

Petition of

Received and referred _____, 19 _____

Committee of Investigation

Committee notified _____, 19 _____

Inquiry to Grand Secretary _____, 19 _____

Reply from Grand Secretary _____, 19 _____

Report due _____, 19 _____

Report made _____, 19 _____

Elected _____, 19 _____
Rejected _____, 19 _____

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FORM A

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

Freemasonry is neither a religion, a political organization, nor a social club. It interferes 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. It expects and requires that its members contribute to the support of the Masonic Home at Burlington, the Charity Foundation and other Masonic Charities.

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 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 to be entered into through mere curiosity, ambition for honors, or in the hope of personal gain or advancement. Admission must not be sought for mercenary or other unworthy motives. The aim of the 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 to any man, but this right goes no further than granting the privilege of petitioning, and all who petition are not admitted. The Masonic fraternity does not solicit members, but wants and welcomes only men of high character and integrity, who should seek admission entirely 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.



The Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Free and Accepted Masons

Form A

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
Date of Birth _____ S.S. No. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone No. _____ How Long A N.J. Resident _____
Place of Birth _____
City, State, Country (If outside U.S.A.) _____
Employer _____ Occupation _____
Married _____ (Yes/No) If Yes, Spouse's Name _____

INITIATION APPLICATION ONLY

Has A Prior Application Ever Been Made To Any Lodge _____ (Yes/No) If Yes, Explain _____

AFFILIATION or DUAL APPLICATION ONLY

Type Application: AFFILIATE _____ DUAL _____

Presently or Formerly A Member Of:

Lodge Name/Number/Jurisdiction _____

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, understand them, and 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.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

RECOMMENDER _____ SECONDER _____

(Must Be Members of Lodge To Which Petition Will Be Presented)