



MOST WORSHIPFUL STRINGER GRAND LODGE

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

JURISDICTION OF MISSISSIPPI | PRINCE HALL AFFILIATED

PETITION FOR DEGREES

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____ Lodge No. _____ F&AM. The undersigned respectfully represents that, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry; that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution; possess a desire for knowledge and wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures. And he promises, if found worthy, to conform to the Ancient Usages and Regulations of the Fraternity. He states further that he is in good health, earns a sufficiency for the support of himself and those dependent upon him; also he may have something to spare for the works for Charity and Mercy when the occasion requires.

1. What is your full Name? _____
(Please print by hand)

2. When were you born? _____

3. Where were you born? _____
(City & State)

4. Where do you reside? _____
(Address)

Telephone: () _____ - _____ (home)

() _____ - _____ (cell)

() _____ - _____ (business)

Email: _____ (Email)

5. State explicitly your occupation for the past ten years:

6. Have you resided in the State of Mississippi the twelve months last past? If more than one place, state the particular years in each place:

7. Have you ever presented an application to any Masonic Lodge? If so, when and to what Lodge or Lodges:

8. Have you ever been rejected by any Masonic Lodge? If so, when and by what Lodge or Lodges

9. Have you made proper provision for the future of your family? Yes No

10. Are you married? Yes No

11. Will you present the marriage certificate Yes No

12. Do you believe in God and a future existence? Yes No

13. Are you in sound bodily health? Yes No

14. Do you know of any physical, legal or moral reason which would prevent you from becoming a Freemason? Yes No (If yes, briefly explain the circumstances)

15. Have you ever been convicted of any crime by any court? Yes No
(If yes, briefly explain the circumstances)

16. Does your religious doctrine object to your becoming a Mason? Yes No

17. Have you read all the questions contained in the foregoing application? Yes No And are all of your answers thereto in your own handwriting? Yes No

And do you upon your honor declare your foregoing statements to be true? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommendations

I am a member in the above named Lodge. I have personally known the above applicant approximately ____ years. From my knowledge of him, I have strong reasons to believe that if elected he will reflect honor on our Ancient Institution.

1. Name: _____ Telephone _____

2. Name: _____ Telephone _____

Business Address _____ Telephone _____

Resident Address _____ Telephone _____

Fees Advanced \$ _____

SECRETARIAL RECORD

RECEIVED IN LODGE _____ 20 _____

INVESTIGATION COMM. OUT _____ 20 _____

BALLOT BOX FOUND _____ 20 _____

(Elected) Yes or (Rejected) Yes

DEGREE WORK

ENTERED _____ 20 _____ PROFICENCY MADE _____ 20 _____

PASSED _____ 20 _____ PROFICENCY MADE _____ 20 _____

RAISED _____ 20 _____ PROFICENCY MADE _____ 20 _____

To Applicant

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

Freemasonry interferes neither with religion nor politics, but has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be a Freemason. Freemasonry strives to teach a man the duty he owes to God, his neighbor, and himself. It inculcates the practice of virtue, and makes an extensive use of symbolism and its teachings.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that Freemasonry is not to be entered in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission thereto must not be sought from mercenary or other unworthy motives. Any one so actuated will be bitterly disappointed. The aim of the true Freemason is to cultivate a brotherly feeling among men, and to help whomsoever he can.

Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized. We do not subscribe so much a year to entitle us to draw sick pay or other benefits, or to make provisions for those who survive us. There are other excellent Societies founded for this purpose. No man should enter the ranks of Freemasonry in hope or expectation that he will derive any financial benefit from it. Masonic Charity is directed towards those who, from unforeseen circumstances and through no fault of their own, have met with misfortune.

Loyalty to one's country is an essential qualification in Freemasonry, and only those are acceptable who cheerfully render obedience to every lawful authority. Disloyalty in any form is abhorrent to a Freemason, and is regarded as a serious Masonic offense.

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

We have no authority at the present time to give you further information regarding the Brotherhood you propose to join, but we have imparted sufficient to enable you to conclude that Freemasonry is not contrary to the -principles which mark a man of upright heart and mind, and has in it nothing inconsistent with one's civil, moral or religious duties.

We think it advisable to inform you that your admission to our Craft will entail certain financial obligations which you should be able to discharge without detriment to yourself or those dependent on you. In addition to the fees payable on your entrance, there will be an annual subscription for the support of your Lodge, and from time to time you may be called upon to contribute for the relief work connected with the Craft.