



*Freemasons Membership Certificate. ca. 1861. Image courtesy of the Library of Congress*

largest Masonic country in the world. On average, US Masons donate just over \$2,600,000 per day to charities.

While all Masons belong to a local Lodge, further enlightenment for the individual Mason can be obtained by joining ancillary bodies within the Masonic Family. Primarily these are

Shriners International, the Scottish Rite branch, and the York Rite branch. These branches cater for different aspects of Freemasonry, that in turn contain additional bodies. For example, The York Rite has the Lodge at its