

# 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**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Recommender's Account 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 Recommender's Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print name here) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Solomon II Petition?  Yes  No  
Name of Builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Builder's Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

*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.*

KENNETH R. TAYLOR  
Grand Secretary.

## 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.*

