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The Grand Lodge of New Jersey
Free and Accepted Masons

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Lodge Name St. John's Lodge

Lodge Number 1 District Number 11

Petition received in Lodge and Referred on: ___/___/___

Committee of Investigation

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Committee of Investigation notified on: ___/___/___

Petition to Grand Lodge AND Background Check Authorization (w/SSN)
Sent on: ___/___/___

Clearance Letter received from Grand Lodge on: ___/___/___

Report Due on: ___/___/___

Report Made on: ___/___/___

Elected / Rejected on: ___/___/___

Initiated: ___/___/___

Passed: ___/___/___

Raised: ___/___/___

NOTES

INITIATION APPLICATION ONLY

Has a prior application ever been made to any Lodge? (Yes / No)
If Yes, Explain

AFFILIATION or DUAL APPLICATION ONLY

Type of Application: **AFFILIATE** ___ or **DUAL** ___

Presently or Formerly a Member of: Lodge Name/No./Jurisdiction

Initiated ___/___/___ Passed ___/___/___ Raised ___/___/___

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Place of Birth: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (Yes/No) How Long a NJ Resident: ___ Years

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Married? (Yes/No) If Yes, Spouse's Name: _____

Initiation Fee \$300 of which \$50 must accompany this petition.

I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. I further state that of my own free will and for the genuine desire to learn the mysteries of Freemasonry, I hereby make application for membership in the Fraternity. I do so because of 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 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.

Petitioner's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Recommender No. 1 Name: _____

Phone # _____

Lodge Name/ No. _____

Signature: _____

Recommender No. 2 Name: _____

Phone # _____

Lodge Name/ No. _____

Signature: _____

(Both Recommenders must be members in Good Standing in a New Jersey Lodge)

Petitioner's Name: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and signed the **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION FORM** which will be destroyed by the Grand Lodge Office once the investigation process is complete:

Signed: _____

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.