

AUTHORIZED STATEMENT, to be read and assented to (before signing petition) by every person applying for admission to the Craft:

As you have expressed a desire to become a Freemason, we presume you have thoroughly considered the step you propose to take. The exact nature of our Institution being unknown to you, we consider it advisable that you should be informed on certain points which may affect your decision to apply for membership.

Freemasonry has in all ages insisted that men shall come to its doors entirely of their own free will; not from feelings of curiosity, but from a favorable opinion of the Institution and a desire to be ranked among its members.

The great permanent unchanging basic principle to which you must unreservedly subscribe, and which you must maintain, is the existence of God. Freemasonry has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Therefore no atheist can be a Freemason. It strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, 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 neither with religion nor politics, and there is an absolute elimination of any arguments or contention in connection with either.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought from mercenary or other 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 where he can.

Freemasonry is not a benefit society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to enable us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provision for those we leave behind. There are other excellent societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry unless he feels reasonably assured, humanly speaking, that he will never require help from its funds. Masonic charity is intended for those who, from unforeseen circumstances, and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Masonic Lodges are largely supported by contributions from their members in the form of dues. Each Lodge has certain fixed expenses which the good name of the Fraternity requires shall be paid with businesslike promptness. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that the financial obligations of a member of his Lodge shall be paid when due. They should not be postponed except in cases of extreme urgency.

I have carefully read and understand the above "Authorized Statement," and hereby express my willingness and financial ability to meet promptly such payments in the form of dues as the Lodge may impose.

Usual Signature _____

STATEMENTS OF LODGE SPONSORS

As a member in good standing of this Lodge, I certify that I am personally acquainted with this petitioner and believe he has answered truly all of the questions in the petition. I recommend him as a fit and proper candidate for Freemasonry and for membership in this Lodge.

I am also a member in good standing of this Lodge and am also personally acquainted with the petitioner and recommend him as a worthy candidate for Freemasonry and for membership in this Lodge.

_____, 20 _____
(Insert date)

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of

I, _____, the undersigned subscriber, having conceived a favorable opinion of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and being unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, freely and voluntarily petition for the mysteries of Freemasonry and membership in your Lodge. I am prompted to do so by a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be of service to my fellow men. I provide herewith the following information, in ink and my own handwriting, for consideration by the Lodge:

(ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE IN APPLICANT'S OWN HANDWRITING)

1. Name in full (Print) _____
(FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME) (LAST NAME)
2. Please provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number: _____
3. Where do you reside? _____

(City) (State) (Zip Code)
4. How long have you resided at this address? _____
5. Please list your email address, if you have one: _____
6. What are your telephone numbers (including Area Codes)? Home: _____ Work: _____
7. What is your occupation? _____
8. Business address or place of employment? _____
9. Where were you born? _____ When? _____
10. Father's Name in full? _____
11. Mother's maiden name in full? _____
12. What is your marital status? Single Married Widowed Divorced
13. If married, your wife's maiden name in full? _____
14. If married, are you living with your wife? Yes No
15. Names and ages of children, if any? _____
16. What is the present state of your health? _____
17. Describe your physical defects (if none, so state): _____

18. Have you previously applied for the degrees of Freemasonry in this or any other jurisdiction? Yes No
If yes, state when, where and the result: _____

19. Have you ever been a defendant in a criminal case in court? Yes No If yes, state the circumstances and result _____

20. Do you believe in God? Yes No

21. Give the names and addresses of three men, unrelated by blood or marriage, to whom you refer:

22. List the name, address and telephone number of all employers during the past five years (use additional paper if necessary):

23. If you have resided outside of the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area within the past five years, furnish names and addresses of three persons with whom you were acquainted at each place of abode (use additional paper as needed):

(a)	Name _____	Address _____
	Name _____	Address _____
	Name _____	Address _____
(b)	Name _____	Address _____
	Name _____	Address _____
	Name _____	Address _____

PETITIONER'S STATEMENT

I declare that I have honestly and truly answered the questions herein presented, and promise that should my petition be granted I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient and established usages and customs of the Fraternity.

(PETITIONER WILL SIGN HIS NAME IN FULL)

PETITION
of

Presented _____, 20__

Referred to Bros. _____

Report due _____, 20__

Committee Report

_____, 20__

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred this application made within, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them and hereby report _____

Degree History

Elected _____, 20__

Initiated _____, 20__

Passed _____, 20__

Raised _____, 20__

Rejected _____, 20__

Fees for Degrees Paid

With petition _____, 20__ \$ _____

E. A. _____, 20__ \$ _____

F.C. _____, 20__ \$ _____

M.M. _____, 20__ \$ _____

Total Paid _____ \$ _____