

*A mythic past. A visionary future.
A Legendary Brotherhood.*

FREEMASON.COM



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.

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

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





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 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 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"

BRO. _____

PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

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.



serve communities 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...

rejoice together.



support charities together.



laugh together.

