodges; the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. and other Scottish Rite buildings; the George Washington National Masonic Memorial is in Alexandria, Virginia. Appendant organizations for men, women, and youth include Eastern Star, Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Amaranth and others.

WHAT ABOUT LOUIS GOAZIOU LODGE #1953, THE SPONSOR OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP?

Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 belongs to the International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women, Le Droit Humain, American Federation, and is in the Washington, D.C. area. Le Droit Humain originated from the first mixed (men and women together) lodge formed in France April 4, 1893. The first initiation of men and women together in the United States was on October 18, 1903 and a lodge was established by François Louis Goaziou on October 25, 1903 in Charleroi, PA. Beyond the lodges in the United States, The International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women, Le Droit Humain, has lodges in more than 70 countries throughout the world.

DO ALL LODGES ALLOW WOMEN AND THOSE WITH A VARIETY OF BELIEFS ENTER FREEMASONRY?

No. On April 4, 1893, Georges Martin, a well-known Mason, and Maria Deraismes, the first female Freemason invited and initiated in 1893, created the first co-masonic (mixed) lodge. Out of this came the birth of the International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women. It was built out of a marvelous dream to unite humanity despite all the barriers, ethnic groups, geopolitics, religion, culture, and gender.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES:

For assistance with the quiz, these websites may be of assistance:

<http://www.comasonic.org/>; <https://www.facebook.com/FreemasonryforMenWomenWashingtonDC/>;
<https://droit-humain.org/web/>; <http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/Masonry/Essays/jdcarter.html>;
http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/History/united_states_files/freemasonry_and_the_american_revolution_gltx.htm; http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/history_of_prince_hall.pdf;
<http://www.potomac5.org/>; <https://www.dcgrandlodge.org/>;
<http://www.mwphgldc.com/index.php/masonichistory/dc18251848>;
<http://www.washingtonlodgemd.com/about>; <http://mdmasons.org/about-md-masons/>;
<https://sites.google.com/site/norfolklogdeno1afam/lodge-files>

Class of 2018-2019 Freemasonry Scholarship Quiz

1. Freemasonry was founded in North America:
 - a. Before the American Revolution.
 - b. When the United States was formed.
 - c. The 19th century.
 - d. There has never been Freemasonry in the United States.

2. Prince Hall Freemasonry has a long history in the United States.
 - a. This was a group formed by a British prince named Hall.
 - b. A free black man named Prince Hall, with other free black men, were made Masons on March 6, 1775.
 - c. The first Prince Hall lodge in Washington, D.C. was chartered on June 6, 1825.
 - d. b. and c. are correct.

3. The principles that guide Le Droit Humain, the International Order of Freemasonry for Men and Women, include:
 - a. Affirmation of the equality of men and women.
 - b. United without distinction on grounds of social or ethnic origin, philosophical opinion, or religion.
 - c. Both a. and b.
 - d. None of the above.

4. Freemasonry is open to men and women of good character.
 - a. This is untrue and only men can join with a belief in a supreme being.
 - b. This is untrue and there are only options for men and they can be religious, agnostic, or atheists.
 - c. This is untrue and there are only options for those believing in conspiracy theories.
 - d. This is true and there are options for men and women, as well as those who see gender differently, and is open to all without distinction on grounds of social or ethnic origin, philosophical option or religion.

5. Le Droit Humain, A Masonic Obedience for men and women, established their first Masonic Lodge in the United States:
 - a. April 4, 1893 in France.
 - b. October 18, 1903 in Charleroi, PA.
 - c. December 13, 1929 in Baltimore, MD.
 - d. April 21, 2012 in Washington, DC.

Class of 2018-2019 Freemasonry Scholarship Quiz – continued

6. Freemasonry has been in the greater Washington, D.C. area since the 1700s.
 - a. The oldest lodge in Virginia (Norfolk No. 1) was consecrated in 1732, with Maryland's oldest (in Fells Point) in 1770, and the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. formed in 1811.
 - b. Potomac Lodge No. 5 in Washington, D.C. has the gavel that George Washington used at the laying of the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building on September 18, 1793.
 - c. a. and b. are true.
 - d. No, both a. and b. are false.

7. In the formation of the United States, the following are true:
 - a. At least eight (8) of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were or became Freemasons.
 - b. George Washington was a Freemason.
 - c. Freemasonry was one of the first organizations that supported religious tolerance and liberty.
 - d. All the above.

8. Freemasonry can contribute to one's personal growth in many ways.
 - a. It is an initiatory organization.
 - b. It has moral and ethical aspects.
 - c. a. and b. are true.
 - d. This is untrue.

9. The woman first invited and initiated in a lodge and the co-founder of mixed masonry was:
 - a. Elizabeth Aldworth (~1693-1775), known in her time as "The Lady Freemason" viewed proceedings of her father and was initiated to ensure secrecy.
 - b. Maria Deraismes (1828-1894), a French journalist and fighter of rights for women and children, was initiated on January 14, 1882 into Lodge "Les Libres Penseurs" in France.
 - c. Vinnie Ream (1847 - 1914), a sculptor, through Albert Pike.
 - d. Josephine Baker (1906-1975), American entertainer, resistance fighter, and civil rights leader, was initiated March 6, 1960 at Lodge Nouvelle Jerusalem, in a women's order in France.

10. We're trying to determine what you've learned about Freemasonry in preparing for this Quiz. Any answer(s) is/are considered correct for purpose of scoring. You can have multiple answers.
 - a. I learned a lot.
 - b. I found this interesting.
 - c. A family member (one or more) is or was involved in Freemasonry.
 - d. I'd never really heard or thought about Freemasonry before applying for this scholarship.
 - e. Optional: Add comments on answer sheet.

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CLASS OF 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Submission Page 1 of 3)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Residence Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/District: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone (if available): _____

e-mail (if available): . _____

High School in which applicant is currently enrolled: _____

High School Street Address: _____

City: _____, MD ZIP: _____

High School Telephone Number: _____

List of all colleges or other educational programs to which student is applying and/or accepted:

I certify that (1) the data provided above is correct and complete, (2) I prepared for and completed this attached 2018–2019 Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance from any other person, (3) my GPA is 2.5 or higher, (4) my department is such that I am not barred from any high school activity nor judged ineligible to receive any award or certificate granted by my school, and (5) I will use the scholarship monies solely for books, tuition, room and board, or other college or education related expenses.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date**

NOTE: Signature of a parent or legal guardian is required below if applicant is less than 18 years of age or, if 18 or older, to confirm that the applicant is 18 years or older (guidance counselor can also confirm). Application is ineligible if a required signature is not provided.

Parent/Guardian Certification Section (Submission Page 2 of 3)

Name of Applicant: _____

Student under 18: I certify that the applicant is my child/a child for whom I am responsible at law, and that the data provided above is correct and complete. I further certify that my child/this child prepared for and completed the attached 2018–2019 Freemasonry Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance of me or any other person.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Printed full name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Contact Phone

Alternate Parent/Guardian/Guidance Counselor Certification Section

Student 18 or older: I certify that the applicant is my child/student and they are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Signature of Parent, Legal Guardian or Guidance Counselor

Date

Printed full name

Contact Phone

Counselor Certification Section

I certify that I have personally checked the applicant's GPA is 2.5 or higher, they are able to participate in school activities (appropriate department) as provided in this application and verified that it is correct and complete. To the best of my knowledge, I verify that the applicant prepared for and completed the attached Class of 2018-2019 Freemasonry Scholarship Quiz without aid or assistance from any staff member at this school.

Signature of Guidance Counselor

Date

Print full name of Guidance Counselor

Title

Name of High School

Contact Information (e-mail and Phone)

**CLASS OF 2018-2019 FREEMASONRY SCHOLARSHIP QUIZ
ANSWER SHEET (Submission Page 3 of 3)**

Ensure that the (your) name entered here matches the name of the applicant. Complete the quiz by darkening the letter or letters on Questions 1-10. There is only one or best correct answer for Questions 1-9. Any answer(s) for Question 10 are considered correct. We look forward to your successful qualification for a scholarship.

Name of Applicant: _____

Single answer per question:

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| 1. [A] [B] [C] [D] | 6. [A] [B] [C] [D] |
| 2. [A] [B] [C] [D] | 7. [A] [B] [C] [D] |
| 3. [A] [B] [C] [D] | 8. [A] [B] [C] [D] |
| 4. [A] [B] [C] [D] | 9. [A] [B] [C] [D] |
| 5. [A] [B] [C] [D] | |

Multiple responses allowed for this question:

10. [A] [B] [C] [D]

10 [E] Additional comments; _____

For use of Louis Goaziou Lodge #1953 only:

Date of Postmark: _____ Date Received: _____

Score: _____ Code Assigned: _____