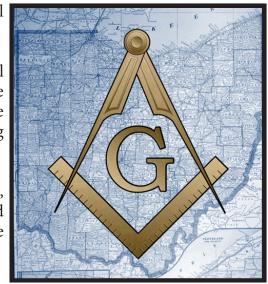


Freemasonry is the oldest and most widely recognized fraternal organization in the world, It was founded in London, England in 1717.

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.glohio.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

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To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth:— 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	Стту		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 atthi	isday of			
			RECOMMENDED BY	
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE IN FULL	Bro			
Abbreviations and initials are not sufficient ~ If no middle nan	ne, write "none" Bro			
PRINT NAME IN FULL:			1 -	
QUESTIONS To be answered by candidate on night of initiation	Fee EA \$	□ Poid	Ri	ECORD
Do you declare upon your honor that you have never before made application to any Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons?	Fee FC \$		Entered	
Answer	Fee MM \$	_ 🗌 Paid	·	
Do you believe in the existence and perfection of God?	Сомміттее			
Answer	Bro.			
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?	Bro.			
	Bro.		Passed	
Answer 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?	REPORT * Favorable			
			Lecture	
	SIGNATURE		Exam	
Answer	* Favorable SIGNATURE		Ву	
Do you declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of				
the Fraternity?	* Favorable Signature		Raised	
Answer	*If unfavorable, write "Un" before "F	avorable"	East	
	READING AND BALLOT		KS	
CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	Date Read		Lecture	
Attest:	Date Rejected		Exam	
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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...



Support charities together...





Laugh together...