

Masonic Assistance Umbrella of Services

Information and Referral Services

Masonic Assistance provides guidance, information, and assistance to obtain various benefits and services

- Consults via phone and links callers to services such as home care, senior housing, public benefits, Medicare, and Medi-Cal/Medicaid resources, veterans benefits, etc.
- Provides guidance to Masonic families who need services for their parents' care needs, regardless of their parents' Masonic membership.
- Assists with reestablishing communication with your lodge(s).
- Eligibility: This service is available to anyone who calls the Masonic Assistance line.

Masonic Homes for Seniors

Continuing care retirement communities that offer a vibrant, active lifestyle

- The Union City campus provides independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing (long-term and short-term) and memory care.
- The Covina campus offers independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing (long-term and short-term).
- The professional staff at both campuses strive for excellence, providing quality care with dignity and compassion. Care is adapted to an individual's needs to provide the very best environment for each resident and to fulfill the physical, social, spiritual, and nurturing needs of our extended community.
- Eligibility for partial assignment of assets: All California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) in good standing for at least the last five consecutive years, and their spouses, widows, parents, and parents-in-law. Applicants must be 60 years or older. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.
- Eligibility for fee-for-service: All California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason), regardless of length of membership, and their spouses, widows, parents, and parents-in-law. Financial eligibility criteria must be met.

Masonic Senior Outreach Services (MSOS)

Ongoing care management at no cost. No need to demonstrate financial need to access this service

- MSOS provides care management when there is a demonstrated need. Needs can include but are not limited to isolation/lack of support, health and wellness needs, unsafe care plans, advocacy, confusion about care planning and finances, etc. If care management is needed, our MOS care managers will maintain regular visits and contact to assess and support health, financial, social and emotional wellbeing.
- Eligibility: Non-financial care management is available to any CA Mason and his spouse, widow, and minor dependent children. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.

Financial assistance and care management for those with demonstrated financial need

- MSOS provides ongoing financial assistance to qualifying seniors. The amount of support is need-based and will vary as the client's needs change.
- Clients must apply for all benefits and programs, for which they qualify. Support is available if the client's situation requires it, and eligibility is maintained.
- Each client signs a program agreement that includes a repayment obligation, which stipulates that the financial assistance provided will be repaid in full or in part when the program ends, if the client has the financial means to do so.
- Support is offered in-home when there is a safe care plan in place. When care needs can no longer be safely met, MSOS will assist in locating a facility and will supplement the cost of care.
- Interim financial and care management support is provided to those on the waiting list for the Masonic Homes of California.
- Financial Assistance Eligibility: Master Masons in good standing for the last five consecutive years at the time of application or the spouse widow, or mother of such Master Mason. Financial eligibility criteria must be met. Applicants must be 60 years or older for MSOS financial assistance or permanently disabled and 55 years or older. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.

MSOS Shared Housing Program in Covina

- Provides an economical living option that supports members' financial independence and well-being in a friendly, fraternal atmosphere.
- Each home encourages communal living while retaining private living quarters.
- **Eligibility:** Members eligible for MSOS financial assistance (see above), their spouses, widows and mothers aged 62 plus who can live independently but who need affordable housing may apply for a private unit in one of these large homes. CA Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and members of CA appendant bodies may also qualify for full program fee Shared Housing. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS)

Ongoing care management at no cost. No need to demonstrate financial need to access this service

- Care management can help identify resources for families struggling with complex issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other significant life challenges. We also offer services and programs specifically to support families who are negatively affected by economic events, such as job loss, and foreclosure.
- Care management services are broad, flexible, and able to serve families in their own communities. We also provide ongoing case management and scholarships for alumni of our children's residential program.
- **Eligibility:** Non-financial care management is available to any CA Mason and his spouse, widow, and minor dependent children. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.

Financial Assistance and Care Management

- The Masonic Family Outreach Services Program (MFOS) provides one-time financial assistance to qualifying CA Master Masons, their wives, and widows who are under 60 years of age.
- One-time financial assistance can be applied for only after all other options have been exhausted AND when an established and approved care plan is in place that will bridge the applicant to self-sufficiency. The established care plan leading to self-sufficiency must not exceed one month's worth of support. MFOS clients receive non-financial care management before applying for one-time financial assistance.
- Financial assistance provides support during a transition and is used to support the applicant's basic needs.
- Applicants must demonstrate an immediate financial need, have exhausted all personal resources, and be willing to apply for all eligible public benefits, such as CalFresh and General Assistance.
- Applicants sign an Agreement to Repay, which states that, when the assistance ends, all or a portion of the amount expended will be repaid if the client has the financial means to do so.
- **Financial Assistance Eligibility:** Master Masons in good standing for the last five consecutive years at the time of application or the spouse widow, or mother of such Master Mason. Additional eligibility criteria must also be met.

Distressed Worthy Brother Fund Program (DWBF)

- The Distressed Worthy Brother Fund Program (DWBF) provides care management and financial assistance to California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason) and their wives/widows and dependent minor children who have been impacted by a disaster.
- The program provides Information and Referrals to all Masons in need. If emergency needs cannot be resolved through Information and Referrals, then the Mason will be asked to use his own assets to resolve his emergency needs and apply for all public benefits for which he is eligible (e.g., CalFresh, Medi-Cal). Limited financial support will also be provided in conjunction with care management to resolve emergency needs and to develop a plan to restore self-sufficiency.
- One-time financial assistance can be applied for only after all other options have been exhausted AND when an established and approved care plan is in place that will bridge the applicant to self-sufficiency.
- **Financial Assistance Eligibility:** All California Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason), including those from other jurisdictions who are living in California, and their wives/widows and dependent minor children.