

Grand Lodge of Manitoba

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

Petition for Initiation

(please print)

Name in Full: _____
Surname Given Names Usual First Name

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Significant Other's Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

To the worshipful master, officers, and members of _____ Lodge No. _____,

I respectfully submit that:

1. I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.
2. I am able to read and write the English language.
3. I have reached the age of 21 years.
4. I have resided within the province of Manitoba for the past 12 months.
5. I have not been rejected by another lodge of Freemasons.

As Freemasonry relies upon the moral standards, character, and reputation of its members, it is essential for each petitioner to be examined by a committee of Freemasons appointed for the purpose of determining his suitability as a candidate for Freemasonry.

I have read and I accept the declaration of principles of ancient free and accepted masons printed on the back of this petition.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

References

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

We the members of the above lodge, are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, recommend him as a proper candidate for Freemasonry.

Sponsor: _____

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Declaration of Principles

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that:

- encourages and stands for truth and justice, fellowship, philanthropy, education and freedom in matters civil, religious, and intellectual, all of which stem from holy scriptures;
- instructs each of its members to be true and loyal to the government of the country in which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the laws of the country in which he might temporarily or permanently reside;
- believes that the attainment of these objectives is best accomplished by the basic principle of including all men of every race and creed who will unite in the common bond of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God for the universal benefit of all people.

Freemasonry requires its members to practice in their daily lives the distinguishing characteristics of:

Charity

The fraternity devotes available funds to purposes of a charitable nature that are beneficial to the community as a whole. It strengthens the instinctive desire of each member to enhance the general well-being and happiness of those in need.

Benevolence

It teaches its members to observe that compassion and generosity are duties to observe and that respect for the well being of others is essential.

Reverence

The essential condition of membership in Freemasonry, is the belief in a Supreme Being. The Holy Book of one's faith must be open while a lodge is in session. There is a strict avoidance of sectarianism or other theological distinctions.

Fellowship

It develops strong ties of friendship and brotherly love between its members thereby creating a favourable atmosphere in which its objectives can flourish.

Tolerance

It recognizes the worth and human dignity of each person of good character who strives to attain a life of moral behaviour and responsibility. Its ceremonies inspire in its members a continuing desire to live richer more meaningful lives and thereby improve the whole of mankind.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba affirms;

its continued allegiance to those ancient rules of Freemasonry which forbid discussion in Masonic meetings of creeds, politics or other topics likely to generate personal ill will; that it is contrary to the principles of Freemasonry for Masonic bodies to take any action or attempt to exercise any pressure of influence on any legislation or to take part in any way in the election or appointment of government officials, and that such matters are left to the judgment of its individual members acting as such.