

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Here are a few things you should know about Freemasonry. First, there is nothing mysterious or exotic about our organization. It is an ancient fraternity which promotes ideals that are entirely consistent with a man's civil, moral and religious duties. Although we have confidential signs and passwords by which we recognize each other, we are not a secret society.

Masonry does not support any particular religion or political position. It is based on the great principles of belief in God and the brotherhood of Man. We believe that we owe to God, our neighbors, and ourselves a duty to practice virtue in our daily lives. We have adopted the "working tools" of a stonemason and other symbols to demonstrate these principles.

Seeking admission must not be motivated by mercenary or other unworthy motives. You should not enter our ranks in the hope or expectation that you will derive any financial or material benefit. The aim of our Order is to cultivate brotherly friendship, and a willingness to assist our members, their families and the community around us. We also promote truth, honesty, fair dealing, and equality among all men. Finally, good citizenship is an essential quality of Masonic character, and we accept only those who cheerfully obey every lawful authority.

Your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you must be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or family. In addition to your initiation fees (*see below*), there will be annual dues payable after you become a Master Mason, and from time to time you may be called upon to contribute for the relief work connected with the Craft.

There are three Degrees in Masonry, which will be conferred in successive order. To advance to the 2nd and 3rd Degrees, you must pass a simple exam demonstrating your proficiency in the preceding Degree. If you do not complete your 2nd Degree exam and present yourself for the 3rd Degree within three years after initiation, your initiation fees may be forfeited.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will, and not as a result of solicitations or from feelings of curiosity, but simply from a favorable opinion of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a charitable disposition. You should submit your application only if you completely understand the foregoing information.

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APPLICATION SUMMARY
Full name: _____
Birth date: _____ Age: _____
Birth place: _____
Residence: _____
Business/occupation: _____
Work place: _____
Recommended by:
#1 _____
#2 _____
Refers to:
#1 _____
#2 _____

DATES FOR THE RECORD
Application received _____
Fees for Degrees \$ _____
Grand Lodge fees \$ _____
TOTAL INITIATION FEES DUE \$ _____
<i>(Fees must accompany Application)</i>
Application read in Lodge _____
Applicant accepted _____ rejected _____
Applicant notified _____
Initiated _____ 1 st exam _____
Passed _____ 2 nd exam _____
Raised _____ Bylaws _____
Added to mailing list _____
3 rd exam _____ Card _____