

# Application to Petition for the Degrees of Freemasonry



Before you offer yourself as a **Candidate for Freemasonry**, it is deemed advisable that you should be informed, to some extent, as to the purposes of this Institution. Primarily, Freemasonry requires a belief in Deity, for no atheist may become a Mason. It also requires a clean moral life, for a Mason must also be a good citizen. Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his country, his neighbor and himself. It inculcates the practice of every virtue and makes an extensive use of symbolism in its teachings. It does not interfere with religion or politics and will not countenance any argument or contention within the Lodge in connection with an attempt to influence the religious or political beliefs of any person. Freemasonry is distinctly fraternal. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. There are no sick or death benefits or other emoluments associated with lodge membership. Freemasonry affords an opportunity to study the fundamental principles of a useful life, to unite with other men for service to mankind and particularly for service to his brother Masons. To membership in the society are attached certain duties and obligations including the investigation of new applicants, assistance in teaching the candidates our Masonic principles, living a life consistent with being a helpful citizen, neighbor and friend, and a devotion to the welfare of other Masons who may require a friendly visit or helping hand. Unless there now dwells in your heart a devoted belief in the universal promotion of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and in addition you desire to engage actively in its promotion with a spirit of helpfulness to your fellow man, you should not apply for membership in a Masonic Lodge.

## TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF

\_\_\_\_\_ LODGE, NO. \_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_ RHODE ISLAND

*You declare that you are not an atheist. You support the laws of the country in which you live. That the answers to the questions herein contained are true to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition, if you become a Freemason, you will live uprightly before all men.*

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Lodge ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Years at Address \_\_\_\_\_

Previous address if less than 2 years \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Married or in a significant relationship? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, do you live with your spouse/partner? \_\_\_\_

Do you know of any physical, mental, legal or moral reason which may prevent you from becoming a Freemason? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Level of education \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously made application to this or any other lodge? \_\_\_\_\_ if Yes, provide Lodge name and town, and the date you applied:

Are you a member of DeMolay? \_\_\_\_ Which Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Military service? \_\_\_\_ Have you ever plead guilty or been convicted of any crime? \_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain:

**Applicant is subject to a Background Check to be conducted by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and will be charged a NON-REFUNDABLE sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check out to the Lodge stated above.**

**I have read the Preamble above and I am in sympathy with the ideas there set forth therein and desire to serve with others in their promotion.**

SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dates

To be completed by the Lodge Secretary

Grand Lodge ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enter in to Grand View as a Note on the applicants record:**

To GL for Background Check \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Date report received back from GL \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Petition Read in Lodge \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

To Investigation Cttee \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

From Investigation Cttee \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Balloted \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Add the above dates to the record in Grand View as either Notes, History events, or Status Changes.**

**Status Changes are:**

From Inquiry to Petitioner

From Petitioner to Candidate

From Candidate to EA

From EA to FC

From FC to unsigned MM

From unsigned MM to Sign Bylaws

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## Recommendations

**Two recommendations** are required. One *must* be a member of the Petitioned Lodge.

The following Master Mason's recommend

Mr \_\_\_\_\_

and certify that he has lived within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations for more than six (6) months.

**1<sup>st</sup> Recommender**  
**(Must be a member of petitioned Lodge)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years known \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Recommender**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Years known \_\_\_\_\_

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## Investigation

**Three members** of the Investigation Team must conduct the Investigation.

**The Team**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Report of The Team**

Please use the attached Investigation Form

We, the undersigned Team on this Petition, report:

Favorably  Unfavorably

Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_