

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every applicant must have been a resident of the State of Maryland for 12 months and must state whether he has or has not, heretofore, applied to any Lodge, anywhere, to become a Mason.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

Lodge, No. _____

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge.

He declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

He further declares that he is free by birth, unbiased by improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; that he is prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge; that he freely and voluntarily offers himself a candidate; and that, if his petition is approved, he will conform to the Ancient usages and Customs of the Fraternity.

Name in full _____
(Do not use initials) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Age _____ yrs. Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____
(City, County or Province) (State or Country)

Occupation _____
(State specifically and in detail the character of the occupation; and if employed, give the name and business of the employer.)

Name of Employer _____

Business of Employer _____

Business Address _____

Residence of Petitioner _____
(Give Street, Number, Town, Zip and Post Office)

Which is in _____ City or _____ County

Where I have continuously resided since _____ Immediately before that my residence was at

_____ for _____ years preceding that at _____ for

_____ years, and before that at _____ for _____ years.

☛ Have you any physical infirmities? Yes No

Have you petitioned any Lodge before? Yes No

If so, what Lodge? _____

Have you ever been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge of Masons? Yes No

If the answer is Yes, give the following information:

Rejected by _____ Lodge, No. _____, located at

_____, Date of Rejection _____
(City) (State)

☛ Have you ever been convicted of any crime? Yes No

Fee enclosed \$ _____

I have read carefully all of the answers to questions on this petition and take full responsibility for them, and the signature is my own handwriting.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Residence Telephone No. _____ Cell No. _____ Email: _____

(Prior to signing, ALL SPACES MUST be filled in.)

☛ If answer to either or both is Yes, furnish full and complete details on separate sheet. For portions that you have or choose to print, please do so legibly.

CANDIDATES WILL GIVE REFERENCES
(not including recommenders)

Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

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Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ E-mail _____
City _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____



This Section is Optional.

Are you married? Yes No
If so, spouse's name? _____ Spouse's E-mail _____

Are you a relative of a Master Mason? Yes No
If so, who? _____ His Lodge? _____
Relation to you _____

Are you a present or former member of DeMolay? Yes No
If so, what Chapter? _____

Are you currently or did you serve in the armed forces? Yes No
If so, what Branch? _____



***RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MEMBER OF THE LODGE
PETITIONED***

I recommend the petitioner as worthy, and certify that I have been personally acquainted with him for ____ years immediately preceding this date. GL or Member Referral

Signature of recommender Membership No. _____

(Print name here) Date _____

I recommend the petitioner as worthy, and certify that I have been personally acquainted with him for ____ years immediately preceding this date. GL or Member Referral

Signature of recommender Membership No. _____

(Print name here) Date _____

Solomon II Petition? Yes No

Name of Builder: _____

Builder's Lodge No. _____ Membership Number _____

The secretary must have the statements hereon verified by the Grand Secretary's Office before referring to the Committee.

NOTICE

This form of Petition for Initiation and Membership is an Official Document of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. The Master must require all blanks to be properly filled out, and the Secretary must file and preserve this paper among the archives of the Lodge.

THOMAS W. FOSTER
Grand Secretary

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INFORMATION TO THE SUBSCRIBER OF A PETITION FOR THE DEGREES IN FREEMASONRY

As the exact nature of the institution of Freemasonry is unknown to you, it is deemed advisable that before signing the attached petition you should be informed on certain features and phases of that institution which may affect your decision to apply for membership therein.

Free masonry has in all ages required that men should come to its doors entirely of their own free will; not as the result of importunity nor from feelings of curiosity but from a favorable opinion of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow creatures.

Masonry is a system of morality based on the belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of men; therefore no atheist can be made a Mason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, to his country, to his family, to his neighbor, and to himself. It inculcates the practice of every virtue and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings. It interferes with neither religion nor politics, but strives only after light and truth, endeavoring always to bring out the highest and noblest qualities of men.

It should be clearly borne in mind that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or unworthy motives. Anyone so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men, and to help the distressed and afflicted to the extent of his ability.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not a benefit Society, although the practice of charity is a fundamental virtue taught in Freemasonry. We do not pay so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provisions for those we leave behind. There are other excellent societies founded for this purpose.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and those only are acceptable who cheerfully conform to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to the teachings of Freemasonry and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense. Freemasonry is not contrary to the beliefs of any man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with his civil, moral or religious duties.



No Master Mason may make application for membership in any Masonic order or appendant organization which requires as a requisite for membership, membership in a subordinate Masonic Lodge, until he has successfully passed the Master Mason Catechism. Ref.: Article XVI, Section 6, D.

