

Petitioner's Name _____

I have read the principles of Freemasonry:

Signed: _____

Have applicant read the following and sign

I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, state that of my own free will and for the genuine desire to learn the mysteries of Freemasonry, hereby make application for membership in the Fraternity. I do so for the favorable opinion I have of the Fraternity, my desire for knowledge, and my wish to be of service to my fellow man. I have received and read the Principles and Purposes of Freemasonry and I understand them, and I am in full agreement with them. I promise, if admitted to the Fraternity, to abide by those Principles and Purposes as well as its established customs, usages, rules and regulations.

Signed _____

Received in Lodge and Referred on _____ 20 _____

I understand that as part of the application process a criminal background check will be run against my name and the identifying information I am providing in this Application. I further understand that if the criminal background report discloses that I have a criminal record, the report will not be divulged to anyone beyond the office of the Grand Secretary and Grand Master until I have been notified of the report results and given an opportunity to respond to it. I further understand that if I have been found guilty of a crime which has not been expunged, that the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New Jersey and the lodge to which I have applied, reserve the right to reject my application.

I hereby consent to my personal information, including my Social Security Number, being used for purposes of a criminal background check.

Signed _____

Committee of Investigation

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____

Committee Notified _____ 20____

Petition to Grand Secretary _____ 20____

With Social Security Number included _____

Clearance Ltr. from Grand Secretary____ 20____

Report Due _____20____

Report Made_____ 20____

Elected / Rejected _____ 20____

<p>Notes</p>

Have applicant read the following and sign on page 2 (he may retain this sheet)

Principles and Purposes of Freemasonry Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey

Freemasonry is not a religion, a political organization, or a social club. It interfaces with none of these, but has for its foundation the basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. It believes in a Supreme Being, the immortality of the soul, and that the Holy Bible is the inestimable gift of God to man as the rule and guide for his faith and practice. It is a fraternity or brotherhood pledged to the building of character -- thoughts, words, motives and deeds being the materials used.

Freemasonry strives to teach man the duty he owes to God, his country, his neighbor and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue and morality in daily conduct, and conveys its teachings through rites and symbols.

The Masonic fraternity is in no sense an insurance society; neither does it pay benefits in case of sickness or death. In a correct or broad sense, it is both educational and charitable. It extends such assistance only as it is willing and able to grant. It knowingly admits none to membership except those who are able to provide for themselves and those dependent upon them.

Freemasonry teaches and gives opportunity to its members to inculcate morality, honesty and integrity in all walks of life, and to worthy members renders assistance to a limited extent. It expects its members to obey the moral law and to practice charity towards all mankind. It believes its members should have a strong desire to aid their fellow creatures. It has its own laws, rules and regulations, and requires a strict obedience thereto.

Freemasonry is not entered into through mere curiosity, ambition for honors, or in hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought for mercenary or other unworthy motives. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men, and to help, aid and assist whomsoever he can.

The right to petition for the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry is rarely denied any man, but this right goes no further than granting the privilege of petitioning, and all who petition are not admitted. The Masonic fraternity wants and welcomes only men of high character and integrity, who should seek admission of their own free will and accord. Should a petitioner be accepted, he gets no more out of Masonry than he puts into it, and for every benefit received a member is expected to render some equivalent.