



APPLICATION FOR DEGREES

(Applicant must complete in his own handwriting - Print legibly)

I ("Applicant") hereby apply for membership in HAWAIIAN LODGE, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII (the "Lodge"). I fully understand everything in this application, and I declare, upon my honor, that all my statements and responses herein are true and correct. I authorize the Lodge to conduct a thorough investigation of this application, which may include my personal, financial and criminal background. The Lodge may hire or appoint others (including third parties) to conduct the investigation. I agree that this application and the results of the investigation may be disclosed to the Lodge, although it is understood and agreed that all information pertaining to this application will be considered confidential and shall be used solely for purposes of this application.

1. Name *(last, first, middle)*: _____ Last 4 digits of SSN: _____
(write first 5 digits of SSN at bottom of next page)
2. Birth date: _____ Age *(at last birthday)*: _____ Birthplace: _____
3. Wife's name: _____ Children/ages: _____
4. Current residence *(Not P.O. Box)*: _____
5. Prior residences past 15 years *(place, years)* : _____
6. Phone: *(res)* _____ *(wk)* _____ *(cell)* _____ Email _____
7. Occupation: _____ Employer: _____ Prior occupation/employers for past 15 years: _____
8. For at least six (6) full months immediately preceding this application have you been a Hawaii resident or a member of the U.S. military attached for at least six (6) months to a facility or vessel located or home-ported in Hawaii? _____
9. Prior Masonic applications *(when, where, outcome)*? _____
10. Do you believe in a Supreme Being and an afterlife? _____
11. Do you have any physical or mental impairment which would prevent you from learning and practicing the principles of Freemasonry or which would create a burden on the Lodge? If yes, explain on separate sheet of paper.
12. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, without being pardoned or having the conviction vacated. If yes, explain on separate sheet of paper?

Applicant's signature*(full name)*: _____ Date: _____

RECOMMENDERS. Upon our honor as Masons, we declare that we: (a) are Lodge members in good standing; (b) personally know the Applicant; and (c) have made careful investigation or inquiry to ascertain if he is worthy. In our opinion, we have strong reasons to believe the Applicant is of good moral character and possesses the positive qualifications which will ultimately bring honor to the fraternity, and we therefore recommend him for membership.

Recommender #1: *(Sign)* _____ *(Print)* _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Recommender #2: *(Sign)* _____ *(Print)* _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #1: *(Print)* _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #2: *(Print)* _____ Relationship: _____ Date: _____

Residence address: _____ Phone: (r) _____ (c) _____

Business address: _____ Phone: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Freemasonry has always insisted that men come to its doors entirely of their own free will, without being solicited for membership. You should submit your application only if you completely understand and agree with all the information in this application.

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 are able to 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 the Supreme Being (a person's 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 use the "working tools" of a stonemason and other symbols to demonstrate these principles.

You must not be motivated by mercenary, idle curiosity or other unworthy purposes. You should not enter our ranks hoping or expecting that you will derive any financial or material benefit. You should not join merely because you are curious. You should have a favorable opinion of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a charitable disposition. 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. You cannot be admitted if you have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

Your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you must be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or your family. Furthermore, you are expected to be self-sufficient and cannot expect financial support from the Lodge. From to time to time you may also be asked to make a purely *voluntary* contribution for Masonic charity work. The initiation fee to join the Lodge is \$200.00 (Lodge - \$147, Grand Lodge - \$43, Background check (non-refundable) - \$10). Our annual dues for 2017 are \$60.00, after 2017 annual dues are \$86.00.

Once your application is approved by the Lodge, you will be initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason. After demonstrating your "proficiency" as an "EA", you can be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and after demonstrating your proficiency in that Degree, you will be raised to the "sublime" Degree of Master Mason, thereby becoming a full-fledged member of the Lodge. If you are unable to present yourself for the 3 Degrees within three years after initiation, your initiation fees may be forfeited.

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(FOR LODGE SECRETARY USE ONLY)

<u>APPLICATION SUMMARY</u>	<u>RECORD OF DISPOSITION</u>
Full name: _____	Date received by Secretary: _____
Age: _____ Birth place: _____	Fees paid: Amount \$ _____ Date: _____
Resides at: _____	Date read in open Lodge: _____
Occupation: _____	Ballot: Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Elected <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
Workplace: _____	Date notified: _____ Who: _____
Recommender #1: _____	<u>Degree dates:</u>
Recommender #2: _____	1° Scheduled: _____ Notified: _____
Refers to: #1 _____	Conferred: _____ Exam: _____
and #2 _____	2° Scheduled: _____ Notified: _____
Other information: _____	Conferred: _____ Exam: _____
_____	3° Scheduled: _____ Notified: _____
_____	Conferred: _____ Exam: _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Proficiency card issued <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws signed
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Added to HI Rolls