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A Legendary Brotherhood.*

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Freemasonry is the oldest and most widely recognized fraternal organization in the world. It was founded in London, England in 1717.

It unites men of good character of various religious, ethnic, and social backgrounds, who share a belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind. As Freemasons, they strive to improve themselves as better men, husbands, fathers, and neighbors while enjoying the bonds of fraternal fellowship.

Membership provides opportunities for sincere, honest, forthright men, who desire to contribute to the improvement of their communities and themselves, to fellowship with men they might otherwise never had the opportunity to meet, and to grow through their shared experience.



The traditions of Freemasonry are founded upon the building of King Solomon's Temple, and its fraternal ceremonies use the working tools of the stonemasons to symbolize moral lessons and truths. For example, Masons are reminded at Lodge to "meet upon the level of equality, act by the plumb of uprightness, and part upon the square of virtue."



Once an individual has been elected to membership, the joining process is divided into stages, marked by three separate ceremonies. The symbolism of each is intended to strengthen a man's commitment to his Faith, his family, and his community.

Freemasons use the term "degree" to describe the three ceremonial stages of becoming a member. The three degrees are Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. They are loosely based upon the journeyman system, which was used to educate medieval craftsmen, and represent youth, manhood, and old age.

Potential new members are requested to complete an online background check, using: <http://www.glohoio.com/tools/petition-verification>. The results of the background check are kept confidential between the Lodge and the potential new member.

Application for membership is open to men who:

- Have been an Ohio resident for at least six months
- Are at least 19 years old
- Have a belief in a Supreme Being
- Live a good moral and social life
- Do not advocate the overthrow of the government
- Can read and write English





# Petition for Degrees

OR SO

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

## FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

The petition of the subscriber respectfully sheweth:— that he has long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution; that he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy; and that he believes in the existence and perfection of God.

He was born at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

His present residence is \_\_\_\_\_  
NO. STREET CITY STATE ZIP

where he has lived since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. His occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

and his place of employment or business is \_\_\_\_\_.

Telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever before petitioned a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons anywhere? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state what lodge, where situated, and when petitioned: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
RECOMMENDED BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE IN FULL  
Abbreviations and initials are not sufficient ~ If no middle name, write "none"

PRINT NAME IN FULL: \_\_\_\_\_

BRO. \_\_\_\_\_

BRO. \_\_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS

To be answered by candidate on night of initiation

1. Do you declare upon your honor that you have never before made application to any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you believe in the existence and perfection of God?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you declare upon your honor that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself as a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you declare upon your honor that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Freemasonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Fraternity?

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

STEWARDS

### FEES

Fee EA \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Paid

Fee FC \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Paid

Fee MM \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Paid

### COMMITTEE

BRO. \_\_\_\_\_

BRO. \_\_\_\_\_

BRO. \_\_\_\_\_

### REPORT

\* Favorable  
SIGNATURE

\* Favorable  
SIGNATURE

\* Favorable  
SIGNATURE

\*If unfavorable, write "Un" before "Favorable"

### READING AND BALLOT

Date Read \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected \_\_\_\_\_

### RECORD

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

East \_\_\_\_\_

Lecture \_\_\_\_\_

Exam \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

East \_\_\_\_\_

Lecture \_\_\_\_\_

Exam \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Raised \_\_\_\_\_

East \_\_\_\_\_

KS \_\_\_\_\_

Lecture \_\_\_\_\_

Exam \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



Polar plunge together...



Plant trees together...



Share an afternoon together...

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth  
are the three Great Principles of  
the Masonic Fraternity.

With these in mind,  
Freemasons...



Serve communities together...

Rejoice together...



Support charities together...



Laugh together...