

*My question is concerning the Independent Order of Rechabites. Is this group similar to Freemasonry?*

The Independent Order of Rechabites is an Order of Freemasonry<sup>1</sup>. The Order was founded on August 25th, 1835 in Salford, Greater Manchester, England. It was originally named the Salford Unity of Rechabites which was part of the temperance movement. Membership was open to individuals who would sign a pledge to abstain from alcohol.

Unfortunately, at every stage of secret organizations leaders often require their members to take an oath. The bible; however, warns against this practice.

James wrote:

...My brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned (Jas 5:12).

Jesus said:

...You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one (Mt 5:33–37).

An oath can be rooted in pagan idolatry<sup>2</sup>; so, the Christian would be wise to avoid lodges which are subject to the direction of an antichrist constitution within their jurisdiction (2 Pe 2:1).

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<sup>1</sup> a Luciferian cult

<sup>2</sup> “The following are just a few of the Hundreds of Oath-bound Societies which exist, not only in this land but worldwide - all of which are abominable unto Almighty God. ‘Come out from among them’ [2 Co 6:17] is the Lord’s command. Freemasonry; Orangeism; Hibernianism; Royal Arch Purple; Royal Black Preceptory; Knights of Malta; Order of Buffaloes; Knight Templars; Jesuit Priesthood; The Occult; All Paramilitaries; Magic Circle; Druids; Eastern Star; Benevolent & Prot Order of Elks; Independent Order of Foresters; Independent Order of Oddfellows; Independent Order of Rechabites; Knights of Columbus; Mormonism; Knights of the Round Table; Loyal Order of Moose; Order of the Golden Dawn; Order of Rainbow Girls; Order of Red Men; Royal Order of Jesters; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Woodsmen of the World etc. Also to be avoided - Children’s Organisations, the Brownies/Guides/Scouts. These groups are shrouded in folklore and mythology which are occultic in nature.” ‘The Curse of Secret Societies, M.U.C.H. Publications, UK. 22 Dec 16: <http://www.muchpublications.co.uk/downloads/28curseofsecretsocieties.pdf>