

## DEGREES OF FREEMASONRY

## INFORMATION FOR PETITIONER

The question of becoming a Freemason is a matter for very serious consideration, and since you have expressed desire to be a member, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points which may affect your decision to apply.

In all ages, Freemasonry has insisted that men should come to its doors unsolicited and entirely of their own free will and accord. Moreover, those joining in the hope of selfish personal gain will be bitterly disappointed.

Freemasonry has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No atheist can be made a Mason.

Freemasonry is not in any way an insurance society nor does it provide benefits in case of sickness or death. In a correct and broad sense it is a charitable association, but it only extends such charity as it feels willing and able to grant, not as a matter or right to the recipient, but in its desire to do good and exemplify its moral teachings. The yearly dues are entirely inadequate to permit other than temporary assistance to a member or his family in case of need.

A universal custom requires that, through oral instruction, certain portions of the work is to be memorized after each degree and before a candidate is advanced.

Every Member is expected to pay promptly the annual dues fixed by his Lodge.

Total fee for the three degree	s: \$ <u>300.00</u> . Installment plan:	\$ \$	100.00 100.00	_with Petition, _before receiving Fellow Craft degree, _before receiving Master Mason degree. advance.			
RECOMMENDERS							
We, Freemasons in good standing, recommend this applicant as a fit and proper candidate. (At least one recommender must have known thee applicant for at least six months.)							
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LODGE:	LOCATION:	E-1	MAIL:				
				I have known him for years.			
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Lodge:	LOCATION:	E-	MAIL:				

,, freely and voluntarily offer myself up as a candidate for the mysteries of					
solicitation of friends and unin opinion conceived of the instit found worthy and elected, I was	fluenced by mercenary or othe ution, a desire for knowledge a ill conform to all the ancient us I will see that my family under	er unworthy motives, be and a sincere wish to be sages and regulations of estands that Masonry is	serviceable to my fellow men. If the fraternity. I believe in the NOT an insurance or benefit society.		
Occupation & Company:		Work phone:			
Business address:		E-mail:			
Residence Address:					
Please send mail to:					
Home Phone:	Cell phone:		Date of Birth:		
I am: □ single □ divorced	□ married. Wife's na	me:			
Please state explicitly your occu	apation for the last ten years ar	nd where conducted (us	e additional paper if needed):		
Have you ever been convicted	of a felony? $\square$ No or $\square$ Yes,	explain:			
During the past five years I have	re resided in:				
If more than one place, state the	e years in each:				
I $\square$ have, or $\square$ have not previous	usly presented a petition to any	y Masonic Lodge.			
If so: when, to what Lodge, and	l what action was taken?				
I have a physical condition that the conferring of the degrees:	, ,	,			
List two character references, p	referably Masons, other than y	our recommenders (on	page 1):		
Name:	Phone:	E-mail:			
Name:	Phone:	E-mail:			
Upon my honor, I declare all t	he foregoing statements to be	true.			
Signa	ATURE		DATE		
Word process or print all informat	ion <u>legibly</u> and complete the entin	re application or the petiti	on will be returned without processing.		