

First Meeting Questionnaire

To be returned at our next face to face meeting

One of the first things you should know about Freemasonry is that it is not for everyone and it is to both our mutual benefit to find out if it is suitable for you. If you are not suited to be a Brother among us, it is in your and our mutual best interest to know it before you have spent your valuable time, money and energy. The statements about Freemasonry listed below and your answers to them are the first step in helping us understand your mindset and intentions. We are aware that some of the questions might be hard to answer but at the very least we hope they cause you to reflect carefully on our fraternity and its values.

1 – If your interest in Freemasonry is at all an attempt to tap into a large membership base for the purpose of furthering your career or business you will be immediately disappointed. Freemasons do not support this type of activity.

Do you understand this point? Yes / No (Circle)

2 – Becoming a Freemason is not an event; it is not something that you decide to do on a Monday and it's done by Tuesday. Being a Freemason is a lifelong process, and therefore takes time. The process takes both mental and physical effort and it also costs money. It requires a great commitment on your part and also on the part of the Lodge when it receives your petition.

Do you understand this point? Yes / No (Circle)

3 – Freemasonry teaches no secret truths. You must be able to search for and find enlightenment in your own mind and heart. Many Brothers feel that our Ritual, a soaring group of ideas that make up the initiation degrees of Masonry, is a tremendously effective vehicle that focuses us all on our search for enlightenment.

Do you understand this point? Yes/No (Circle)

4 – As a Freemason it would be expected that you should attend your Lodge regularly. There is no point in joining if you do not attend as regularly as you can. In most Lodges this would require a minimum of two meetings per month, generally nine or ten months a year – ***excluding business, health, and family needs. Your family must always come first.*** Lodges in this area meet throughout the month. This Lodge meets on _____ and _____ of the month at _____. The Lodge is located at _____.

Are you ok with these expectations? Yes / No (Circle) If not, try to find out why and what his concerns are.

5 – Freemasonry costs money. There will be an initiation fee of \$ _____. Yearly dues are also payable by the end of January each year. In this Lodge dues are currently \$ _____ per year. In addition, Freemasonry encourages its members to be charitable and we would hope that you could participate in Masonic charity as well.

Would these financial requirements be a problem for you? Yes / No (Circle) If yes, try to find out what his circumstances are.

6 – The members of the Lodge will want to meet your family, if possible, and answer their questions as well. We want your significant other, or spouse and family to support your pursuit of Masonic membership. If not you should seriously reconsider your decision.

Do you understand this important point? Yes / No (Circle)

7 – During the course of getting to know you, we will ask you to attend some of our social functions or to attend “public” Lodge meetings and activities so you can meet more of the members. This will give you a chance to determine whether you feel comfortable with the Brothers and if they feel comfortable with you. Harmony is a key element of the Masonic experience and our Brothers work hard together and like one another.

Are you okay with this approach and concept? Yes/No (Circle)

8 - We expect that you are seeking not only to improve yourself but also humanity through service to the community and to others. Our Fraternity is dedicated to service.

Are you interested in both self-improvement and community service? Yes/No (Circle)

9 - You will be expected to comply with high moral standards when dealing with others, particularly with your Brothers in Freemasonry. Masons take obligations not to wrong, cheat, defraud, lie or refuse to help Brothers in need.

Does this fit in what you want to exemplify in your life? Yes/No (Circle)

10 - We want candidates to be fully informed when they join us. We want them to know exactly what it is that they are getting involved in. We will tell you what we can but this will also require some active investigation on your part. We will guide you to reputable sites to assist you.

Are you interested enough to do this research? Yes/No (Circle)

11 – If you are accepted into the Fraternity you will be expected to a commit a series of questions and answers to memory between each degree and do that with a high degree of accuracy. You must be able to repeat them from memory. The Lodge will provide you a Success Coach in this endeavor but it will take time and energy on your part. We understand that this requirement can cause anxiety. We expect you to make your very best effort to learn these questions and answers.

Are you okay with this requirement? Yes/No (Circle)

12 – Freemasonry requires that you have a belief in a Supreme Being and a belief in the immortality of the soul.

Does this fit with your beliefs? Yes/No (Circle)

ATTESTATION

I attest that all of the answers given above are a true reflection of my feelings.

_____ (Prospect's Signature)

My contact information is: (please circle your preferred method of communication including

text) Name_____Address_____

Phone _____ Home _____ Cell (circle: call/text/both)_____

Office_____ Email address_____

Remember to return this document at our next face-to-face meeting.