



In The Beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said, "Let there be light" and there was light!

The Secrets of Freemasonry

The Fraternity is often called a secret society. This of course implies that Masons conceal the fact of their membership, that they meet in secret, that their purposes are secret. Nothing could be farther from the truth!

Masonry is definitely not a secret society. Its members make no attempt to conceal their Masonic affiliation. Often wearing rings or other jewelry marking them as Masons. Meeting places are prominently located and clearly marked. Dates and time of meetings are often advertised in newspapers or posted on bulletin boards.

The history, the teachings and many records of the order are available in any public library. The rules and regulations of Freemasonry are in print and no effort is made to lock them away from interested persons.

Someone many years ago made the following statement: "Masonry is not a secret society; it is a society with secrets."

Freemasonry and Religion

Freemasonry, while religious in nature, is not, does not profess to be, and does not wish to be a religion. Nor does it promote any particular religion. So long as you meet the qualifications for membership, Masonry accepts men from every religious faith Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic and others. It does not bar anyone for their religious beliefs. So long as he believes in a Supreme Being and so long as his beliefs are not characterized by that which is generally deemed morally unacceptable.

If you believe in the immortality of the soul and believe in the One Supreme Architect of the Universe, Masonry welcomes you!

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Utica Lodge #47 of The F & A M of the State of New York

The undersigned not being influenced by improper solicitation, mercenary, selfish or other motives, and prompted by a favorable opinion of and a desire for knowledge of The Ancient and Honorable Institution of Free and Accepted Mason, freely and voluntarily makes application to be a candidate to receive the Degrees of Masonry. Respectfully petitions Utica Lodge #47, for initiation and advancement, promising a cheerful conformity to the ancient usages and established customs of the Order and upon his honor has answered the following questions truthfully and in his own handwriting and no others.

What is your full name.(Print)_____

Where were you born:_____ DOB_____

Where have you resided for the twelve months past:_____

Do You believe in the existence of one everlasting and true God?_____

Do You believe in the immortality of the soul?_____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime irrespective of whether the sentenced has been suspended?_____ State the facts concisely

Have you ever presented a petition to a Masonic Lodge either in this state or another?_____ If yes, where? What Lodge?_____

Have you ever been rejected by a Lodge?_____ What Lodge_____

Where have you resided for the last 10 years? If more than one place, List addresses and year._____

What has been your business or occupation for the past 10 years. State explicitly the years and where conducted. _____

Have you read the foregoing question? _____ Are all the foregoing questions answered in your own handwriting?_____

Do you upon your honor declare the answers to be true?_____

Signature of Petitioner_____

Petitioner's Phone#_____ E Mail_____

Ladies Name_____ Sponsor (Print) _____

I, Signature of Sponsor_____ of Utica Lodge #47, do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with the petitioner. That I have read the answers to the questions contained in the petition and believe them to be true and that the petitioner is of good character and comes under the tongue of good report.

References

Name_____ Address_____

Phone_____

Name_____ Address_____

Phone_____

Name_____ Address_____

Phone_____



Petition Of _____ (Print full Name)

Mr. _____

For Initiation and Advancement Into
Utica Lodge #47 Free & Accepted Masons

Dated _____

Waiver Requested _____

Waiver Granted _____

Committee of Investigation

Reports Favorably _____ Unfavorably _____

Elected _____

Initiated _____

Passed _____

Raised _____

Worshipful Master Secretary

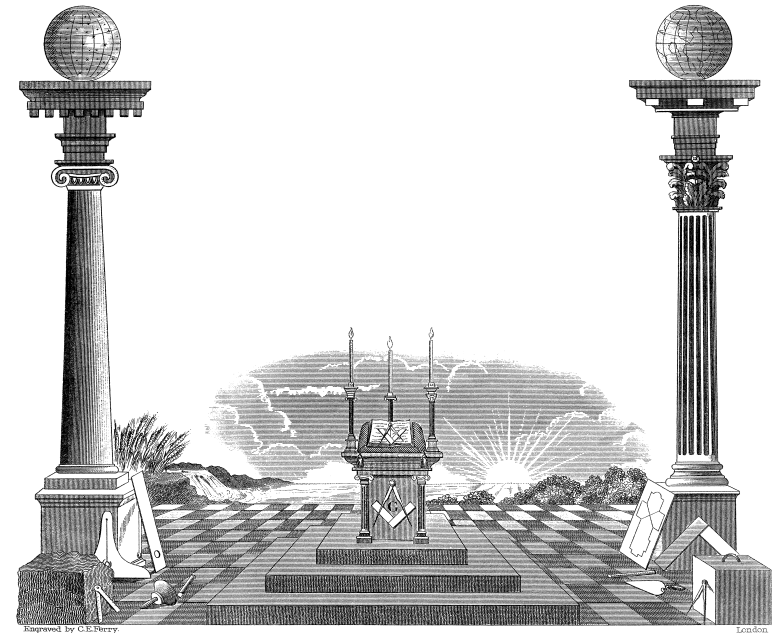
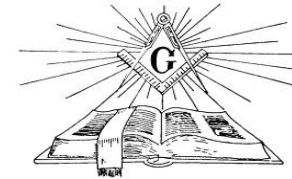
Sponsoring Br. Mentor

The Initiation Fee is \$85.00 of which \$10.00 must accompany this petition.

Petitioner must also complete and submit background check report from
www.guardingthewestgate.com with this Petition.

Utica Lodge #47
Free & Accepted Masons of The State of New York
Chartered November 25th, 1816

Petition for Initiation and Advancement



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