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Dear Sir and Wor. Brother.

Your query regarding Co-Masonry has been passed to me by the Prov. Gd. Secretary for attention and I am happy to advise you as follows:-

It would appear that your query stems from the reference on page 36 of the Prov. Year Book to Vol. 176 B. of C. in general and to item 2 in particular, namely to Co-Masons.

Firstly I should tell you that the term used has reference to female masonry in general and would, in my opinion, have been better referred to as "Androgynous Rites and Orders", thus emphasising the female character of these organisation and societies.

While perhaps the Adopted or Adoptive Orders, which incidentally have not, so far as I am aware, gained much, if any footing in Gt. Britain and can therefore be regarded by us as the lesser of the two evils arising from the growth of these androgynous and/or mixed sex Lodges, they do, they claim to have, in certain countries, some masonic relationship and to have been adopted or accepted by regular Freemasonry, further they appear to have been approved, recognised or tacitly sponsored by certain competent masonic authorities such as the Grand Orient of France and many of the Negro Lodges in the U.S.A. and elsewhere who are said to exercise some measure of control varying from that arising from full recognition down to a vague relationship. The attitude of our own Gd. Lodge especially prohibits its members from belonging to or visiting or taking part in the activities of these Adopted Orders.

Unfortunately this spread of a female entry into the masonic orbit has resulted in the greater menace of Universal Co-Freemasonry which now-a-days seems to be entirely female in character and are generally regarded as clandestine and completely unlawful organisations



Organisations. They are certainly regarded so by the United Grand Lodge of England.

Lodges of Co-Masons exist in London, Birmingham and Evesham to mention but a few centers and are far more numerous that is generally appreciated.

I enclose the Library copy relating to Co-Masonry (which please return to me at your convenience at the above address) published in 1915, which should help to resolve your query.

I should add that the Adoptive Orders embrace such Orders as "The Eastern Star", "The Rainbow Girls", "Daughters of the Nile", "Daughters of Isis", "the Order of Molay", "Heroines of Jericho", "White Shrine of Jerusalem", "True Kinsman", "Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America" and many others, all of which claim some masonic relationship, and are active in the cause of charity and social reform in the U.S.A..

Trusting that this information and the enclosed book-let will afford you some insight into the Co-Masonic Orders,

I remain with all good wishes,  
Yours sincerely and fraternally,

C.E. Nash PPGdWW.  
Librarian.

8th. April, 1967.